



FIRST THESSALONIANS

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1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NIV)



And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died

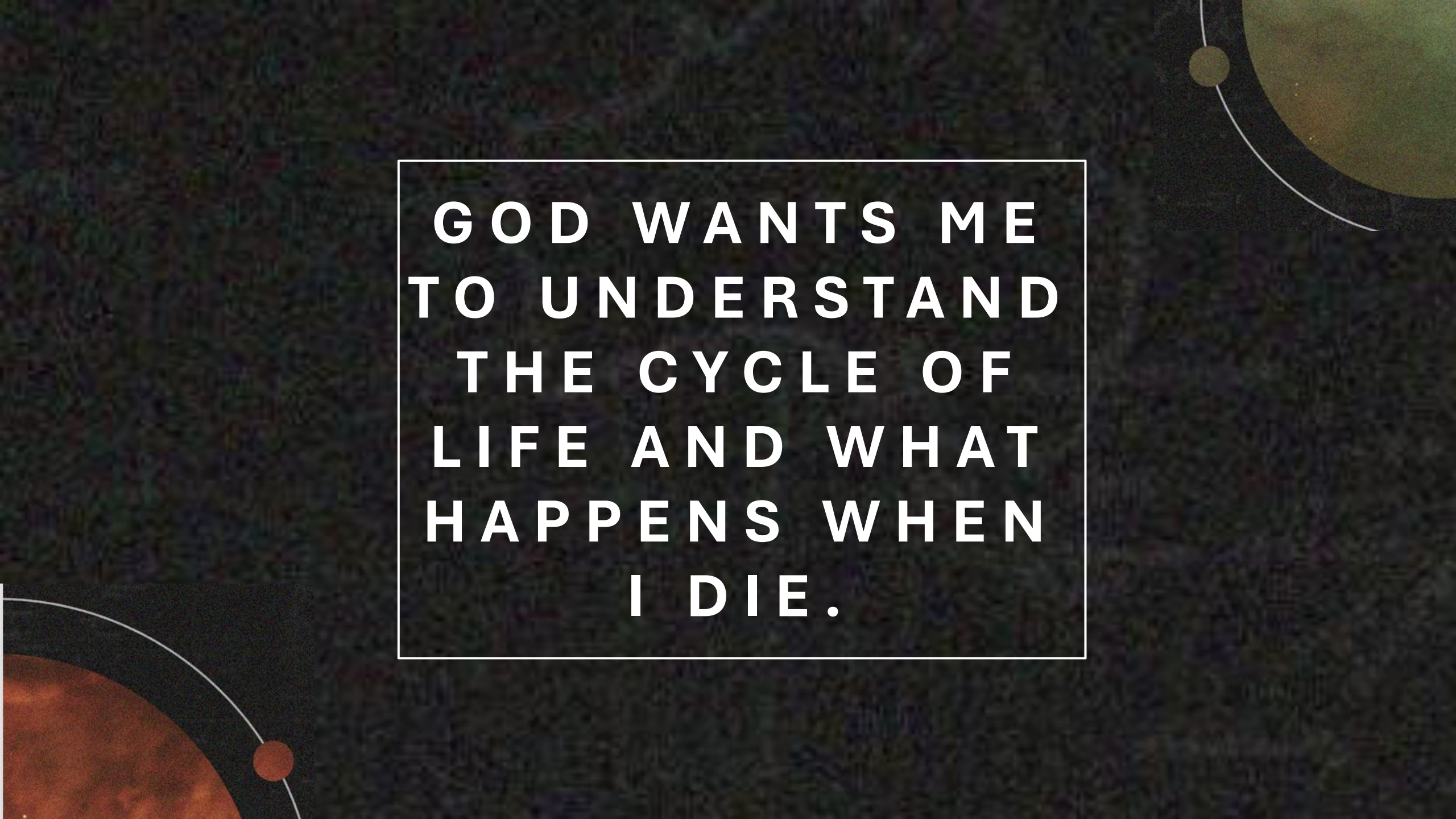
1 Corinthians 15:19–20 (NLT)



He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)



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**GOD WANTS ME
TO UNDERSTAND
THE CYCLE OF
LIFE AND WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
I DIE.**

What happens as we grow older?

Remember your Creator in the days of your youth,
before the days of trouble come and the years
approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in
them”—

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (NIV)



before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain; when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim;

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (NIV)



when the doors to the street are closed and the sound
of grinding fades; when people rise up at the sound of
birds, but all their songs grow faint;

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (NIV)



when people are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags itself along and desire no longer is stirred.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (NIV)



Then people go to their eternal home and mourners go about the streets. Remember him—before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 (NIV)



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We have a limited
amount of time to
serve God – so
serve Him while
you can.

Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O
God. Let me proclaim your power to this new
generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after
me.

Psalm 71:18 (NLT)

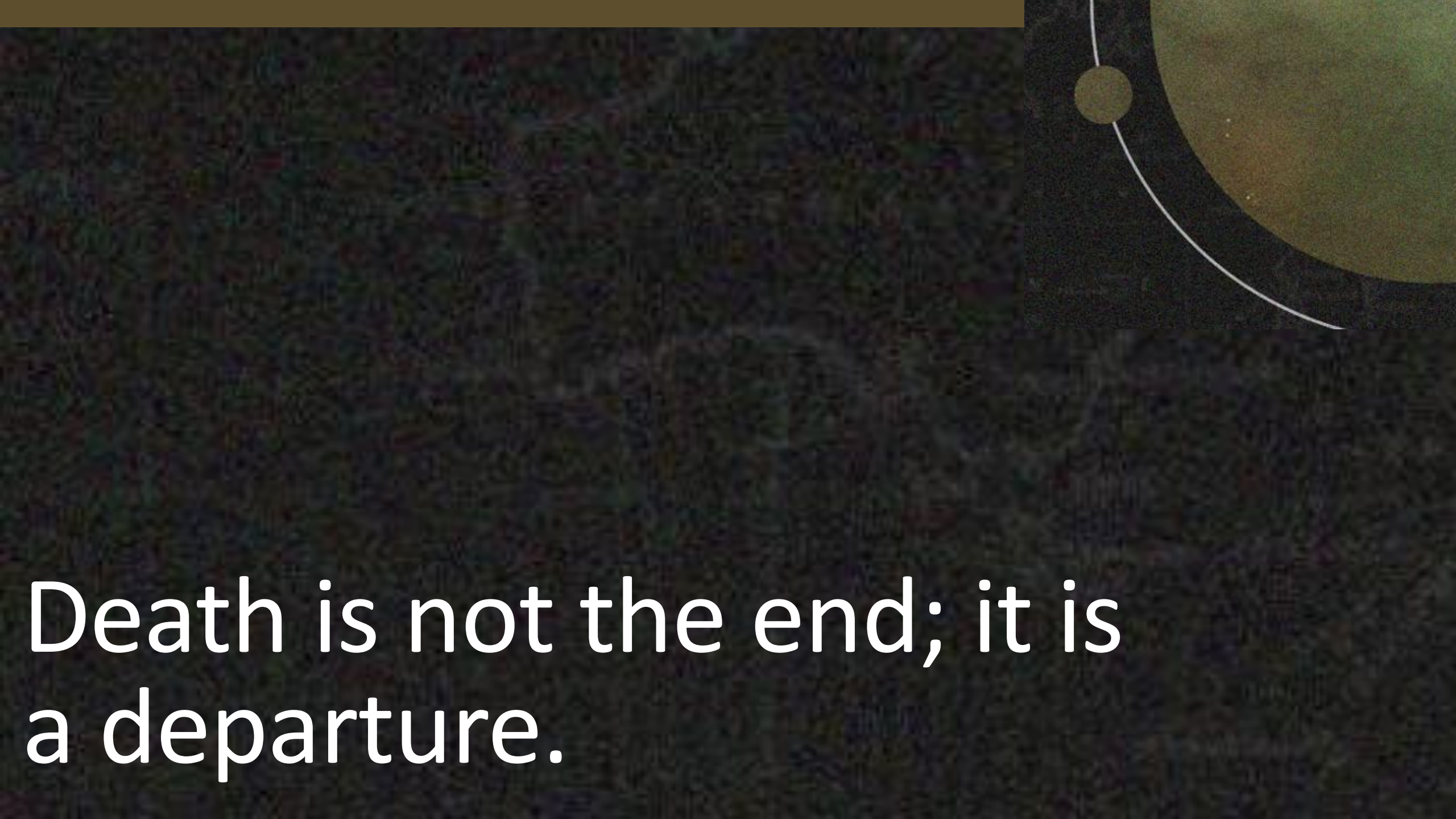


The obvious truth: we all die.

- What happens as we grow older?

What is death?

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Death is not the end; it is
a departure.



You are not this body. You have a soul that is eternal. Your body is just where you temporarily live. Paul describes our body as a tent and explains that death is our soul departing from this tent and going someplace else.

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25–26 (NIV)



What happens when I die?

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For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.

Philippians 1:21-24 (NLT)



But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better. I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

Philippians 1:21-24 (NLT)



You have to die to truly live.

- What happens as we grow older?
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- What happens when I die?

But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” How foolish!

What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

1 Corinthians 15:35–44 (NIV)



When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

1 Corinthians 15:35–44 (NIV)







So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. **If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.**

1 Corinthians 15:35–44 (NIV)



So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:45–47 (NIV)



What will my new body be like?

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As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

1 Corinthians 15:48–49 (NIV)



‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)



The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

1 Corinthians 15:26 (NIV)



“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! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 (NIV)

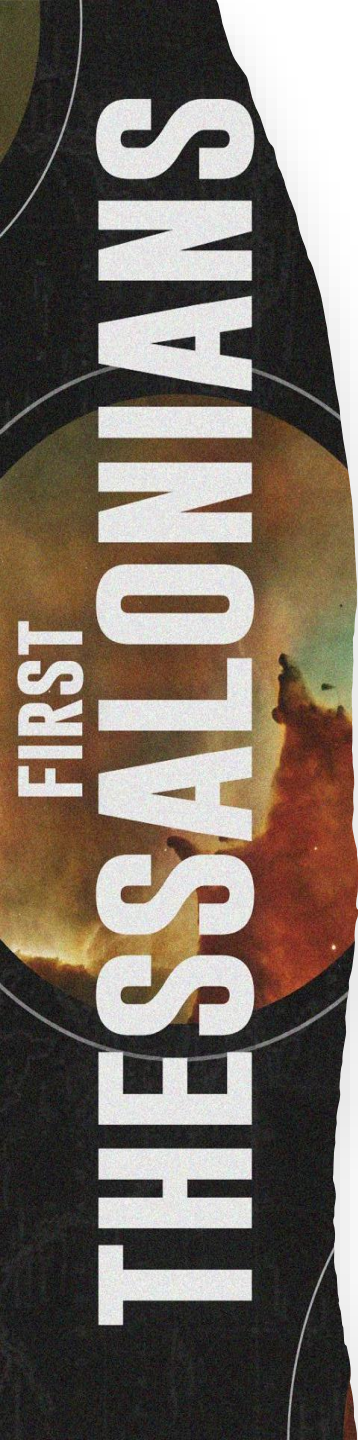


Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm.
Let nothing move you.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,
because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in
vain.

1 Corinthians 15:55-58 (NIV)





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