**Real Life**

*Ad for Friday****, January 26, 2024***

***With Pastor Steve***

*We are always getting ready to live, but never really living. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

 We are a nation of preparers. We prepare for a career by going to college or a trade school. We prepare for a meal by setting the table, mixing ingredients together, pairing the wine. I prepare each week to give a sermon on Sundays.

 However, we don’t just prepare a meal, to smell it, then put it all away. No, the purpose of preparing a meal is to enjoy it, preferably with friends and family. College should lead to a job, not just a diploma to put on the wall.

 We need to ask ourselves… what are we preparing for, and why? Are we missing the point of the whole thing?

 This could not be more true than in preparing for the “end of the age.” The point is not to prepare for an event, get the “certificate” or “get-out-of-hell-free” card, put it in the safe, and then just cash it in when Jesus comes back. Jesus said just the opposite. The point of being prepared is to live a life that’s prepared, a life that knows the God who’s coming back, and will be found living a life that reflects Him when He returns. That in spite of a world that includes a lot of pain, hardships, and trials… there is a lot still to enjoy along the way. People to love and care for. Let’s rediscover the joy and peace of living prepared. *And that’s … real life.* ~*Pastor Steve Rowe – Eaglebrook Church*

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