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A PEOPLE**

LIFE



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¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14 (NKJV)

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¹⁵Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Matthew 5:15 (NKJV)

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¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

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¹⁶Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

II Corinthians 3:16 (NKJV)

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¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.
II Corinthians 3:17 (NKJV)

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¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

II Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

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“Son, I don’t want transfer. I want transformation.”

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²⁴“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Acts 17:24 (NKJV)

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²⁵Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

Acts 17:25 (NKJV)

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²⁶And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Acts 17:26 (NKJV)

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²⁷so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him
and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
Acts 17:27 (NKJV)

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²⁸for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Acts 17:28 (NKJV)

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“We’re not tourists or religious entrepreneurs—we’re residents.
We’re not peddling God’s wares; we’re bearing His image.”
- Eugene Peterson

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“There is no true spiritual formation apart from geography. You cannot be mature in Christ while always looking for a better place.”

- Eugene Peterson

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“The life of Jesus shows us that theology is never disembodied.
It is always placed—named streets, named people, named
sorrows and joys.”
- Eugene Peterson

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¹¹Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

II Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)

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¹²For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.

II Corinthians 5:12 (NKJV)

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¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you.

II Corinthians 5:13 (NKJV)

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¹⁴For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;

II Corinthians 5:14 (NKJV)

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¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves,
but for Him who died for them and rose again.

II Corinthians 5:15 (NKJV)

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¹⁶Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

II Corinthians 5:16 (NKJV)

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¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

II Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

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¹⁸Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,
II Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

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¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
II Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV)

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²⁰Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

II Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)

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²¹For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

II Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

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¹Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho.

Luke 19:1 (NKJV)

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²Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

Luke 19:2 (NKJV)

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“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat.

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But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn.

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We must play. But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously - no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption."

- C.S. Lewis

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³And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd,
for he was of short stature.

Luke 19:3 (NKJV)

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⁴So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

Luke 19:4 (NKJV)

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“Love is not an abstraction or a slogan. Love is what you do when you show up again and again—tired, misunderstood, and still faithful.”

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⁵And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”

Luke 19:5 (NKJV)

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⁶So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.
Luke 19:6 (NKJV)

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We are not only people on the move who travel with Jesus; we also sit at Jesus' table. No other Gospel (Luke) has focused so much attention on meals, banquets and table fellowship.

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Jesus himself is 'always eating'. He always seems to be coming from a meal, at a meal or going to a meal. Sharing food and drink indicates a sharing of life.

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⁷But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner.”

Luke 19:7 (NKJV)

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⁸Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

Luke 19:8 (NKJV)

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⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

Luke 19:9 (NKJV)

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¹⁰for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
Luke 19:10 (NKJV)

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