



## WORD

<sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

John 10:10,11

## WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

The color green is generally identified as the color of life. When Jesus was born into the world, we can say that His coming opened for us a chance to have a better quality of life. Certainly, without Jesus coming to the world to give us salvation, we will simply exist and but not have life. What is the kind of life that Jesus gives?

- **Life that is stable**

*He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.*

Psalm 40:2

Just as God has great plans for us, the enemy has his own schemes as well—to steal, kill, and destroy. He does this by his subtle tactics such as greed, immorality, idolatry, etc., things that slowly destroy us or the things we value. However, through Jesus’ finished work on the cross, we can grow in things that will make our lives stable. How can the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23) help us live crisis-proof lives?

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- **Life that is meaningful**

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John 10:10

The life that Jesus provides is a life that counts. In Christ, one can have a full life by becoming a channel of blessing to others by encouraging them, or helping with their needs. Furthermore, one of the greatest expressions of love could be walking with someone in

faith, which we commonly know as discipleship (Matthew 28:18-20). How has Jesus shown us His love?

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- **Life that results from His sacrifice**

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

John 10:11

This high quality of life is possible only through Jesus. This comes to us as a free gift but it cost Jesus much—His very life. Even if we do not deserve this gift, Jesus willingly died for us on the cross. What did Jesus’ complete work on the cross give us?

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## SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- According to Matthew 7:21-27, what is one ways to follow Jesus? What happens if we follow Him this way?
- What do we like to see happen as we bless others through discipleship based on the command of Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2?
- What perspective do we need to have in order for us to appreciate more the sacrifice Jesus made for us (Luke 7:44-47)?

## NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- What can you do starting today to allow God to strengthen your character more and help you prepare in facing challenges in life?
- Encourage a friend in church to start joining a Victory group this week.
- See to it that you will get to share the gospel to a friend, relative, or neighbor this week.