

EVERYTHING HAS A SOLUTION, even death

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?

MATTHEW 6:27 NABRE

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

ECCLESIASTES 3:11 NLT

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 6:23 NLT

²¹ Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. ²² Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, ²³ pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live." ²⁴ Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. ²⁵ A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. ²⁸ For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. ³⁰ Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" ³¹ His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" ³² But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." ³⁵ While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." ³⁶ But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." ³⁷ Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. ³⁹ He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep." ⁴⁰ The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. ⁴¹ Holding her hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means "Little girl, get up!"

MARK 5:21-41 NLT

I FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF DEATH IF:

1. I live consciously aware of my mortality, both physical and spiritual

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

JAMES 4:13-14 NIV

Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.

PSALM 90:12 NLT

I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive but you are dead.

REVELATION 3:1B NLT

I FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF DEATH IF:

2. I have a personal and individual encounter with Jesus.

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.

LUKE 19:10 NLT

Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6 NLT

I FIND THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF DEATH IF:

3. I believe that Jesus is the only way to eternal life

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

JOHN 1:10-12 NLT

⁵¹ But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! ⁵² It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. ⁵³ For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies. ⁵⁴ Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-55 NLT