

My ears became heightened when Max said, 'we lose much in life'. Jobs are the big thing for working class people; our standard of living will go down if we don't have the income we're used to. Max's uncle Billy was going to lose his life, whereby Max asked him the question: if he was ready to go to heaven, and he said he was a bit unsure: then Max asked him if he wanted to be sure, and so they prayed.

What scares and frightens you? Do you feel like a whoever? Just someone who is part of this world and a statistic and number, just a face in the crowd with no identity or anything? Then here's the good news!

If you're a whoever, and believe in Jesus

and the sacrifice he made for you, then God has rolled out the welcome mat to you. Today, a baptism will take place and the children getting baptized will have their names written in the book of life in heaven. With their entire lives ahead of them, and God willing, who knows what fantastic inventions, creations and economic situations they will come across in years to come? So, should we be worried about the future, their future, our future? No.

One thing we know for sure, and the final point that Max Lucado made was that; we will never lose our place in God's sight because come what may; God knows all about us. And because we

believe in the sacrifice Jesus has done for us. We have a place in his kingdom; he knows where we are in life. Whether we're wounded and what our hurts and struggles are; he lives within our hearts. He loves you so much that he wants us to put all our cars upon him, because he cares for you [1 Peter 5:7]. Amen.

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## HEAVEN'S 'WHOEVER' POLICY.

### TEXT; JOHN 3:16.

**TEXT: JOHN 3:16.** yourself these questions. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that who ever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Today we are looking at the word "Whoever" from the verse in John 3:16 in the Bible. me, this word has connotation of 'a nothing person' or 'a nobody': associated with it. what significance does this word hold for and me? At one stage another, there comes time when we find ourselves alone and have a bit of time on our hands to reflect where we are in our lives. We give ourselves a self evaluation and compare it against others or colleagues.

So, what do you do times like these? How do you put your life into a perspective? Perhaps, you have a favourite music; you switch off and listen to music or go into something that give us a high to bring things back into perspective, when these times prevail upon you. The great leveler for me, when I get into that frame of mind, if I can do so: is to

spend time in the city: Rundle Mall in fact.

If I can sit down somewhere and take stock of where I am, then I can see the whole world pass before my eyes! One can observe the rich, poor, average, unusual, beggars, runaways, hustlers, sick, healthy, stupidity, cleverness, the lot. Then when I reflect on myself, and where I am in life, I come away feeling fortunate to be in the position that I'm in. time spent there helps me clear the cobwebs away and puts me back into a good frame of mind.

And I'm sure and have no doubt at all, that we have all experienced a lonely, searching, empty feeling at some stage



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or another. No one is today, Jesus appears And to convince them immune from it, but quite suddenly again to even more, he eats then again, you don't the disciples; and broiled fish in their have to be insignificant they're startled and presence, telling them in a crowd to feel lonely frightened [Luke that a ghost could not and unwanted. 24:37], thinking they're do such a thing like looking at a ghost. But that.

You may be feeling like Jesus reassures them, a 'whoever' in the that it is indeed him, The disciples initially company of your work who has come back have trouble and colleagues: in your from the grave. He also struggle with the fact marriage, maybe you tells them that they will that it is truly him. Who think of yourself as preach repentance and could blame them? I'm someone who brings \_\_\_\_\_ sure they would in the cash to keep a \_\_\_\_\_ have attended many

### Do you feel like a 'whoever'?

roof over your \_\_\_\_\_ during funerals their time before he heads, doing a \_\_\_\_\_ came along into thankless job. Or, you're just there to \_\_\_\_\_ their lives and cleanup up after \_\_\_\_\_ would know everyone all the time, forgiveness of sins in beyond a shadow of a making the food, his name, after he has doubt that no one keeping everyone gone back to the Father comes back from the comfortable, while you in heaven. These dead. Until now! Now have no recognition at 'whoever's' are going to that Jesus have entered all [a thank you now have a purpose in this their lives! So it was no and again would help] life by doing his wonder that they were and you're neglected Father's will. There is blown away by it all.

and unhappy that you no reason why we can't aren't appreciated for avail ourselves to do the Even in this day and what you bring into the same or the best we can age of modern miracles life of your family. with whom we come and such, no one comes into contact with. back from the dead, do they? We hear of death other instances that Jesus goes to some and near death could be mentioned length in reassuring the experiences of being here, but, these should disciples that it is truly clinically dead, but not suffice for now. him by showing them for three days, the the nail prints in his length of time where

In our gospel lesson hands and on his feet. Jesus' body was

wrapped up and laid health, [and I give him crucified and died on out, and went into the the glory and praise for the cross. They feared decaying process. No it] that through him for their lives and now one comes back from [thinking I shouldn't be what would they do? that, unless it's Jesus. here alive today], but, All they wanted to do

that he still opened up was to keep out of the I want to share that ten the doors to what I sight of the Jews and years ago I had a thought were well and then they would be all double by pass of the truly closed. Which right. But Jesus came heart and one thing the brings me to this back from the dead to pre-surgery people question: what is your tell them that they had warned, was that during outlook on life? work to do. They had

the operation the blood \_\_\_\_\_ better things to do than from my body will \_\_\_\_\_ to hide in fear of the be diverted into \_\_\_\_\_ authorities. There tubes into a \_\_\_\_\_ was a life to live machine to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ and things to do for body functioning \_\_\_\_\_ his kingdom. while they work on \_\_\_\_\_

### You are loved by God.

the heart, for eight \_\_\_\_\_ How about us in the minutes. That got me a When we think that world in which we live? bit jumpy thinking that we're dead in the water, In the current economic if it's anything like the God still has a use for climate we're in now, old car I had with a half us when we think that and unlike Mr. Rudd, flat battery, I may as all is lost and gone. and I won't use the "R" well give up the ghost. People often ask me, word, but we could all They'd be battling to what's an Aboriginal well feel like a kick start me again! person like you doing in 'whoever' because we the ministry? In fact, I can't see where this

But all went well, and had flirted with that situation is taking us. it's good to be alive! idea nearly thirty years And in the eyes of a lot It's been said that ago about going into the of people, that's a bad people who have near ministry, and it came to thing because death experiences, see naught, but only in uncertainty leads to life in a new light. It God's own timing did doubt, and if we're not may be that you have things happen! in control of our had a similar experience

in your life! I was so The disciples would be open to abuse. We grateful to God for have felt like 'whoever' stand to lose a lot. bringing me back to full after Jesus was