

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST  
February Sermon Series

# When Life Feel So Boooring



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INTRO:

How low **OR** how high is your boringness level? What is boring?

We can not expect kindie students to sit in a 2-days financial planning seminar.

We can sit and do our work for about 8-10 hours in a day because **we can see** the purpose of doing that job. And also the chain reaction effect if we don't do that.

Our life is not about 8-10 hours in a day. Indeed, it is a super long journey, sometimes decorated with a very slow progress. So, how can we survive and live this life to the fullest?

Let's have a look from the daily journal one of the greatest person ever lived in this planet: King Solomon!

Our **spiritual maturity** will definitely bring a victory against any boredom that may come in any stage in our life.



## The Dead End

Spiritual  
decline

### ECCLESIASTES 1

<sup>1</sup> The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> **“Vanity of vanities,”** says the Preacher; “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.”

• Idolatry

Self-indulgence

### Pengkhotbah 1:1-2

**1** Inilah perkataan Pengkhotbah, anak Daud, raja di Yerusalem.

**2** Kesia-siaan belaka, kata Pengkhotbah, kesia-siaan belaka, segala sesuatu adalah sia-sia.

**Vanity** – 79 times in KJV, and 28 times (35%) in Ecclesiastes.

hebel / hăbêl **BDB Definition:**

1) vapour, breath

1a) breath, vapour

1b) vanity (figuratively)

2) vainly

- According to Jewish tradition, Solomon wrote **Song of Solomon** during his younger years, **Proverbs** in his middle years, and **Ecclesiastes** during the last years of his life.

- The accumulative effect of Solomon's spiritual decline, idolatry, and life of self-indulgence left him at the end disillusioned with pleasure and materialism as a way to happiness.
- Ecclesiastes records his cynical reflections about the futility and emptiness of seeking happiness in life apart from God and His Word.
- He had experienced wealth, power, honour, fame, and sensual pleasure – all in great abundance – yet they added up in the end to emptiness and disillusionment: "Vanity of vanities ... all is vanity"

## **Ecclesiastes**

Theme ➔ the meaninglessness of life apart from God



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## Circle of Vanity

<sup>3</sup> What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun?

<sup>4</sup> One **generation** passes away, and another **generation** comes; But the earth abides forever.



### Pengkhotbah 1:3-4

**3** Apakah gunanya manusia berusaha dengan jerih payah di bawah matahari?

**4** Keturunan yang satu pergi dan keturunan yang lain datang, tetapi bumi tetap ada.

What is your perspectives? What is your point of view?

**Unless** God open the eyes of our heart, everything just looks like **a circle of vanity!**

People may see the generations (either past, present, or emerging generation) as a circle of vanity. But truly that is not what actually happen in the presence of God.

**Psalms 78:4** We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.



*4 kami tidak hendak sembunyikan kepada anak-anak mereka, tetapi kami akan ceritakan kepada angkatan yang kemudian puji-pujian kepada TUHAN dan kekuatan-Nya dan perbuatan-perbuatan ajaib yang telah dilakukan-Nya.*

**Acts 13:36** “Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep;”

**36** *Sebab Daud melakukan kehendak Allah pada zamannya, lalu ia mangkat dan dibaringkan di samping nenek moyangnya, dan ia memang diserahkan kepada kebinasaan.*

## Circle of Vanity

**<sup>5</sup> The sun** also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose.

**<sup>6</sup> The wind** goes toward the south, and turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, and comes again on its circuit.



### Pengkhotbah 1:5-6

**5** Matahari terbit, matahari terbenam, lalu terburu-buru menuju tempat ia terbit kembali.

**6** Angin bertiup ke selatan, lalu berputar ke utara, terus-menerus ia berputar, dan dalam putarannya angin itu kembali.

**Psalm 113 <sup>3</sup>** From the rising of the sun to its going down the Lord's name is to be praised.

**<sup>4</sup>** The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.

### Mazmur 113:3-4

**3** Dari terbitnya sampai kepada terbenamnya matahari terpujilah nama TUHAN.

**4** TUHAN tinggi mengatasi segala bangsa, kemuliaan-Nya mengatasi langit.

### Lamentations 3:23

They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.  
**23** selalu baru tiap pagi; besar kesetiaan-Mu!

### **Hosea 6:3**

Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

**3** Marilah kita mengenal dan berusaha sungguh-sungguh mengenal TUHAN; Ia pasti muncul seperti fajar, Ia akan datang kepada kita seperti hujan, seperti hujan pada akhir musim yang mengairi bumi."

## Circle of Vanity

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<sup>7</sup> All **the rivers** run into the sea, yet the sea *is* not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again.

<sup>8</sup> All things *are* full of labor; Man cannot express *it*. **The eye** is not satisfied with seeing, nor **the ear** filled with hearing.



## What is the Purpose of This Book Then?

- Share his regrets
- Firsthand testimony
- Last great thing before finish line
- A powerful warning sign for believers from generation to generation



His primary purpose in writing Ecclesiastes may have been to share his regrets and his firsthand testimony with others before he died, especially with young people, so that they would not make the same mistakes he had.

He establishes forever the utter futility (complete uselessness) of basing one's values in life on earthly possessions and personal ambition.

**BEFORE:** King Solomon lived his life purposefully.

### **1Kings 4:32-34**

<sup>32</sup> He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five. <sup>33</sup> Also he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall; he spoke also of animals, of birds, of creeping things, and of fish. <sup>34</sup> And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

**32** Ia mengubah tiga ribu amsal, dan nyanyiannya ada seribu lima.

**33** Ia bersajak tentang pohon-pohonan, dari pohon aras yang di gunung Libanon sampai kepada hisop yang tumbuh pada dinding batu; ia berbicara juga tentang hewan dan tentang burung-burung dan tentang binatang melata dan tentang ikan-ikan.

**34** Maka datanglah orang dari segala bangsa mendengarkan hikmat Salomo, dan ia menerima upeti dari semua raja-raja di bumi, yang telah mendengar tentang hikmatnya itu.

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## Prevent Boredom

*Live in God's Favour*

### 1KINGS 11

<sup>1</sup> But King Solomon **loved many foreign women**, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—



**What do you love in your life?**

### 1Raja 11:1

**1** Adapun raja Salomo mencintai banyak perempuan asing. Di samping anak Firaun ia mencintai perempuan-perempuan Moab, Amon, Edom, Sidon dan Het,

King Solomon just loved so many things in his life and it was **the biggest & the most dangerous trap** in his life! Why?

### 1 John 2:15-17

**15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

**16** For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

**17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he



who does the will of God abides forever.

**15** Janganlah kamu mengasihi dunia dan apa yang ada di dalamnya. Jikalau orang mengasihi dunia, maka kasih akan Bapa tidak ada di dalam orang itu.

**16** Sebab semua yang ada di dalam dunia, yaitu keinginan daging dan keinginan mata serta keangkuhan hidup, bukanlah berasal dari Bapa, melainkan dari dunia.

**17** Dan dunia ini sedang lenyap dengan keinginannya, tetapi orang yang melakukan kehendak Allah tetap hidup selama-lamanya.

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<sup>2</sup> from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. **Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods.**" Solomon clung to these in love.



<sup>3</sup> And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and **his wives turned away his heart.**

<sup>4</sup> For it was so, when Solomon was old, that **his wives turned his heart after other gods;** and **his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God,** as was the heart of his father David.

<sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

<sup>6</sup> Solomon **did evil in the sight of the Lord,** and **did not fully follow the Lord,** as did his father David.

<sup>7</sup> Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.

<sup>8</sup> And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to their gods.

### 1RAJA 11:2-8

2 padahal tentang bangsa-bangsa itu TUHAN telah

berfirman kepada orang Israel: "Janganlah kamu bergaul dengan mereka dan merekapun janganlah bergaul dengan kamu, sebab sesungguhnya mereka akan mencondongkan hatimu kepada allah-allah mereka." Hati Salomo telah terpaut kepada mereka dengan cinta.

**3** Ia mempunyai tujuh ratus isteri dari kaum bangsawan dan tiga ratus gundik; isteri-isterinya itu menarik hatinya dari pada TUHAN.

**4** Sebab pada waktu Salomo sudah tua, isteri-isterinya itu mencondongkan hatinya kepada allah-allah lain, sehingga ia tidak dengan sepenuh hati berpaut kepada TUHAN, Allahnya, seperti Daud, ayahnya.

**5** Demikianlah Salomo mengikuti Asytoret, dewi orang Sidon, dan mengikuti Milkom, dewa kejijikan sembahan orang Amon,

**6** dan Salomo melakukan apa yang jahat di mata TUHAN, dan ia tidak dengan sepenuh hati mengikuti TUHAN, seperti Daud, ayahnya.

**7** Pada waktu itu Salomo mendirikan bukit pengorbanan bagi Kamos, dewa kejijikan sembahan orang Moab, di gunung di sebelah timur Yerusalem dan bagi Molokh, dewa kejijikan sembahan bani Amon.

**8** Demikian juga dilakukannya bagi semua isterinya, orang-orang asing itu, yang mempersembahkan korban ukupan dan korban sembelihan kepada allah-allah mereka.

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<sup>9</sup> So the Lord became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,



King Solomon did not live in the favour of God anymore because he had turned away his heart far from God.

He tried to find happiness and satisfaction but **it all failed!**

### **1RAJA 2:9**

**9** Sekarang janganlah bebaskan dia dari hukuman, sebab engkau seorang yang bijaksana dan tahu apa yang harus kaulakukan kepadanya untuk membuat yang ubanan itu turun dengan berdarah ke dalam dunia orang mati."

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## Ecclesiastes chapter 2

Without the favour of God,  
any pleasures are meaningless

**NKJV** : The Vanity of Pleasure

**NIV** : Pleasures Are Meaningless

**ESV** : Does "Having Fun" Bring Happiness?

**NET** : Futility of Self-Indulgent Pleasure



### **Ecclesiastes 2:8-11 – NKJV: The Vanity of Pleasure / NIV: Pleasures Are Meaningless / ESV: Does "Having Fun" Bring Happiness? / NET: Futility of Self-Indulgent Pleasure**

<sup>8</sup> I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, *and* musical instruments of all kinds.

<sup>9</sup> So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me.

<sup>10</sup> Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor.

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all *was* vanity and grasping for the wind. *There was* no profit under the sun.

**8** Aku mengumpulkan bagiku juga perak dan emas, harta benda raja-raja dan daerah-daerah. Aku mencari bagiku biduan-biduan dan biduanita-biduanita, dan yang menyenangkan anak-anak manusia, yakni banyak gundik.

**9** Dengan demikian aku menjadi besar, bahkan lebih besar dari pada siapapun yang pernah hidup di Yerusalem sebelum aku; dalam pada itu hikmatku tinggal tetap padaku.

**10** Aku tidak merintanginya, dan aku tidak menahan hatiku dari sukacita apapun, sebab hatiku bersukacita karena segala jerih payahku. Itulah buah segala jerih payahku.

**11** Ketika aku meneliti segala pekerjaan yang telah dilakukan tanganku dan segala usaha yang telah kulakukan untuk itu dengan jerih payah, lihatlah, segala sesuatu adalah kesia-siaan dan usaha menjaring angin; memang tak ada keuntungan di bawah matahari.

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### PENGKHOTBAH 2:10

**10** Aku tidak merintangikan mataku dari apapun yang dikehendakinya, dan aku tidak menahan hatiku dari sukacita apapun, sebab hatiku bersukacita karena segala jerih payahku. Itulah buah segala jerih payahku.



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### **PENGKHOTBAH 2:11**

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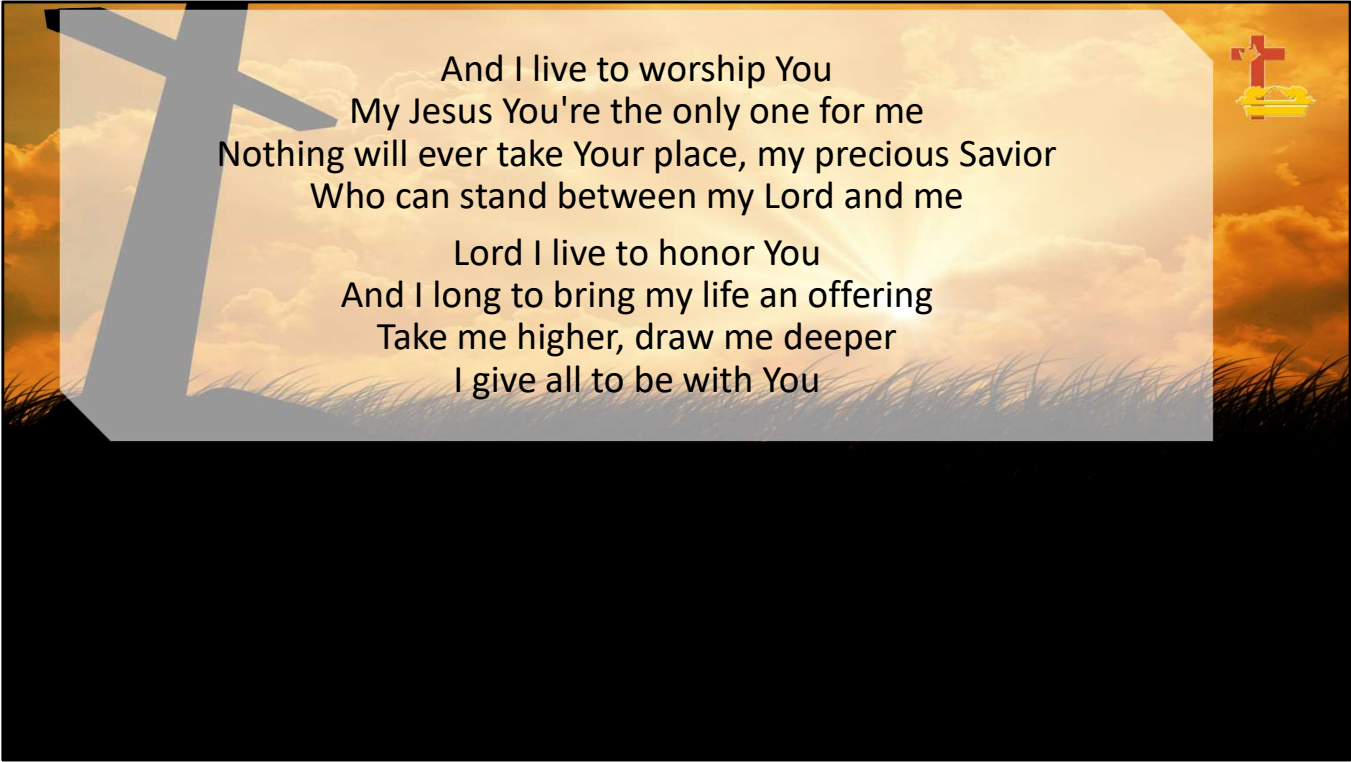
### PSALM 16

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is **fullness of joy**; At Your right hand are **pleasures forevermore**.



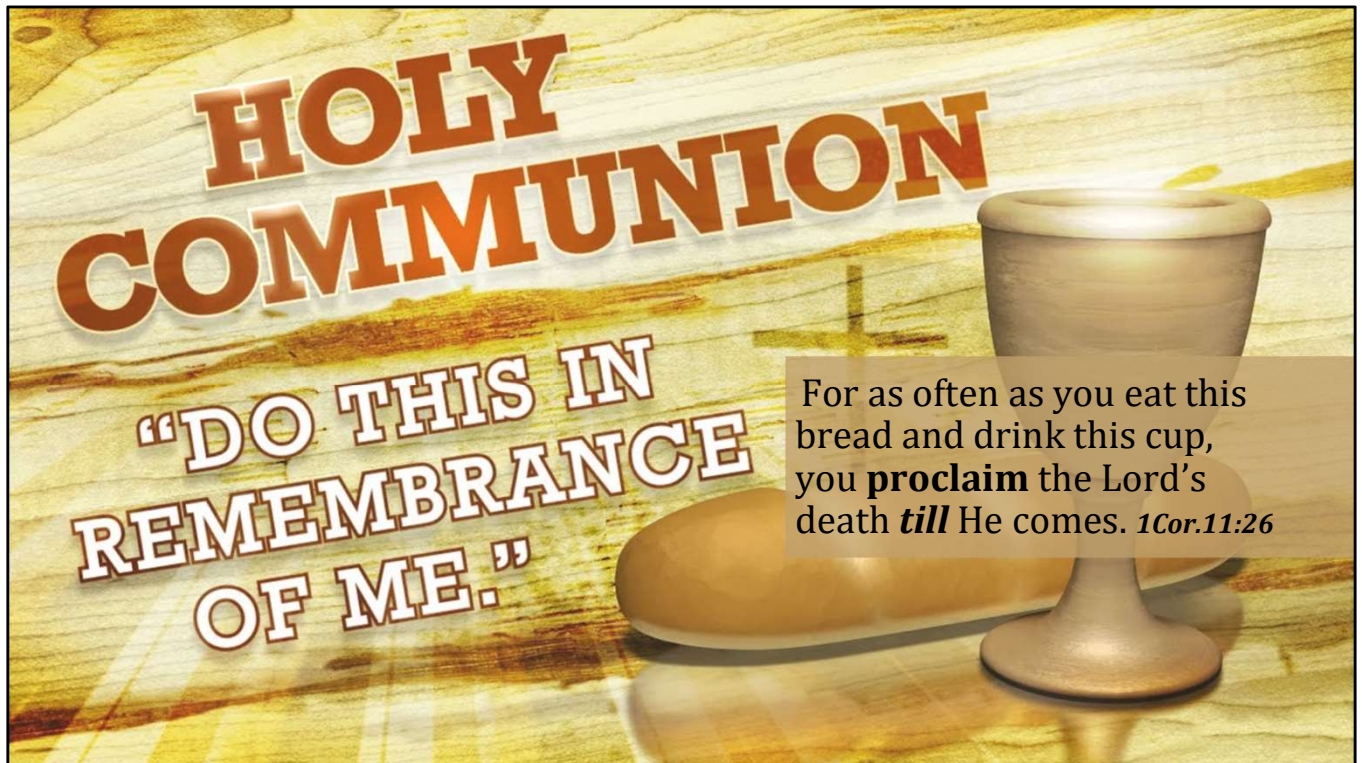
### MAZMUR 16:11

**11** Engkau memberitahukan kepadaku jalan kehidupan; di hadapan-Mu ada sukacita berlimpah-limpah, di tangan kanan-Mu ada nikmat senantiasa.



And I live to worship You  
My Jesus You're the only one for me  
Nothing will ever take Your place, my precious Savior  
Who can stand between my Lord and me

Lord I live to honor You  
And I long to bring my life an offering  
Take me higher, draw me deeper  
I give all to be with You



A friendly reminder for all of us: Holy Communion is only for those who already baptised in the water. If there is anyone want to commit their life in Jesus, receiving Jesus as the Saviour in their life, please feel free to call us the pastoral team so that we can help you with that commitment and go together with you in that journey of faith and prepare for the water baptism.

## 1CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **"Take, eat; This is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."**

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."**

**John 15:4-5, 1Corinthians 11:23-25, 1Corinthians 10:16-17**

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

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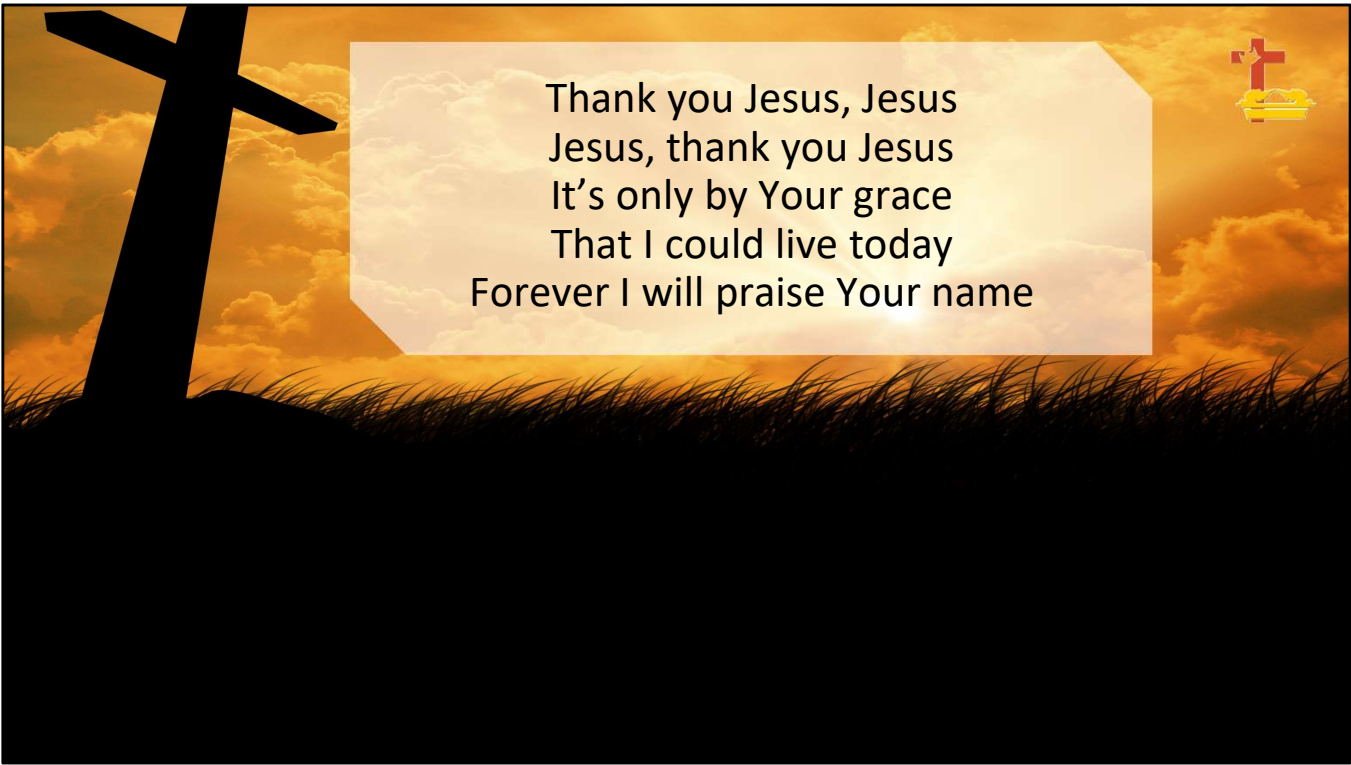
For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

***The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?***

In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

***The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?***





Thank you Jesus, Jesus  
Jesus, thank you Jesus  
It's only by Your grace  
That I could live today  
Forever I will praise Your name





# **GOD BLESS YOU!**

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK WITH JESUS***

***See You Next Sunday!***