When God Says – Number Your Days | Pastor Lance 06.02.2019 Replay message at: <u>http://www.northpointeFL.org/messages</u>

YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR

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PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

## Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:5-8

<sup>"5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. "

## Psalm 90:1-12 A prayer of Moses the man of God.

<sup>\*1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup>You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals." <sup>4</sup>A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup>Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning: <sup>6</sup>In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered. <sup>7</sup>We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation. <sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. <sup>9</sup>All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan. <sup>10</sup>Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup>If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due. <sup>12</sup>Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Psalm 90:12 says "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

- What does that mean?
- How do you spend your days?
- If you were to log every hour and every minute of the day-what has captured your attention? What would the log
  say matters most to you?

We can't force someone into a relationship with God. We have to trust God to do what only He can do. While we can't force relationships, we can create environments to help children, teens and new believers to grow.

- What environments can help children, teens, and new believers grow in their relationship with God?
  - What can you do to help make or encourage these environments?

We can't make people believe the Bible. We can help them understand the truth and engage in their lives, showing them that it has power, it's alive and it is life-changing. You and I may be the best chance for someone to see the Love of God displayed.

- What are you doing now to help others understand the Bible and God's love?
- Does your life show the Love of God? If not, how can you change that?

## Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NIV)

<sup>"4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

## Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (The Message)

<sup>44</sup>Attention, Israel! GOD, our God! GOD the one and only! <sup>5</sup>Love GOD, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! <sup>6-9</sup> Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates."

- If you have kids, how much time (on average) is left with them? Do you feel good about what time you have spent with your kids? How much time have you wasted?
- What would you do differently if you knew how many weeks YOU had left on this Earth?
- If everyone had a number over their head and you could see just how many weeks each person had left--what would you do differently? We should live this way now.

Pastor Lance reminded us that what we do everyday matters. We need to be intentional about sharing the good news with our children, friends, coworkers, and family. We need to remember to trust God and trust that what you are doing over time will make a difference, even when you don't see it.

- What do you already do weekly/ daily to share Jesus with someone in your life?
- What can you do this week (that you don't already do) to impact someone's life?

We all leave a legacy. As a Follower of Jesus Christ, it is not about leaving something physical for when we are gone. It is about pouring into the lives of those that are with us now. As a parent, leader, teacher or coach, our job is simple, show up each week and be present NOW!

What legacy will you leave?