

*Women & More*  
*A 'call' and 'walk' Experience*

**Live to Leave**

October 10, 2013

“Live life as if there is no tomorrow” is the world’s counsel to itself. And though it sounds similar to what Scripture exhorts believers, proponents of that phrase mean something entirely foolhardy. God’s word implores us to number our days and to live for Christ’s return—to be ready to leave this earth—**to live life as if ‘today’ we will be with Him!** Every day is one day nearer: Be sure, life, from here to there—earth to eternity—is a short trip!

◆Prophetic Scripture outlines how the ‘end’ of all things will shake out:

◆It says we are to occupy—to *work* and *watch*—until Christ returns, and we’re to have faith while we do it.

◆We don’t want to get too comfortable, because we will be leaving soon!



“Never forget, death was Satan’s greatest victory.  
But by His death and resurrection, Jesus Christ reversed this.  
Life is hard—but God is good, and heaven is real!”

Rev. Billy Graham

*“...To carry your cargo and make your port is the point.”*

Maltbie D. Babcock

**Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:**

Psalm 73:23-24

Matthew 25:2-4

2 Corinthians 5:8

Hebrews 12:1

**Scripture to Memorize:**

**Psalm 90:12** *“Teach us to **number our days aright**, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”*

**NOTES on Speaking Session:**

**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

1. **Matthew 24:37-42** begins: *“As it was in the days of Noah....”* List some similarities that you see with “the days of Noah” and today.

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*“So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” **Matthew 24:44***



2. Write out briefly in your own words the meaning of Jesus’ *Parable of the Ten Virgins* in **Matthew 25:1-13**.

*“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.” **Matthew 25:13***



3. What does the Apostle Paul’s statement in **Philippians 1:21**, *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain,”* mean to you?

**Recommended Reading:**

*The Handwriting on the Wall*, David Jeremiah  
*The Journey*, Billy Graham  
*Standing on the Promises*, W. A. Criswell

# Crossing the Bar

By Lord Alfred Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For though from out are borne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar.

FYI: Tennyson (1809-1892), an English poet often regarded as the chief representative of the Victorian age in poetry, succeeded Wordsworth as Poet Laureate in 1850.

October 6, 1892, upon Tennyson's death...

Henry van Dyke wrote this tribute.

From the misty shores of midnight, touched with  
splendors of the moon,  
To the singing tides of heaven, and the light  
more clear than noon,  
Passed a soul that grew to music till it was with  
God in tune.

Brother of the greatest poets, true to nature, true  
to art;  
Lover of Immortal Love, uplifter of the human  
heart;  
Who shall cheer us with high music, who shall  
sing, if thou depart?

Silence here—for love is silent, gazing on the  
lessening sail;  
Silence here—for grief is voiceless when the  
mighty poets fail;  
Silence here—but far beyond us, many voices  
crying, Hail!