



THE MEANING OF LIFE

YOUTH SUNDAY - 5/25/25 - PASTOR MIKE ROBERTS

Ways We Try To Fill Our Hearts

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Ecclesiastes 2:1-8

"I said to myself, "Come now, I will make a test of pleasure; enjoy yourself." But again, this also was vanity. I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" I searched with my mind how to cheer my body with wine—my mind still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was good for mortals to do under heaven during the few days of their life. I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself; I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house; I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and delights of the flesh, and many concubines."

Momentary Pleasure

**“IF I CAN JUST BE HAPPY NOW, I
CAN BE HAPPY FOREVER.”**

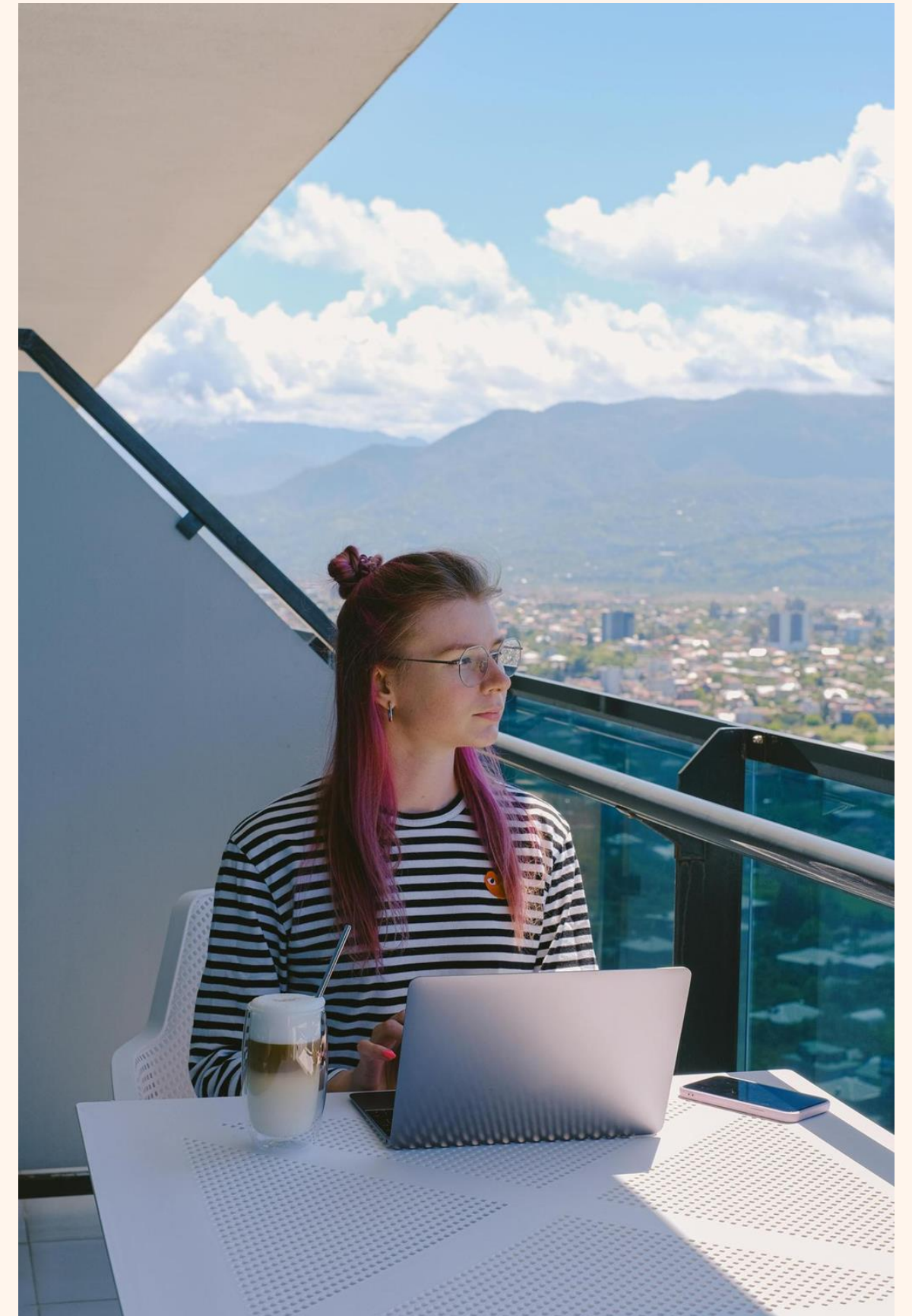
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Work

**“IF I CAN JUST DO ENOUGH, MY
LIFE WILL HAVE MEANING.”**

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A vertical rectangular image on the left side of the slide. It shows a silhouette of a person standing on a dark, grassy hill. The person's arms are raised in a 'V' shape. The background is a sky with a gradient from dark blue at the top to a lighter, hazy orange near the horizon, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. There are some faint clouds visible near the horizon.

Self-Worth

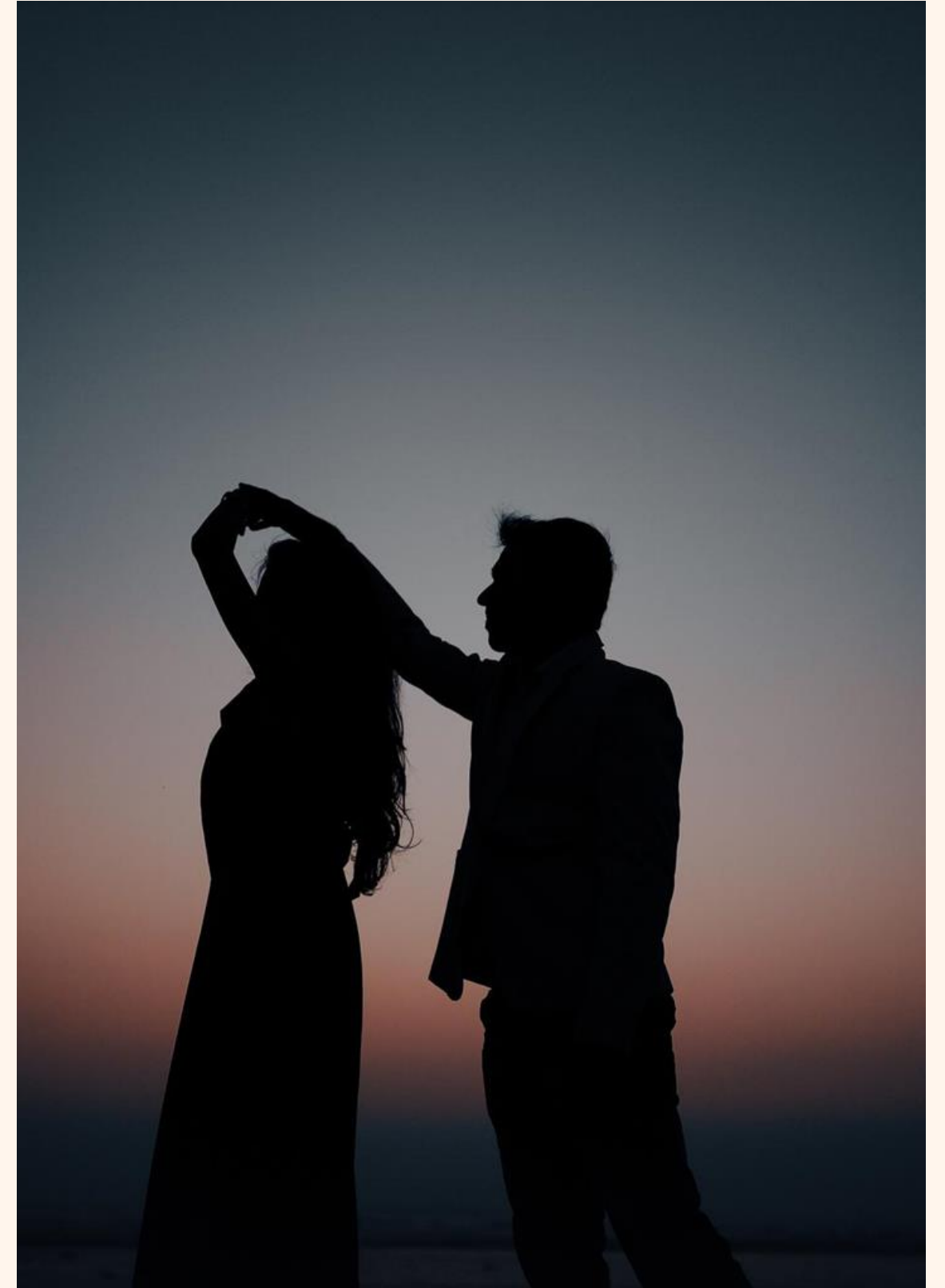
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Relationships

**“IF PEOPLE LOVE ME, MY LIFE WILL
HAVE MEANING.”**

“I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and delights of the flesh, many concubines.”





Ecclesiastes 2:9-11

“So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.”

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Look, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:54-57

When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.