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**Hope for the Journey (#6 of 8)
May 29, 2016**

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 - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
 - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
 - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
 - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
 - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What did you find significant about the message? Was there anything in the message that spoke to you personally?
3. What do you think about when you think of the return of Jesus? How does this make you feel and why is that the case?
4. Contrast and compare the following passages. 1 Thess. 4:13-5:4, Daniel 7:13-14, 1 Cor. 15:51-53, Matthew 24:30-31, Rev. 1:7. You might want to make 5 columns on the back of this sheet. What aspects do these verses share and what aspects are unique? What do you learn about the return of Jesus?
5. Read 1 Thess. 5:1-11. Of the 4 things mentioned as action steps in the message, which one most resonates with you and why? What is God asking you to do?
6. In what ways could you live differently in these areas, to better prepare for the return of Jesus? Discern one action step for each area.
 - Home and Family:
 - Friendships and Relationships:
 - Work / School:
 - Recreation and Free Time:
 - Spiritual Life:
7. Read Romans 8:38-39. How does this encourage you today as you consider the return of Christ?



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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
May 29, 2016



1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. ¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.

5 Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. ² For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. ³ When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labour pains begin. And there will be no escape.

⁴ But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. ⁶ So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. ⁷ Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. ⁸ But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armour of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

⁹ For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. ¹⁰ Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. ¹¹ So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

Big Idea: Live in such a way where you are ready for the return of King Jesus.

The return of Jesus:

All Bible believing Christians believe that the ultimate results of Christ's return will be the judgment of unbelievers and the final reward of believers, and that believers will live with Christ in the new heaven and a new earth for all eternity. God the Father, Son, and HS will reign and will be worshipped in a never-ending Kingdom with no more sin or sorrow or suffering.

- 1 Cor. 15:51-53
- Matthew 24:30-31
- Rev. 1:7

So what difference does this make & how does this impact the way you live now?

- **Be ready:** 5:1-4
- **Be on-guard:** 5:5-7
- **Be clear-headed:** 5:8
- **Be encouraged:** 5:9-11

Romans 8:38-39

In what ways could you live differently, to better prepare for the return of Jesus?

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).