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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMER CONNECT GROUPS:** We are so excited to announce and launch all of our new and open Connect Groups! Summer Connect Groups begin this week, starting Mon. 6/1. There is a Connect Group for everyone, and we are NOT meant or created to do life alone, so be sure to join a Connect Group this Summer! Scan the QR code to view all open and available groups. Contact each CG leader directly with any questions, or to sign-up and join. If you have any other questions, please contact our TCCO Connect Group Director, Lindsey Morris, [lindsey@theconnecting.co](mailto:lindsey@theconnecting.co).



**TCCO SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHT:** Plan now to join us for a POWERFUL NIGHT of worship on Wed. 6/17 at 7pm; doors open at 6:45pm. Childcare will be available for children 5 & under by registration only; please use the QR code to register (for childcare only) no later than Sun. 6/14. Older TCCO Kids and all TCCO Students are invited and encouraged to attend the worship night with everyone; connect groups, friends and families are encouraged to attend and worship together. Invite everyone you know to be a part of this incredibly special night with us!

**RISE TOGETHER DRIVE:** Please join us in supporting this incredible local non-profit that provides sober-living housing for men coming out of homelessness, addiction, incarceration or crisis. We are collecting new and unused items needed for the men when they arrive with nothing but “the shirt on their back,” to help them take their first step to stability. A list of items needed is available in the lobby. We are encouraging everyone to bring at least one item per person for RISE TOGETHER to our SUMMER WORSHIP NIGHT as your “admission.” Bins will be available that night to turn in all donations/items. Monetary donations can also be made online or by check; be sure to put “RISE TOGETHER” in the memo. Contact [outreach@theconnecting.co](mailto:outreach@theconnecting.co) for a copy of the list of items needed or with any other questions.

**FATHER’S DAY:** Join us Sun. 6/21 at 9am or 11am for Father’s Day at TCCO. We have so many special things planned...a great message, a fun photo op, and a special gift for every dad and man. If you are a dad, invite and bring the whole family. If you know a dad, grandpa, mentor, father-figure, invite him to join you. We cannot wait to celebrate this super special day together with you all and to honor and celebrate all our dads and all our TCCO Men!

**TCCO KIDS JUNE SUMMER CONNECT EVENT:** All TCCO Kids (birth-5th grade) & their parents/families are invited to join us on Wed. 6/24 from 7pm-8pm at Hunter Park for an evening of fun, games, and intentional time connecting with one another. And we will have ice cream treats for everyone! There is also a splash pad for the kids to play in, so please come dressed appropriately and remember a towel. Contact [elaine@theconnecting.co](mailto:elaine@theconnecting.co) with any questions. We can’t wait to share this night of summer fun and connection together with all of you!



### SAVE THE DATE

Sun. 7/5, No Sunday Services, July 4th Weekend

# IN LIGHT OF THE END

“When the Ordinary is a Gift”

Travis Cherry



we exist to  
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to Jesus and  
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**Ecclesiastes 9:7-10; 12:13-14**  
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**Ecclesiastes 9:7-10** — <sup>7</sup> Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do. <sup>8</sup> Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head. <sup>9</sup> Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** — <sup>13</sup> The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

We must learn to receive, enjoy, and live life as the true gift that it is.

**1. LIFE IS A GIFT...NOT A GUARANTEE**

When you realize something is temporary and will not last forever, you finally begin to value it properly and treat it in the way that it should be.

Pleasure was never designed to permanently sustain your soul. Only God can truly satisfy.

**Psalm 37:4** — *Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

When your heart truly delights IN God, your soul finally connects TO the only thing strong enough to sustain it.

Temporary things cannot carry eternal sustaining strength.

The aching we sense deep within is not proof that life is meaningless...the aching we experience is proof that our soul was created for something more.

Often we become so obsessed with the extraordinary...that we completely overlook the ordinary gifts of God.

Some of us are waiting for life to become profound...while God keeps trying to meet us in the every day, ordinary moments.

**2. GRATITUDE CHANGES EVERYTHING**

Gratitude is the very thing that anchors you in the present the most.

Noise and busyness allow us to avoid being fully with ourselves and keep us running from the things we don't want to face.

Many of us are not exhausted from living life silently...we are exhausted from trying to escape it.

God does not invite us to choose between reverence and joy... instead He invites us into both simultaneously.

**3. LEARN TO FEAR GOD AND ENJOY LIFE**

**John 10:10** — *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”*

Enjoyment without God becomes idolatry...and religion without joy becomes lifeless and even meaningless.

Do not confuse the gift with the Giver.

Enjoyment is not the problem...forgetting the Giver is the problem.

What if the meaning of life was never meant to be found in escaping ordinary life...but in learning to see God within it all?

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