

The Life You Get Stuck With

Unstuck series

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“You (all) are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, [God’s] own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” • 1 Peter 2:9

Main Points:

1. Time is flying by.

- *Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present – Bill Keane*
 - My takeaways:
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2. Future you is an exaggerated version of current you.

- Time doesn’t change you; it makes you more of what you already are.
 - My takeaways:
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3. If you don’t like what you’re getting, change what you’re doing.

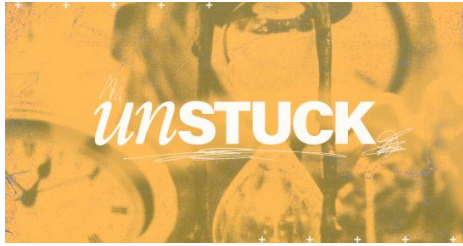
- Scripture Reference: **Galatians 6:7b-9**
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4. Long-term consistency > Short-term intensity.

- *Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it. He who doesn’t, pays it. – Albert Einstein*
 - *Good and evil both increase at compound interest. – C.S. Lewis*
 - *Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. – Luke 9:24*
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Additional Insight:

- **Ultimately, the life you seek is the one you surrender.**



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Group Life Questions

1. What comes to mind when you think about getting stuck (quicksand, traffic, math problem, relationship, job, etc.)? In that situation, what does getting unstuck look like?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:9. As a believer, have you ever thought of yourself (and other believers) in these terms? How might this mindset change the way you look at your life?
3. Read Psalm 90. What part of this prayer of Moses do you resonate with most? Have you ever talked to God like this?
4. Which of the 4 points from this week's message stood out to you? Why?
5. How have you seen long-term consistency play out in your life? How could the power of compound interest change your relationship with God?
6. Read Luke 9:24 (*note: there are similar verses in all 4 gospels*). What in the world did Jesus mean by this? What part(s) of your life are you still hanging onto?
7. What's one small change you could try this week that might turn into something greater over the next 5 years? 10 years?
8. ***Prayer for the week:*** Father, compared to eternity, I see that my life is like a breath. But I believe you made me for your purposes and pleasure and that my time on earth counts for something. Teach me to make each day count, give me courage to change, and help me to trust you even in the times when I don't see you working according to my schedule. Please establish the work of my hands as I submit my ways to you. Amen.