

## Living the Life

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Mark 10:25; Acts 2:14; Acts 2:22–24; Acts 2:36–41; Romans 6:3–4; 1 Peter 1:8–9

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Hannah & Mark

I thought I was a Christian, then I met Jesus.

Everyone thinks they are Christian

I wasn't living the life.

Die to our old life and start a new life in Jesus.

This is the story of the New Testament

Acts 2:14 (NASB95)

*Peter's Sermon*

**14**But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

Acts 2:36–41 (NASB95)

**36**"Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified."

**37**Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to

Peter and the +rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

38Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39"For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

40And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

41So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Amen

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16yo named Chase Nasca

When she opened the TikTok app on his iPad, she found a library of more than 3,000 videos her son had bookmarked, liked, saved or tagged as a favorite. She could see the terms he'd searched for: Batman, basketball, weightlifting, motivational speeches. And she could see what the algorithm had brought him: many videos about depression, hopelessness and death.

Its not just kids. This isn't about parenting. Its about spiritual formation. Being aware of the voices shaping your soul.

What are the voices shaping your life?

We live in Boca Raton.

Mark 10:25 (NASB95)

25 "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Lost respect for educated voices.

"These are dangerous times. Never have so many people had so much access to so much knowledge and yet have been so resistant to learning anything"

— Thomas M. Nichols, *The Death of Expertise: The Campaign Against Established Knowledge and Why it Matters*

Women disfiguring their bodies to look 25. Plastic surgery is a look here.

There are being discipled by algorithms. – someone is saying 22 is the peak and its not true.

In our text we read that the people experienced the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Peter stood up and told them the Gospel.

Acts 2:22–24 (NASB95)

**22** "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—

23 this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless

men and put *Him* to death.

24"But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Peter was an expert. And he began discipling the Church as a man who had been disciplined by Jesus and put into authority by Christ and his fellow apostles.

Jesus died for sinners and the Father raised him from the dead.

Preached with anointing. The power of God was present.

Acts 2:37–38 (NASB95)

*The Ingathering*

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Becoming a follower of Jesus looks like something.

It starts with a counter cultural identification.

There were ceremonial baths as part of being a Jew. Called a mikvah.

John the Baptist baptized people to leave the way of Rome, and the way of the pharisees, sadusees, the zealots, the essens and follow the way.

This was different. The Spirit was active in this one.

Marine corps door

Silver hatches

Ceremony and formation

I joined the Coast Guard because it was the best option for me at the time.

They shave my head and made us all dress the same. They wanted to give me a new way of looking at the world.

Acts 2:38 (NASB95)

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Start all the way from the beginning.

Romans 6:3–4 (NASB95)

3Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

4Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

You may have believed in Jesus. Said a prayer or grew up in church. Are you living the life?

8 weeks of bootcamp. We get our ultimate reward in heaven.

1 Peter 1:8–9 (NASB95)

8and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

9obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

But you have to start that journey.

Stop letting the algorithm of the world disciple you. Submit to the way of the Jesus.