

**Series:** Fear Not: Trusting Christ In The Midst Of Crisis

**Sermon:** Jesus Is Our Life

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-18; John 14:1-7, 1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (ESV)

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If we're going to be a fearless people, we must have proper perspective:

**I. Proper Perspective on this life.**

The "Jars of Clay" Perspective.

**2 Corinthians 4:7-12 (ESV)**

*7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.*

*8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;*

*9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed*

*10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.*

*11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.*

*12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.*

**II. Proper perspective on the life to come.**

The "Hope of Glory" Perspective.

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (ESV)**

*16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.*

*17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,*

*18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

**III. Proper perspective on Jesus, "the Life".**

The "True Life" Perspective.

**John 14:6 (ESV)**

*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

**John 11:25-26 (ESV)**

*25 I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?*

**John 10:10 (ESV)**

*10 I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

**John 14: 1-7 (ESV)**

*1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.*

*2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?*

*3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

*4 And you know the way to where I am going*

*5 Thomas said to him, "Lord we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"*

*6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57 (ESV)**

*54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"*

*56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.*

*57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*