



Sermon series: Genesis 1-11: The Story of (Your) Life

Text: Genesis 5

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## The Story of Death and Life

**Big Idea: Considering death can prepare us to live and die well.**

*“You are going to die. What a crushing, desperate thought. But unless you swallow hard and embrace it, you are not prepared to live.” -Michael Wittmer*

**The Perversion of Death: Considering death can show us how \_\_\_\_\_ death \_\_\_\_\_.** (Genesis 5:1-11)

1. Death is \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 5:12)
2. Death is the \_\_\_\_\_ of what is \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Perspective of Death: Considering death can bring your \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.** (Genesis 5:21-24)

1. Death reminds us that life is really \_\_\_\_\_. (James 4:14)
2. Death challenges us not to live for what can be \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Death calls us to live \_\_\_\_\_ for what will \_\_\_\_\_ in the end.

**Hope in the Face of Death: Considering death can help us \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ of the hope of the gospel.** (Genesis 5:21-24; 28-31)

1. God \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ outlast \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Corinthians 1:20)
3. Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ death. (1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

*How often do you find yourself thinking about death? What may be some of the reasons we don't think about death as often as previous generations?*

*Has there been a moment in your own life where you were confronted with your own mortality in a powerful way? When was that moment? What effect did it have on you?*

*What are some of the ways we might be prone to minimize grief in the face of death? Why is that unhelpful?*

*What have you found helpful from other people when you have experienced loss or death in some way?*



*As you think about your own life, what are some ways that you have experienced just how quickly life goes by? What effect does this have on you?*

*As you look back over your life can you see things you chased after that you felt were important that no longer seem to matter? What might be some things you look back on 15 years from now and say the same thing about?*

*If you knew you only had a year left to live, what is something you would do more of? What is something you would do less of? Do you think it's actually possible to live with that mindset?*

*Can you think of people you know who were able to face death well? What was it about them that enabled them to face death well?*

*What truths from the gospel can give you hope in the face of death? Be specific here. Think if you were facing death tomorrow, what truths would cling to for hope in the face of death?*

*How would you respond to someone who says that Christian hope for life after death is just wishful thinking?*

Further Resources:

- [Remember Death – Matthew McCullough](#)
- [The Last Enemy – Michael Wittmer](#)