

# FETTES PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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## “GPS REROUTING: YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE.”

(MATT. 16:21-27 CJB)

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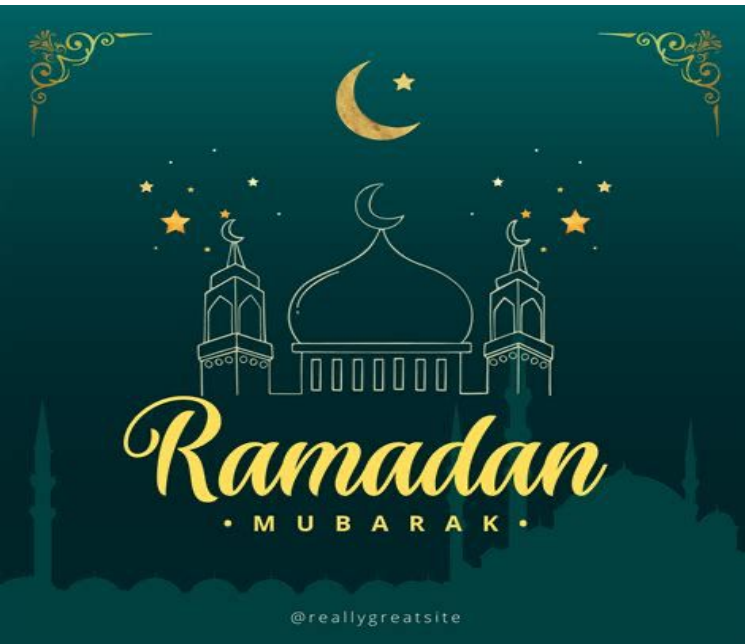
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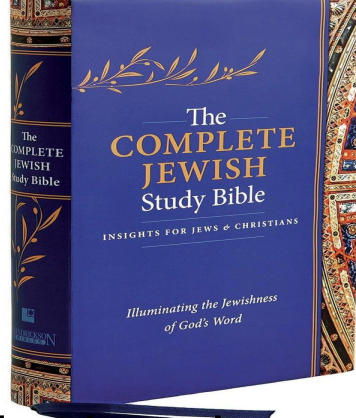
# Season of Lent

- ❖ Reflection ... Reflect Purposefully
- ❖ Repentance ... Reroute Immediately
- ❖ Renewal – Renew Daily (Mindfully)





## READ: Matthew 16:21-27 CJB



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- <sup>22</sup> Kefa took him aside and began rebuking him, “Heaven be merciful, Lord! By no means will this happen to you!” <sup>23</sup> But Yeshua turned his back on Kefa, saying, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because your thinking is from a human perspective, not from God’s perspective!”
- <sup>24</sup> Then Yeshua told his *talmidim*, “If anyone wants to come after me, let him say ‘No’ to himself, take up his execution-stake, and keep following me.
- <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his own life will destroy it, but whoever destroys his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it do someone if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life? Or, what can a person give in exchange for his life? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man will come in his Father’s glory, with his angels; and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct.



# I REFLECT PURPOSEFULLY

Matthew 16:21, 17:22f, CJB

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17:22 As they were going about together in the Galil, Yeshua said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of people <sup>23</sup> who will put him to death, and on the third day he will be raised.” And they were filled with sadness (Matt. 17:22-23).

26:1 When Yeshua had finished speaking, he said to his *talmidim*,  
<sup>2</sup> “As you know, *Pesach* is two days away, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be nailed to the execution-stake” (Matt. 26:1)



“That depends a good deal on where you want to get to,” said the Cat.

“Then it doesn't matter which way you go,” said the Cat.



Alice: “Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?”

“I don't much care where,” said Alice.

Where  
there is  
no vision,  
the people  
perish

Prov 29:18 (KJV)



*“The road to anywhere is really a life of no where.”*

**<sup>21</sup> Whether you turn  
to the right or to the  
left, your ears will  
hear a voice behind  
you, saying, “This is  
the way; walk in it.  
(Isa 30:21).**



**What is Your  
Purpose in Life?**





REFLECT: What is  
Your Life of Purpose?

...to **RESCUE** us  
from the hand of  
our enemies, and  
to **ENABLE** us  
to **serve him**  
without fear in  
**holiness** and  
**righteousness**  
before him all our  
**days.**

LUKE 1:74-75

# II REPENT (REROUTE) IMMEDIATELY

Matthew 16:22-23 CJB



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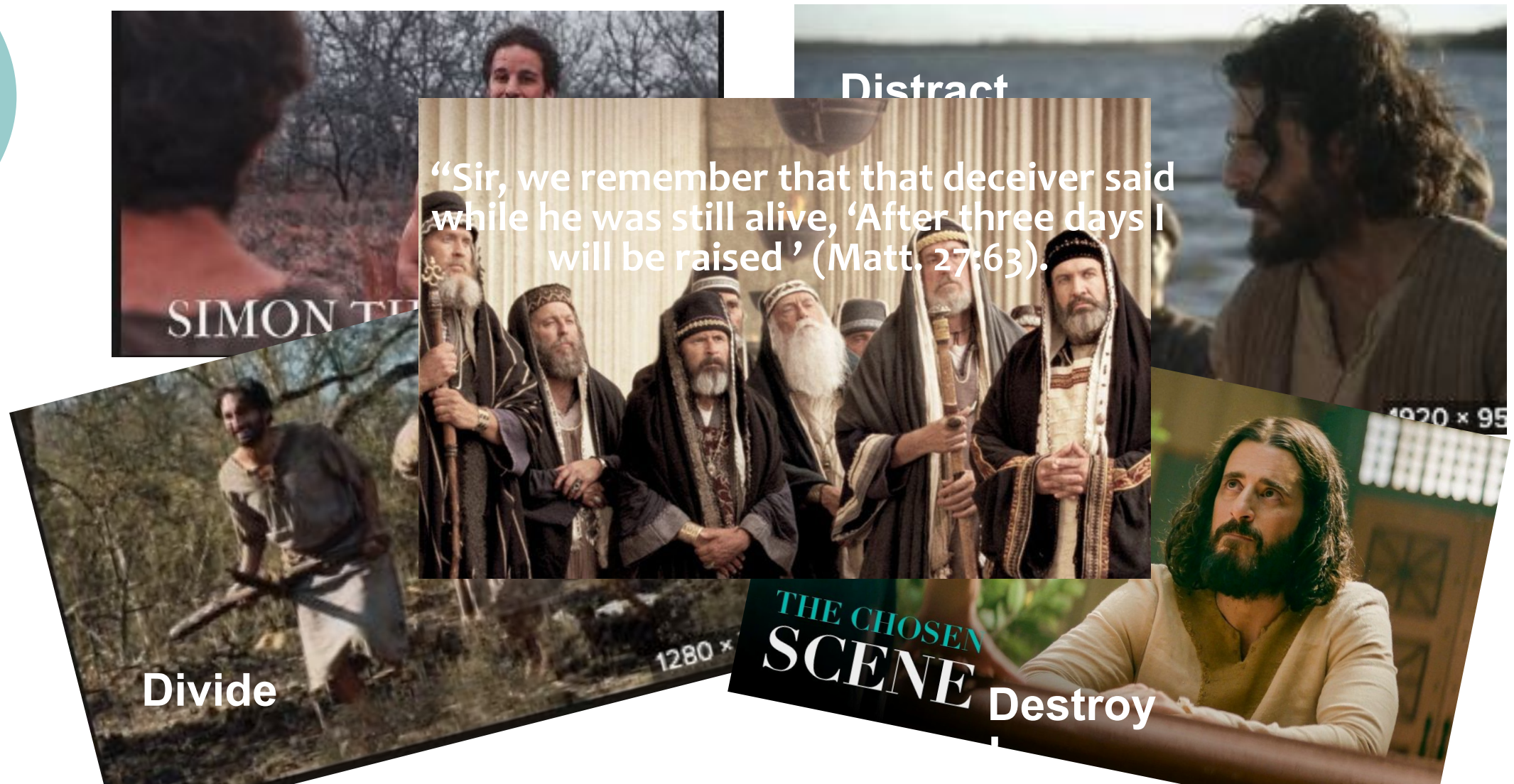


Stay sober, stay alert! Your enemy, the Adversary, stalks about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour  
1 Peter 5:8

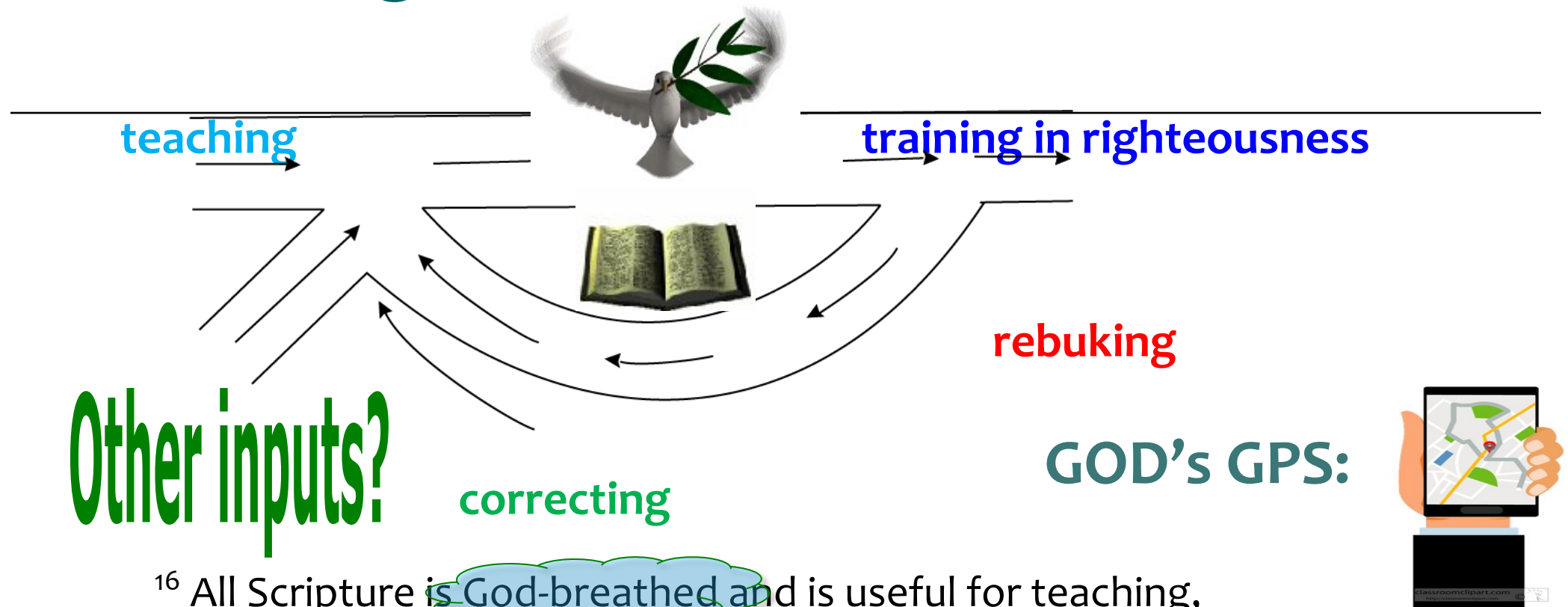


# The Disciples Harbored Different Purpose

## How do you remain on track?



# Rerouting with God's GPS, the WORD



<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,  
<sup>17</sup> so that the men and women of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.  
(2 Tim. 3:16-17)

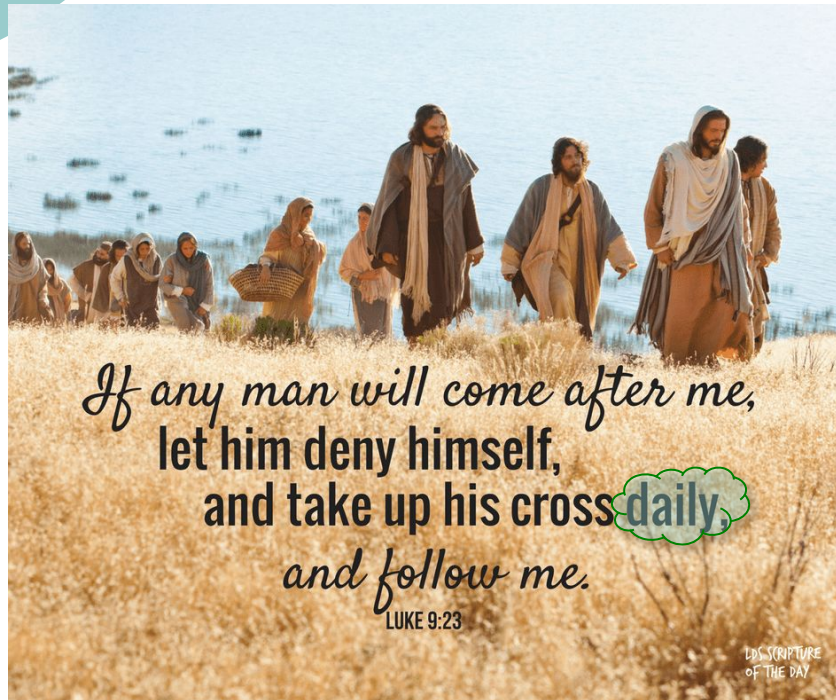
**“Don’t read the Bible! Let the Bible Read You!”** Prof Howard Hendricks



# III RENEW (DAILY) MINDFULLY

## Matthew 16:24-25 CJB

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**“Moment by  
Moment”**





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**Learn to say**



**Your Purpose in Life**

**“I have come to realize that I am the indispensable person only until the moment I say NO”**

# Christian Mindfulness .. Brother Lawrence

## Living Mindfully in the Present Moment

- ❑ Continuously being aware of God's presence in everyday moments rather than about the past or the future.

## Finding the Sacred in Everyday Life

- ❑ Every task, whether hard or easy, mundane or spiritual, from washing dishes to working in the kitchen, to prayers and fasting, could be done as an act of love for God.

## Doing everything for the GLORY OF GOD!

- ❑ Whatever we do is a worship to be done for the GLORY OF GOD (1 Cor. 10:31)

## The Practice of the Presence of God

Whatever  
you do,  
do it all for  
the glory of

*God*

*1 Corinthians 10:31*



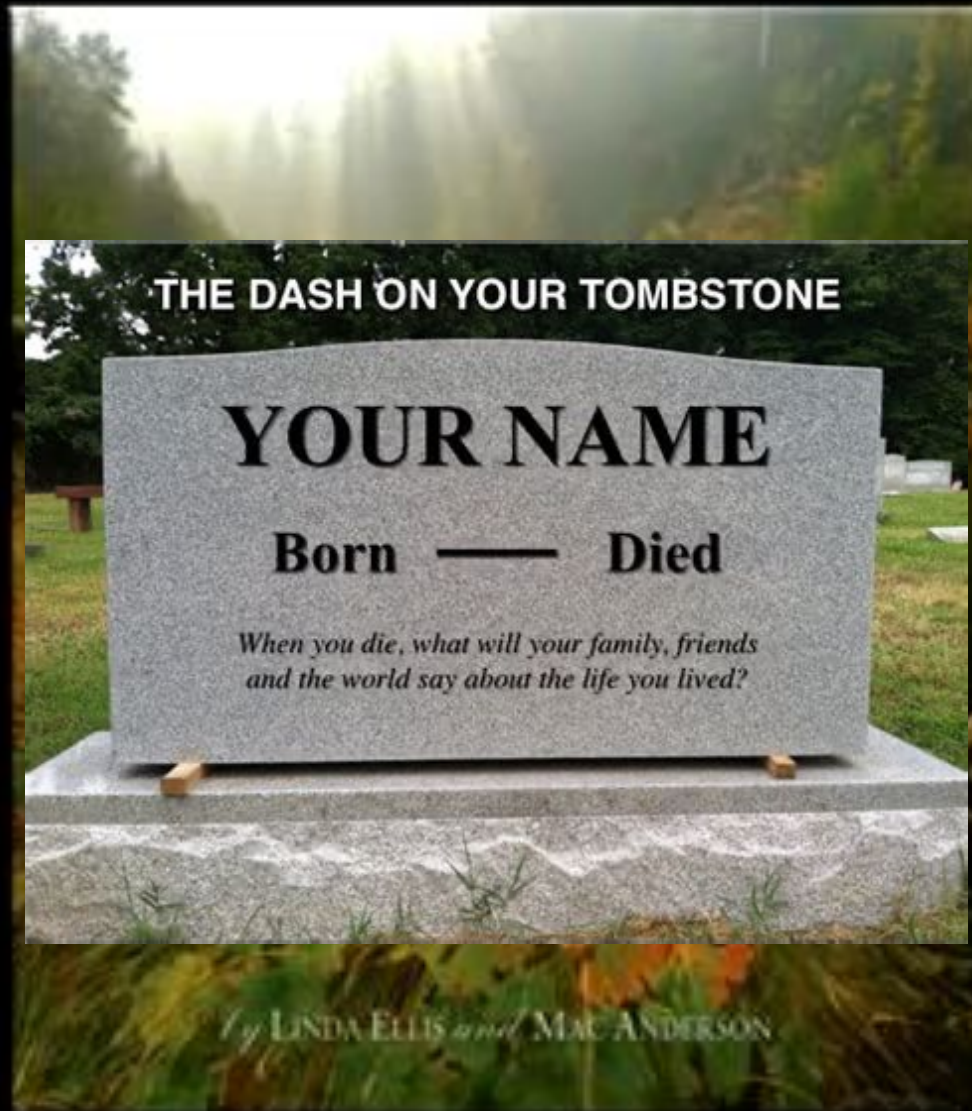
# Conclusion: A Call to Live Our Dash Eschatologically

Matthew 16:26-27 CJB

*"Now, when David had served God's Purpose In His Generation, He fell asleep"*



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THE DASH ON YOUR TOMBSTONE

**YOUR NAME**

**Born — Died**

*When you die, what will your family, friends  
and the world say about the life you lived?*

*LINDA ELLIS and MAC ANDERSON*

*What is the  
PURPOSE of  
Your Dash?*



# A Call to Live Our Dash Eschatologically

- ❖ Reflection ... Reflect Purposefully
- ❖ Repentance ... Reroute Immediately
- ❖ Renewal – Renew Mindfully (Daily)

