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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

What Would You Do & Are You Ready?

Have you ever thought about how long you have to live or how much time do you have in this life? When we know someone that is seriously ill or perhaps in the hospital, do we write them off in our mind saying "he or she is not going to make it"? First we must never think this way because God decides when a person will depart this life. The health issue or negative circumstance doesn't matter! If they take their last breath, it doesn't mean we finalize their life, but God does! Just like the story about Lazarus (**John 11:1-44**), he took his last breath, but Jesus raised him from the dead that we may know that He is the first and the last (The Alpha and the Omega). It is not over until He says so! Imagine that we knew the date we were scheduled to die, but we don't know if God will add more years to our life or not. What would you do? Ponder on these questions, Have you given Christ your best effort? Are you ready to leave? Do you have that strong foundation with Christ?

Today I want to emphasize about the story of Hezekiah. In **Isaiah 38:1**, the bible tells us Hezekiah became mortally ill and he is told to make his final will because God was about to take him off the earth. Hezekiah was in his thirties or forties. This prediction sounded final, but because of his relationship with God, he knew God was willing to listen to his appeal. (**Verse 2**) He turned to the wall, wept bitterly and appealed to God through prayer. (**Verse 3**) Hezekiah based his implied request for an extension of his life on an undivided desire to please God. In other words, he had a strong relationship with God and he wanted to please God even more while living his life. (**Verse 5**) God added fifteen more years to his life and in (**verse 6**) continuous blessings. God heals Hezekiah, but what if in God's sovereignty, he decides not to add years to Hezekiah's life, Hezekiah still would have been prepared.

Now read the second paragraph again and everywhere you see Hezekiah's name, enter your name. Before you read ask yourself the following questions. Am I giving Christ my best effort? Am I ready to leave? Do I have that strong foundation with Christ? Would He listen to my appeals? Now begin reading the second paragraph.

Now imagine God hearing and granting your appeal or not hearing and not granting your appeal. [What would you do and are you ready?](#)

SCRIPTURE READING

EZEKIEL 33:31-33

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Associate yourself with men/women of good quality for if you esteem your reputation it is better to travel alone, than in bad company.

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