

Hope in Uncertain Times

Way, Truth & Life: Part 5 - Life



Welcome, or welcome back if you're a regular listener, to The Fuelcast and also to:

"Hope in Uncertain Times" - because these times are uncertain for everybody and everybody is looking for hope.

Today is the fifth of six, from this passage and today I want to highlight, for you, the word 'life'.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God¹; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

How are you getting on with life?

A couple of weeks ago, I went to the opticians – I'd never met this one and I asked him, 'how are you getting on with the situation here with the pandemic?'

His response was just one word, 'wonderful'!

Hmmm: 'I'm interested, most people I ask how things are, don't respond 'wonderful', do you mind me asking why you say that?'

I instinctively knew the answer, but I wanted to check and he replied: 'simply the grace of God'. We had a great conversation, I got my eyes tested and said 'Thank you, I got much more from today's visit than I expected'.

I want to live life like my optician. Ask me how I'm doing, I won't reply 'wonderful', I may well say 'I'm great thanks', it's not about which words, but to convey the life of Jesus with just one word, I want to do that, don't you?

Jesus is the life. Now check this out: read everything we know about the life Jesus lived on earth, you will not find anything about Jesus, his words, his actions, or his attitudes that he did not want to see replicated in the life of whoever was standing in front of him.

In other words, whilst he is **the life**, he wants the DNA of his life, multiplied in yours and mine.

But the life of Jesus shines through your eyes when you express the compassion and the love of Christ, whether you are aware of it, or not.

The attractiveness of his life is illuminated by your actions of generosity and kindness, whether it's simply buying someone a cup of coffee, or more importantly providing a listening ear.

The authenticity of his life is revealed by your words, simple and faltering as they can often be, when they put the spotlight on the grace and mercy of God at work in and through you, rather than trying to pretend you're someone you're not.

All it took a visit to the opticians for me to ask for my life to be re-aligned with Jesus' life. You can receive Jesus' words 'I am the life' today and ensure yours is on target.

To see the video, go to: <https://www.thefuelcast.com/library/speaker/nigel-coles>