

## Make the Most of the Dash!

Scripture: Hebrews 1:8-12

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**Message:** *You laid the earth's foundations long ago; the skies are your handiwork. These things will pass away, but you will last. All of these things will wear out like clothing; you change them like clothes, and they pass on. But you are the one! Your years never end!*

*Psalm 102:25-27*

In the beginning God laid the earth's foundations. Yet, they will wear out and pass away. They are not everlasting. We see the beauty of creation every spring as new life emerges. In West Virginia as that new life fades away in autumn, we once again see the beauty of creation. Perhaps this could be a reminder to us that there is beauty to be found, even during times of loss.

Have you ever said or heard someone say, "Life is short, make the most of it!" It appears to be a very simple statement, but it carries a very complex meaning unique to your individual definition of what making the most of life means to you. I saw a post from a friend on social media who had recently lost a loved one. The post listed the loved one's life span as 1930–2020 accompanied with the statement, "Your life is made up of two dates and a dash...make the most of the dash."

This made me ponder the days of Jesus' life on earth. For those who knew Jesus and followed him during that time, he was fully human. Although he performed many wondrous acts, one of which left them saying, "You truly are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33), they didn't realize exactly what that meant. When they witnessed his crucifixion, they thought his life had come to an end. They didn't know what was going to take place three days later. They didn't know that, as the Son of God, Jesus' reign is everlasting!

God of yesterday is the same God of today and the same God of tomorrow. Thanks be to God! Jesus set an example for all of us to follow. He showed us what it truly means to make the most of the dash. May our lives reflect the image of our living God as we make the most of the dash.

**Prayer:** *Everlasting Father, we give you praise and thanksgiving that you are the one true God. Your reign never ends. Help us Lord, to live a life devoted to and pleasing to you. Amen.*

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