

New Life

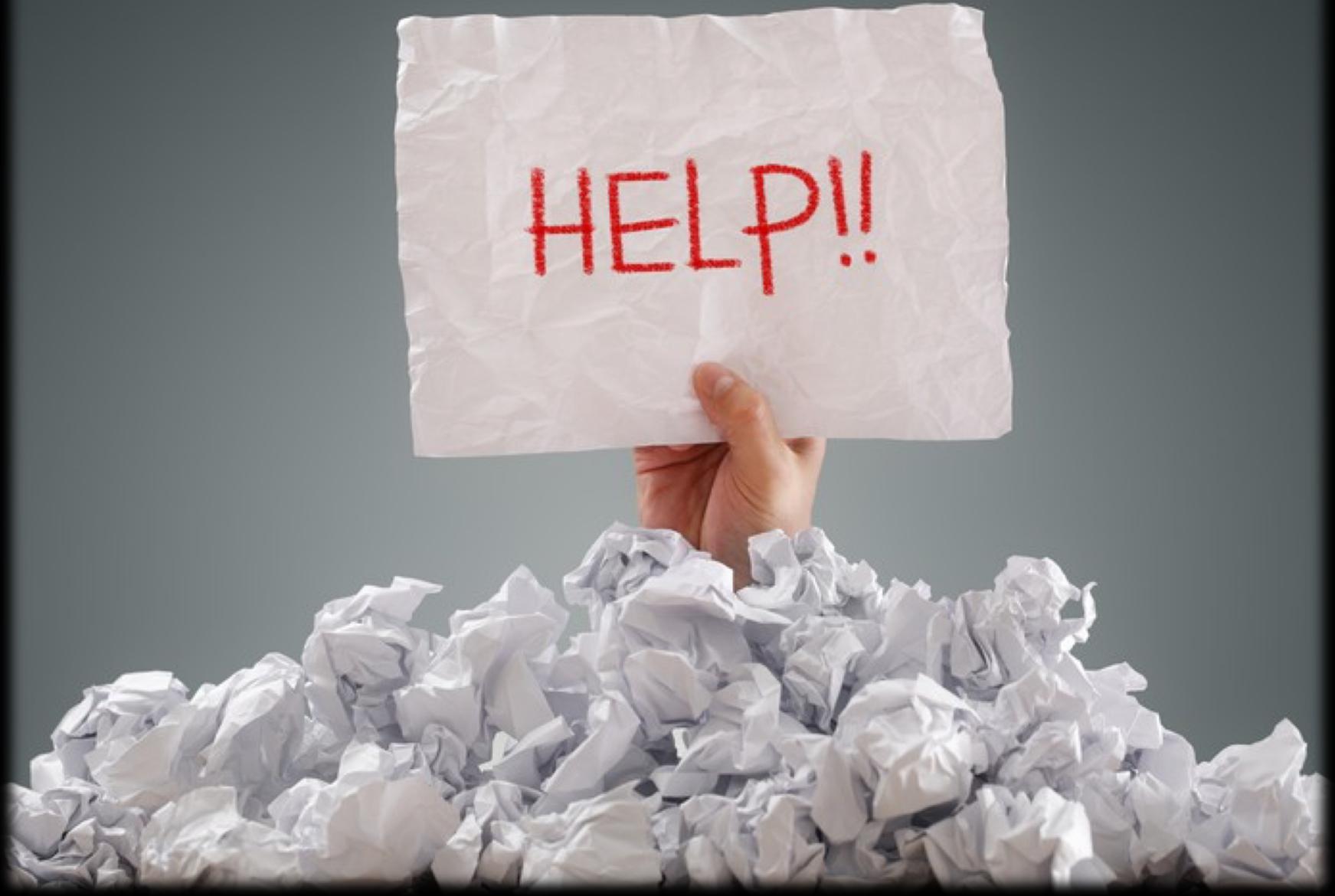
Life:

The quality that makes living animals
and plants different from dead

The period from birth to death

- Challenges, issues, brokenness, hardships, difficulties
- Positions, dad, mom, spouse, employer, employee, friend, etc
- Old, young, abilities, disabilities, strengths and weaknesses
- Expectation, options, choices, opinions, feelings

Are we living life or just surviving life?



2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

Vs 5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith...

Your life journey is about a
growing faith

As our faith grows we will live

2 Peter 1

Vs 5-7

For this very reason, make every effort to
add to your faith goodness;

Faith this Grace, Peace, Intimacy with
Jesus, Divine power, God touching thing

Goodness this unbridled moral muscles; a
passionate and fiery preference of right to
wrong

...and to goodness, knowledge;

Knowledge this deeper and enlarged
knowing of a holy, righteous, loving,
just, all powerful, all knowing, and
living God

...and to knowledge, self-control...

Self-control this ability to stay on
course in the face of internal resistance
and conflicts

...and to self-control, perseverance...

Perseverance this ability to stay on
course in the face of external resistance
and conflicts

...and to perseverance, godliness...

Godliness this capability and privilege
to be like God

...and to godliness, brotherly
kindness...

Brotherly-kindness this life changing
affection for brothers and sisters in
Christ

Vs 8

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ

Vs 9

But if anyone does not have them, he is
nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten
that he has been cleansed from his past
sins.

...and to brotherly kindness, love

Agapao or Agape

Agapao speaks of a love which is
awakened by a sense of value in an
entity

Agapao speaks of love that acts
regardless of the worthiness of the
receiver

Agapao (Love) this affection and
passion that compels one to move
toward and connect to

John 3:19

Men loved (*agapao*) darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 12:43

For they loved (*agapao*) the praise of men more than the praise of God

2 Timothy 4:10

Demas has forsaken me, having loved
(*agapao*) this present world.

Luke 11:43

Woe to you Pharisees! For you love
(*agapao*) the best seats

2 Peter 2:15

They have forsaken the right way...
following the way of Balaam... who
loved (*agapao*) the wages
of unrighteousness.

Because without
Goodness Knowledge Self-control
Perseverance Godliness Brotherly-kindness

We will be tempted to misdirect our
affection and passion and be compelled
to move toward and connect to the less
or even the harmful

Love this affection and passion that
compels one to move toward and
connect to

If love does not compel us to move
toward and connect to, then we will not
be in position to dispense

Mark 12:30

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Mark 12:31

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as
Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her

Matthew 5:43-44

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

“Serving and saving were marks of Christ’s life on earth. They should be marks of His people as well. But to do that, we must engage the broken and hurting people around us. That’s hard. But a church without the broken is a broken church. How does your church engage the hurting? What have you done in your own life to avoid insulating yourself from brokenness around you?” Ed Stetzer

May we be inflated with love and may
that love move us to and connect us,
first and foremost, to God, then our
neighbors, each other, our spouses, our
enemies, and the lost.