

He's not going to change his mind, is he! He's given his life that you might be in a conversational relationship of love and affection with him, with Father, through the Spirit. To leave you hanging, simply doing the best you can would be to deny himself.

He might as well have stayed in heaven and not wasted his life if all we've ended up with is a book to study and some good moral principles to live by. If we can't hear Jesus voice, as he promises, what have we really gained.

Do we just have a book that shows us how to avoid hell? A list of moral principles that if we follow and get it right God will give us the tick of

approval. Surely that isn't all there is to our faith in Jesus.

Of course not; we do have a living, breathing, relationship of love with Jesus which is lived out today through the Spirit, with the great promise of living this relationship face to face when Jesus returns.

I invite you not to forget to be living your future today; make time, don't just let it happen, but make time to listen and share with Jesus heart to heart. Invite Jesus to send the Spirit; that's an offer he's promised to always answer in the positive. Invite Jesus to send the Spirit and it's done; without a shadow of doubt. Then listen.

Ask, listen, take the first thought you get. Why wouldn't it be Jesus; he's promised to answer. Take that first thought and go with it; go with it believing, trusting, seeking to be walking intimately with Jesus.

What areas of life are off limits or too trivial or too hard for Jesus to walk you through it? None!

Don't wait till tomorrow to be living your future, invite it into today as you invite Jesus in to be part of everything you do. In Jesus start living your future with Jesus today.

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COMING READY OR NOT!

John 5:21-29



The other Sunday I asked what you would do if you were on a ship that was sinking? The point being the inevitability of the ship sinking should shape your present action. Get off the ship, and as quickly as you can. That's an example of the future shaping the present.

As a follower of Jesus, that's how I seek to live. I seek to live, letting Jesus' future shape my present. Shape how I see myself, how I determine my purpose and identity. Shape how I interpret present world events. Jesus' future shapes my present; that's my goal.

If I sought to let my past; all I've done and achieved. If I let this shape my present would things

look different? Would I feel different about myself, about present world events, about how I see the future? If I let my past shape me would that be different to letting Jesus' future shape me?

What thoughts come to your mind?

Are you living based on what you've done and achieved or are you growing into the future Jesus is creating?

The Titanic is sinking; will it make any difference to the outcome that I'm a success? I passed the top of my class. I'm married with seven gifted, talented, wonderful children. I've worked my way to a million dollar salary. I'm a success!

As the Titanic sinks, do you think any of this will make the slightest difference?

How are you living your life? What shapes you, the way you spend your time and money? What shapes your response to present world events? How are you seeking to make sense of your life?

Today all three readings remind me of one simple truth; the world as we know it will come to an end. Actually that's not the truth, is it? What's the truth?

The truth is that Jesus will return at which point the world as we know it will stop, and then what? Jesus will return declaring his kingdom, declaring his rule. And his rule

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

begins with a time of judgement. This is unavoidable for everyone; Jesus is coming ready or not. And he is coming to exercise his power and authority as he rules; by divine right.	you that the time is coming, indeed it's here now, when the dead will hear my voice – the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live.” (John 5:24,25)	Isn't it great that we can listen to Jesus? Isn't it great that in Jesus we have this wonderful conversational relationship of love and affection to live? To live today, because that's Jesus' future for me, for us.	forever. Not existence, but life, the life he brings with all his adventure, discovery and beauty to live.	conversational relationship Jesus has given his life for us to share. Then I can focus.	Discerning his directions. Sensing his presence, so that I walk with him in every and any situation.
What I think about this makes no difference; it is happening.	If Jesus is returning tomorrow, do you know what I reckon would be a good thing to do; listen to	If I lived based on what I have done in	I live today because of the hope I have in Jesus. I live today because of Jesus' promise of forgiveness, which opens up the future. A future which	Have you ever noticed how hard it is to have a conversation with someone who's distracted? When I'm distracted I find it incredibly hard to	I want to be in tune with Jesus' voice.
If everyone on the Titanic voted for it not to sink what difference would that have made?	Jesus is returning. Returning as King.	the past how would I see myself now. I know in the past I've made mistakes, hurt other people,	shines bright, because Jesus is returning, to breath his life into us as we live person to person, as we lived loved person to person. In Jesus this is our reality. I like it!	I want to be in tune with Jesus' voice.	Isn't it such a wonderful gift that through the Spirit we are able to be in tune with Jesus? I'm not left
Jesus is returning. Returning as King. Returning to judge. To judge all people. That's your future. That's a reality which shapes how I live today. Tomorrow I'll becoming face to face with Jesus.	him today.	acted selfishly, wasted time and talents. That makes me feel somewhat depressed. I could focus on my perceived successes, but you know what past success are? Past!	So today I make time to be with Jesus, through the Spirit. Other things can wait. Nothing is more important. Nothing else is going to last. Why invest yourself in a dead end when you can invest yourself in life; life that will never end.	hear let alone understand what the other person is saying. And I'm easily distracted; what about you?	in the dark, simply trying to do my best, I can stop and ask Jesus and listen to his response.
Today we heard these words from Jesus; “I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message (that's Jesus' message) and believe in God who sent me have eternal life... And I assure	I figure if I'm listening, talking with Jesus today, when he returns tomorrow it won't be as someone I don't know. It will be a wonderful time, for the person, Jesus, who I'm living with now, will be standing there right in front of me. That sounds good to me. For me, that's letting Jesus' future shape my present.	I'm forever grateful that I'm not the sum total of what I've done and achieved. I'm forever grateful that this isn't as good as it gets. I'm grateful to Jesus that he has life for me to live, today, tomorrow, and	I make time to find a quiet place where I can enter into that	Have you noticed how you pick up on the voice of a person you know? You hear their voice and know it is them. That's also why I make time to be alone with Jesus, so that elsewhere during the day I can pick up on his voice. Hearing his call. Perceiving his promptings.	This is one of my favourite promises from God; “If you need wisdom (and I definitely do), ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.” (James 1:5)
					We can ask with confidence, even boldness, because the offer is based on Jesus; the guy who gave his life for you.