

## Losing My Religion Sermon Series Part #3 - Finding Life

Philippians 1:21, Ezekiel 37:1-14

### Series Summary

THE BIG IDEA of this series is: *It is time to Lose Your Religion and Follow Jesus!* Have you ever felt like there was meant to be more to life? You are just drifting, overwhelmed by stress, work, and you are always pressed for time, and you find yourself merely going through the motions. You just want freedom... You just want to be Saved from this hum-drum life you're your living... You just want to experience life the way it was meant to be lived... If this describes you then we invite you to find the freedom, life, and the answers you're looking for in the series entitled: *Losing My Religion!*

### Big Idea

**Big Idea – We have only one life to live and soon it will pass,  
only what is done for Christ will last.**

- This message will focus on the concept of what it means to live a fulfilled life of purpose and mission. We will explore what this statement means: *To Live is Christ, To Die is Gain!* This is opposite of the world's advice so what does this mean in practical terms.

### Four Experiences in Finding Life

#### Experience #1 – Understanding = Death Precedes Life

- **Romans 14:7-8** – <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.
- **Key Point** – Any person that truly wants to experience life must understand the concept that death precedes life. Jesus declares in John 14:6 that He is the Way, Truth, and the LIFE. We can never live with a self-centered or self-righteous purpose and believe that we will find fulfillment in our lives, this can only come through living for Jesus Christ. *To Live is Christ... To Die is Gain.*

#### Experience #2 – The Resurrection Word

- **Key Point** – We will never find life until we experience the resurrection Word. There are many levels of experience that each of us must go through when it comes to the Word of God. Some people are at the beginning stage where the Word brings them the knowledge of sin and unrighteousness... Some it brings the knowledge of salvation and sacrifice... Some it brings conviction to grow deeper and live for Christ. It is called the Living Word because the more we ingest it... the more we become alive for it active, piercing, and transforming.
- **Living Word... Training Yourself Up With Godliness**
- **Group Accountability – Not Alone**

#### Experience #3 – Boldly Pray

- **Key Point** – As you examine Ezekiel 37 you come to the point of realization that God called to Ezekiel and asked Him to do something unfathomable yet Ezekiel did not flinch, he just obeyed and prayed. This could be one of the most steadfast and faithful men of God you will ever see in the Bible and we learn about the results of boldly praying from him. You experience life when you come to the point of learning what it means to boldly pray.

### Experience #4 – The Filling of the Holy Spirit

- **Philippians 1:21** – For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- **Key Point** – Reflecting on Ezekiel 37 one last time, we see that the dry bones were given flesh yet they were not given life until the moment that they were given the filling of the Holy Spirit. This is something that many people are terrified of experiencing because the world has warped the definition of being filled with the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5 tells us the results of being filled with the Holy Spirit and when we use the fruit of the Spirit as a baseline as to our own spiritual health then it is amazing how our eyes will be opened and life will be challenged to live above and beyond the point where we are already at.

### Question to Consider

- Where do you need to find new vigor in your own life? How will you allow Christ to help you?

### Memory Verse

- **Philippians 1:21** – For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

### Challenge

This week choose one way to live for Christ...(1) Increase your prayer time, (2) Read the Bible more, (2) Serve someone in need! *Find life...Live Life*

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