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“So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

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They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire...They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.” Daniel 3:21-27

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1) Wake up to normal life! Welcome to the Kingdom!

2) Baptism symbolizes death to self; bowing says, "Jesus, it's Your ride!" - there's only room for one on the Throne of my heart.

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13

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3) Who and what do you bow to?

a) Comfort

b) Convenience

c) Community

"...If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10b

d) Caution

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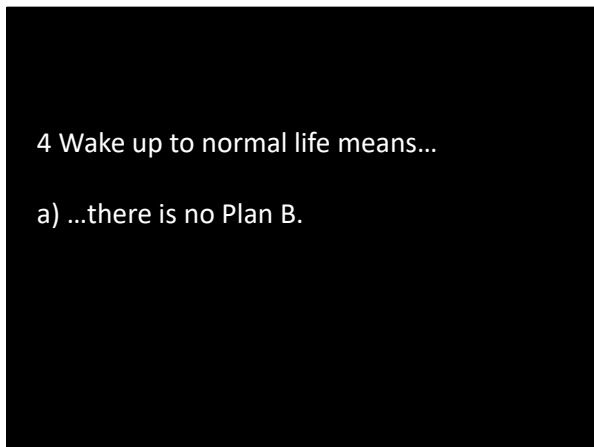
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b) ...you and I have a Divine assignment .We are Ambassadors of another Country – the Kingdom of God.

c) ...you are walking in the Father’s purposes for your life. Jesus, it’s your ride.

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”I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills His purpose for me. He sends from Heaven and saves me...God sends his love and his faithfulness.” Psalm 57:2-3

“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep.” Acts 13:36

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d) ...we are not graded on our failures. We don't lean on them; we learn from them.

"I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

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e) ...you don't give life to your past.

"No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead... " Phil. 3:13 NLT

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5) The scars from our past show us where we've been. The scars in His hands show us where we're going.

6) Do you have the courage to do what is right...to refuse to forfeit your integrity?

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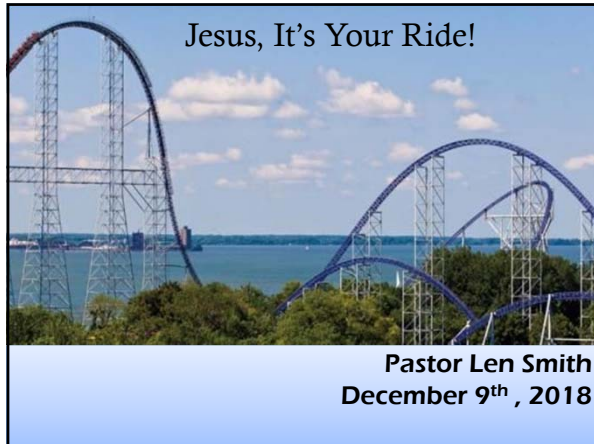
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