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Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26

“You only live once!” That’s the motto I always heard and often carried with me throughout my time in college. It’s a popular phrase a lot of people keep in mind to help them cherish and live for every moment. The saying not only keeps life in perspective, but it also encourages us to live to the fullest with no regret. Throughout my time at Campbell, I never took life for granted and always jumped on any opportunity that presented itself. After all, life seems to be too short. YOLO! But as a believer growing in my faith, I started to see the flaw in that very philosophy. Why am I living by a motto that implies my life is temporary and will inevitably end? Why am I living for the moment when I have the opportunity to live forever?

Jesus tells us in John 11:25-26 that he is the resurrection and the life. Because of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross our actions are no longer motivated by death as a final act but by life given to us through the resurrection of Jesus. As humans, it’s easy to get caught up living for the moment as the world around us seems to be crumbling. But God has called those who believe in him to live a life of preparation for an eternity in his kingdom. Life in this world is temporary, but life in Christ lasts forever.

Life Question: Are you living your life like you will only live once or are you living your life like you will live forever?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you so much for the love and grace you show me every day. As I continue my journey in this world, I pray that you will show me how to live my life through Christ as if I was living forever. I pray you will give me discernment to know the difference between what it means to live for the moment and to live for eternity. Amen.

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