



### ---Message Notes

The Best is Yet to Come: Leaning Into Tomorrow - Dr. Dick Foth

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Robert Coleman. [SONGS of HEAVEN](#). 1980

[Mark 1:14-15](#)

**The Kingdom is ALWAYS about the KING.**

Obedience to King's rule. All about being in proximity.

Connected. Ultimate? Live in His house. In His city.

THE KINGDOM REVEALED

### **1. Actions of Jesus are windows on the Kingdom**

[Mark 2](#) "Friends on a roof"

[John 2](#) "Wine at a wedding"

[John 9](#) "Blind from birth"

HOME should be peace and safety

## 2. The NAMES of Jesus describe the KINGDOM

Stability = He is the **I AM**. Care = He is the **Good Shepherd**.

Protection = He is **The Door**. Intimacy = He is **Friend**

Hungry = He is the **Living Bread**. Thirsty = He is the **Living Water**

Direction = **Way, Truth, Life**. Family = **Beloved Son**

Identity = He is the **Son of Man**. Access to power = He is the **Son of God**

Learn = He is the **Teacher**. Help = He is the **Savior**. Trapped = He is the **Redeemer**.

Not alone = He is **Immanuel**, God with us. Anointed leader = He is the **Jesus, the Messiah**

[John 11:17-27](#)

**DEATH IS NOT THE END.**

*Life is short, death is certain, and the grave is not the goal.*

[I Corinthians 15:54-56](#)

**My limited self? Life with small “I” and Death is a capital “D”**

**Embrace Jesus? RESURRECTION Life: Capital “L” Death is a small “d”**

Life gets so complicated: “Who do I please?”

MY expectations of me. My boss. My parents. My tradition. My spouse. Children. The system.

When I step into RESURRECTION LIFE through Jesus, I get to please ONE person: **THE KING**.

[II Timothy 4:7-8](#)

[James 1:12](#)

[I Corinthians 13:12](#)

“I have often said half-jokingly that when I get to heaven, I will ask for 24 hours to see my friends, and then I shall go up to Him and say, ‘Haven’t you a world somewhere which has fallen people who need an evangelist like me? Please send me there.’ For I know no heaven beyond preaching the Gospel to people. That is heaven to me. It has been, is, and ever shall be.” - E. Stanley Jones: December, 1972, Sat Tal, India

**Resurrection LIFE, that has been at work in us, gives us a new and immortal body in God’s new creation.**

One key piece of LEANING INTO TOMORROW is to understand that the King is not just rescuing me from my sins, but He is re-creating me into a different person.

Building a WHOLE NEW THING! THAT is the mission of God.

[Revelation 21-22](#)

“That is the logic of the mission of God. God’s recreation of his wonderful world, which began with the resurrection of Jesus and continues mysteriously as God’s people live in the risen Christ and in the power of his Spirit, means that what we do in Christ and by his Spirit in the present is not wasted. It will last all the way into God’s new world. In fact, it will be enhanced there.” - N.T. Wright in his work [SURPRISED BY HOPE](#)

[I Corinthians 15:58](#)

**A NEW HEAVEN and a NEW EARTH.**

**I know *where* it is - it’s in the King’s presence**

***We often think “THIS life” and the “AFTER life. “***

***What is it is ONE life just experienced by increments. Ever more real!***

We are HOME. The BEST IS YET TO COME!

[Billy Graham - Nearing Home](#)

**A PRAYER to PRAY:**

Our Father in Heaven thank you for the ability to see life and death differently when we truly know You and Your heart towards us. Thank you that we can not live in fear of death, but with the realization that life is one continuous journey experienced in increments. Death is not the end but the beginning of the next increment. Help us to share that peace and love towards those that we interact with this week and learn to appreciate each part of the journey along the way. All this we pray in Jesus' name Amen.