

2020 Convention Devotion presented by the WY District Christian Life Committee

Inspired by hope – *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecc 3:1*

In every season, God gives beauty. In every moment, God gives hope. Hope builds us up. It gives courage. It changes lives.

Jesus is our hope. He gives our lives purpose. Without Him, we stagger and stumble.

May this devotion encourage you to live with joy, inspired by hope in Christ in every season, day, hour and year.

*[Jesus said,] “Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.” John 14:19*

## Seconds

So much can happen in a second. In a second, you can burp, blink, wink, sneeze, or giggle.

The birth of an idea or the flash of a smile only take a second, but the results can endure for a lifetime.

In a second, someone can move from sickness to health or from death to life. It only takes a second for a crippling accident to change the rest of a life. In a second, one can have a heart attack or be struck by lightning.

A single second can turn someone from despair to hope. One more second can win a game or secure a championship. In a second, you can inherit great wealth or lose your life savings. You can gain citizenship, become adopted, get engaged, or find a great parking place.

The importance of an event cannot be measured by the length of time it takes to occur.

In a brief human lifetime, Jesus gained blessings for us that endure for eternity. Thirty-three years of life on earth, six hours on a cross, three days in a grave all peaked in the “split second” when he rose from the dead.

Without that second of resurrection, Jesus might as well have not been born. That one second made an eternal difference to the world. Escaping the grasp of death, reclaiming life, Jesus opened the door to heaven for all who believe in Him.

Jesus’ resurrection stands as the one most important second in the history of the world. In it, He moved us from death to life, sin to forgiveness, and despair to hope.

*Lord, thank You for taking time to save me from sin and to give me hope in You. Amen*

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