

## WHAT'S NEXT? (PART 6) "OPPORTUNITIES IN TRANSITION: AMAZING!"

Scripture used: 2 Corinthians 5:1 (NLT)

### OVERVIEW

**Big Idea:** Life can be amazing!

This week's message is the sixth and final message in the What's Next? series, where Pastor Hurmon concludes with the ultimate transition: from life to death to eternal life. Inspired by the recent passing of his beloved cousin, he laid the groundwork that our life on earth is only temporary, and that we are built for eternity. The Apostle Paul wrote this letter using visual imagery to convey this point: tents are temporary shelters, whereas houses are permanent shelters. Our imperfect, broken, and aging bodies are only temporary housing for us and when they give out, we will receive new, perfect, and whole bodies. This truth is something believers can look forward to and an encouragement for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Although our bodies are imperfect, there is still good we can do while there is breath in our lungs. We do not have to wait to receive our new bodies to have an amazing life. We can live amazing lives here on earth today!

### KEY POINTS

- 1) **Life on earth is temporary.** Many live their lives as though death is uncertain and life is certain; however, it is the other way around: death is certain and life is uncertain. We all have a timer on our lives and it should inspire us to make the best of it.
- 2) **Life can be amazing when I:**
  - a. **Learn to value the little things.** Whether you live in a penthouse or in a public housing project – if you value little things life can be amazing! Hidden in the little things is the power of big impact. Jesus took two fishes and five loaves and fed over 5,000 men, women, and children.
  - b. **Love and invest in family and friends.** Learn to invest small amounts of love and time consistently over a long period of time. Don't assume people know how you feel about them; tell them you love them the next chance you get. Meaningful relationships are our key terrestrial legacy.
  - c. **Live out your values.** What are the values that guide your life? For Pastor Hurmon, they are: integrity (being transparent and authentic; acting the same on the inside and the outside); generosity (with time, talent, and treasure); and faithfulness (to God, and to people depending on Him and looking up to him).
  - d. **Look forward to unending life after death.** We will all eventually transition from this life into the next. As believers, we need not fear death because it is not the final stop on our journey.
- 3) **Life can be amazing after death.** Trust Jesus now and we have an eternity with Him to look forward to where "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain," (Rev. 21:4).

### DISCUSSION

- 1) **HEAR** - Have you, or are you, going through a difficult transition of a loved one's passing? If so, how did this message affect you? What did you hear from the message that inspired you to live your life differently today?
- 2) **UNDERSTAND** - Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 in three different translations. What questions do you have about this passage? By reading it in three different translations, what do you understand differently—or fuller?
- 3) **DO** - This week, be intentional about verbally communicating with your loved ones that you, indeed, love them. For those who are in arguments with loved ones, do a heart check and ask yourself, "If I knew I was going to die tonight, how important would this issue be?" Lastly, take some time this week to consider and write down your top 1-3 values you currently, or would like to, live your life by.