

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Making a Last-Minute Decision for Eternity

Speaker: Pastor Tony Orihuela

Message Title: "If the World Ends in 3 Minutes..."

Key Passage: Luke 23:39-43

Highlighted Scriptures

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." – Luke 23:42–43

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." – Isaiah 55:6

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." – Romans 10:13

Main Message

If you only had three minutes left before the world ended, what would you do? Would you panic, pray, call someone, or try to make peace with God?

This message illustrates the urgency of salvation — that even with seconds left, a sincere heart can reach out to Christ. Just like the thief on the cross, who had no time left to change his life, Jesus responded not to his works, but to his faith and repentance.

There's a sobering truth here: heaven or hell are both real destinations.

The message calls us not to wait for the last minute, but to make our

decision while there is still time.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What stood out to you most in the speaker's "3-minute" scenario?
- 2. Why is it dangerous to wait until the last moment to get right with God?
- 3. How does the thief on the cross offer hope for even the worst sinner?
- 4. What would you say to God if you had 3 minutes left on earth?
- 5. Have you fully surrendered your life to Christ not just in fear of death, but in pursuit of eternal life?

Key Takeaways

- Eternity is just a heartbeat away don't wait to make your peace with God.
- Salvation is not about perfection, it's about repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
- The thief on the cross reminds us that it's never too late until it is.
- God knows your heart even in your final moments. What you believe and say matters eternally.
- Saying "yes" to Jesus can happen right now you don't need to clean yourself up first.

Reflection Activity

Take a moment of silence and imagine you only had 3 minutes left. What would you say to Jesus? Write it down. Then — instead of waiting — say it now, and mean it with all your heart.

A Prayer Prompt

Lord, I know I've wasted time. But I don't want to waste another second. I surrender to You fully. Save me. Forgive me. Cleanse me. I believe that Jesus died for my sins and rose again. I don't want to be "almost saved." I want to be Yours forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.