




Live Your Dash ---

Isaiah 30: 15, 18-22



Life is what happens
in the in-between

Now ----- Goal



Harry Chapin

Cat's in the Cradle

- My child arrived just the other day – He came to the world in the usual way – But there were planes to catch and bills to pay – He learned to walk while I was away – And he was talkin' 'fore I knew it, and as he grew - He'd say "I'm gonna be like you dad - You know I'm gonna be like you"

- I've long since retired, my son's moved away – I called him up just the other day – I said, "I'd like to see you if you don't mind" – He said, "I'd love to, Dad, if I can find the time – You see my new job's a hassle and kids have the flu – But it's sure nice talking to you, Dad – It's been sure nice talking to you"

- And as I hung up the phone it occurred to me – He'd grown up just like me – My boy was just like me



Efficient
Effective

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doing things right.**

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re-evaluating life

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all start and end with God



“I judge all things only by the
price they shall gain in eternity.”

John Wesley

**Jesus' life and ministry
was effective.**

**His goal was the cross; but He did
everything in-between.**

"[The Dash] is a reminder to live our lives with all we've got, appreciate the blessings we've been given, and do everything possible to make our time on earth meaningful." —Senator Bob Dole

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Make Every Moment Matter

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The Dash by Linda Ellis

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He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

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- If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel.

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1. Do Not Miss What God's Doing

Whether you turn to the right or to the left,
your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
“This is the way; walk in it.” **Isaiah 30:21**

2. Do Not Negate What God's Doing

Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. Acts 15:37-38

1. Change our Lives

“I saw on the way a light from heaven.” Acts 26:13a

2. Heal our Lives

“Go your way. Your faith has made you well”

Luke 17:19

1. Wherever We Are, Be There

“Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.” 1 Corinthians 7:20

2. Remove Hurry from Life?

“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

3. Balance Life Between People and Tasks?

“Live a life worthy of the calling you have received (the task). Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love (the people).”

Ephesians 4:1-2

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“The people are the reason for
whatever our ministry might be.”

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