

Dave ROEVER

April 2024

Upcoming Events:

April 7th:

Bayou Blue
Houma, Louisiana

April 14th:

Boliver First Assembly
Boliver, Missouri

April 18-21st:

Warrior River Run
Willow Springs, Missouri

April 21st:

Westside Family Life Center
Willow Springs, Missouri

April 23rd:

Southern Missouri District Council
Springfield, Missouri

April 28th:

Central Assembly of God
Springfield, Missouri

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim Elliot

"Finder's weepers, losers keepers." Maj. Ian Thomas

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Matthew 10:39

Without exception, everyone is exchanging their life for something of equal, greater, or lesser value. What are you exchanging your life for? On a recent heart checkup appointment, I told my cardiologist I thought my heart rate at 54bpm seemed slow. He answered, "Well, you only get so many heartbeats," and that's my point. We only get so many heartbeats. With every breath we breathe and beat of the heart, remember, they are not retrievable and are spent for some cause.

Is your cause worth those irretrievable beats and breaths? "For my sake", Jesus said.

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That's the cause, the joy, that makes the hour of suffering and sacrifice worth the loss. Everyone has a sunset. We all expend our heartbeats till the last one thumps in our chest. None of us know when we will surrender to that day and hour. What are you doing with what you have left? Ecclesiastes, the Preacher, declared, "It's all vanity." We forfeit our lifetime of treasure and talent and leave it to someone else who will finally end up with it all.

That is almost true. The only thing you take with you is the consequences of your CHOICES. Good, bad, beautiful, or ugly. My accumulation of wealth, small as it may be, will not be my eternal reward. My treasure is laid up in priceless souls. My calling is to please the Lord in winning souls for the Kingdom of God and giving broken lives to Christ, who gave His healing life for us. He gave His life FOR us, then gave His life TO us, holding nothing back. We are His reward, and He is our reward.

I have heard throughout my ministry career that I'm "burning the candle at both ends!" Well, that means "I'm twice as bright!" but I'm not trying to be funny when I say it. I want my passion to drive me like it did Paul. Forewarned and knowing he would lose his life in Rome, he continued faithful to the end, not being disobedient to a heavenly vision. Now, more than ever, we must not allow ourselves the luxury of safety and comfort over sacrifice and obedience, regardless of the loss. As with Christ, Paul, and the disciples, government and organized religion became the enemy of the calling "that none should perish." The bloodshed of the hour consecrated the purpose of the cause.

My vow is this: whatever it takes, I will reach every student, military personnel, law enforcement officer, first responder, and unbeliever I can with the love of Christ. The candle is burning, time is running out, and the lost are calling. Will you send me where you cannot go and allow me to reach those you cannot reach, with the hope we must not restrain from giving to the lost?

Give what you cannot keep to gain what you cannot lose.

At this time, my work with the Border Patrol in Texas is moving forward at warp speed. Suicide is on the increase, and the agents are calling. I am giving my new book, *Forged in Fire*, to hundreds of agents and their families. Please consider supporting this endeavor. It is a \$15,000 budget.

- Dave Roeser

