



FIRST THESSALONIANS

Brothers and sisters, **we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death**, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NIV)



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

Philippians 1:21 (NLT)



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How do I find meaning in life?

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1:1–3 (NIV)



I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil.

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:10–11 (NIV)



Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

Ecclesiastes 5:10 (NIV)



So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:17 (NIV)



Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13–14 (NIV)



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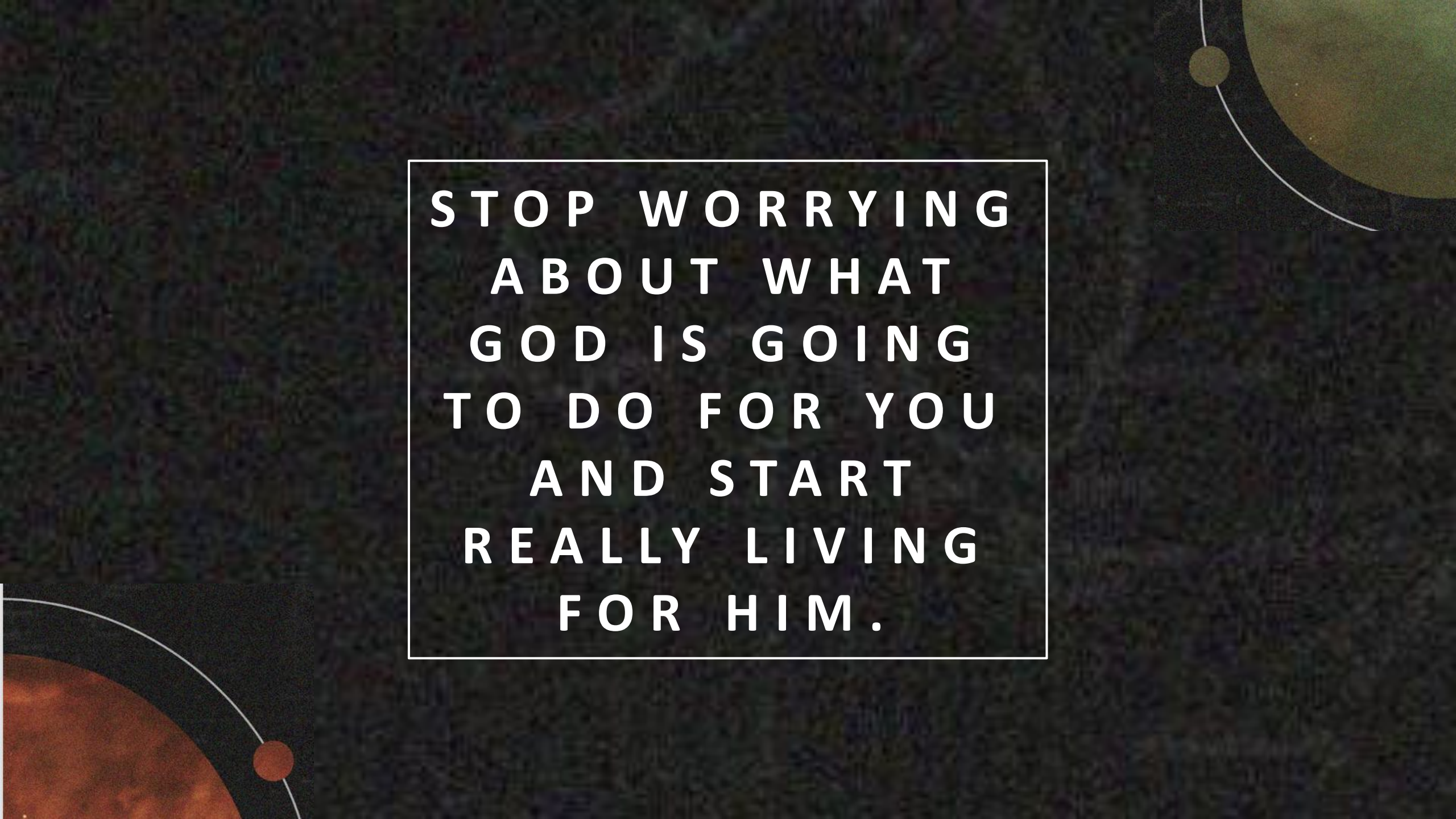
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Fulfillment comes
from surrender,
not self-will.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)



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STOP WORRYING
ABOUT WHAT
GOD IS GOING
TO DO FOR YOU
AND START
REALLY LIVING
FOR HIM.

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How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast
is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the
grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.

Psalms 139:17–18 (NIV)



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Silence ≠ Absence

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake?

If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Matthew 7:9–12 (NIV)



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What I value most isn't
what I say is important—
it's what I consistently
prioritize.



Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you
up.

James 4:10 (NIV)



But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and
all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

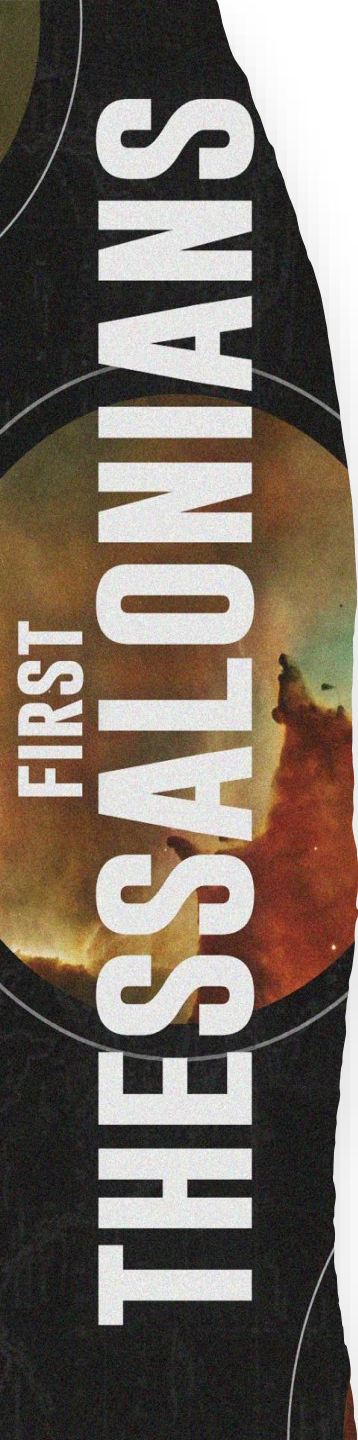


I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live,
but Christ lives in me.

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son
of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)





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