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A life without true meaning - Jesus came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Paul said we “can do all things through Christ” (Philippians 4:13). The whole of man is to fear the Lord and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

A life without a totally reliable model to imitate - There are many fine people in this world. Some are worthy of imitation because they demonstrate selfless behavior, pure speech, and a respectful attitude. Yet no mere human is a good example in every way all of the time. Each person makes mistakes. “All have sinned” (Romans 3:23). Jesus “committed no sin,” and that is why He alone is worthy of complete imitation (1 Peter 2:21–22).

A life without direction - Where am I going in my life? Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life” (John 8:12).

A life without salvation - The wages of sin is death because sin separates a person from God (Romans 6:23; Isaiah 59:1–2). Thank God that He loved us so much that He sent Jesus “into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15; Ephesians 1:7). Because Jesus is the only Savior, the only “name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12), we could never enjoy the forgiveness of sins without Him.

A life without hope - People that live without hope are miserable indeed. Jesus is the hope of the world (1 Timothy 1:1). Through Jesus, we can live “in hope of eternal life” (Titus 1:2).

The choice is ours: we can live life either with Him or without Him. Let us choose wisely, for this choice will determine our eternal destiny. To live with Him, of course, means to live according to His will. Are you doing that?



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I cannot imagine trying to make it through life without having “the good shepherd” (John 10:11), who is the “one Mediator between God and men” (1 Timothy 2:5) and the “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:16) in my corner. But what if Jesus had never come into this world “to give His life a ransom” (Mark 10:45)?

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