NUMBER YOUR DAYS

Time and Seasons, Part 4

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When it comes to time, the best question to ask is not "What time is it?" but "_____ _____ with my time?"

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and they come to an end without hope. Job 7:6
My days are swifter than a runner; they fly away without a glimpse of joy. Job 9:25

- At some point in life we stop thinking about our age, and start thinking, "Oh no, time is running out."
- Question: How can I live my life and spend my time with the end in mind?
- As we get older we begin to realize that <u>we aren't the point</u> of life, and then we start to ask <u>what is the point</u>?
- The proper "context" of my life is not from birth to death, but from everlasting to everlasting with God in the middle.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. Psalm 90:1-6

- The reason God points out the shortness of my life is not to show that my life doesn't matter, but that because it is so brief, it is foolish and useless for me to try to use my life to create something <u>on my own</u>, that will be significant and lasting. I don't have enough time for that.
- My only hope of purpose that will last, is take my time and use it within God's grand story and purpose.
- When people try to make life "all about them," two things happen:
  1. They run out of time
  2. History never speaks well of them

Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Psalm 90:10-12

I must learn to _____ my days,

That I may gain a heart of _____.

- When I learn to live as if my days were numbered, understanding my "everlasting to everlasting" context, then I will gain a heart of wisdom and make better:
  - Financial decisions
  - relationship decisions
  - parenting decisions
  - job and career and education decisions…I will be far wiser in <u>all</u> my decisions.

Prayer For This Week:
"Heavenly Father, teach me to number my days, that I might gain a heart of wisdom, and fulfill your purpose in my life."

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*