

# BRUH!: ENGAGING LIFE

Big Idea: Yesterday is gone and tomorrow is still to come, so today is the rest of my life.

Big Question: How should I engage the rest of my life?

Main Scripture: James 4:13-17

James 4:13-14a <sup>13</sup> Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." <sup>14</sup> How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow?

1. With a surrender to the unknown

2. With a sense of urgency

James 4:14b <sup>14b</sup> Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

Revelation 12:12 <sup>12</sup> Therefore, rejoice, O heavens! And you who live in the heavens, rejoice! But terror will come on the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you in great anger, knowing that he has little time.

Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last. – C.T. Studd

Psalms 90:12 <sup>12</sup> Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.

Psalms 39:4-5 <sup>4</sup> "LORD, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered- how fleeting my life is. <sup>5</sup> You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath."

James 4:15-17 <sup>15</sup> What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." <sup>16</sup> Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. <sup>17</sup> Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

3. With a submission to God's understanding

Romans 11:33-36 <sup>33</sup> Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! <sup>34</sup> For who can know the LORD's thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? <sup>35</sup> And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? <sup>36</sup> For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

Psalms 115:3 <sup>3</sup> Our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes.