

Daily Devotion For July 2, 2022

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ **Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.** ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, **"If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."** ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ If anyone, then, knows the **good they ought to do** and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." James 4:13-17

Last Sunday, it was so great to have Randy and Ian Rogers lead us in our time of worship through song. You may remember Ian, 5 years ago he shared his testimony at our church on how God had opened the door and provided him with a heart transplant. Ian is 20 years old now and has pre-existing conditions and needs to be careful as he goes out so that he won't contract Covid-19. But Ian told his family, **"I have to live my life."** I am amazed at Ian as he is a student at Biola University and leads worship services and is engaged in other activities at his home church, "Crossroads Community Church in Mission Viejo.

James 4:14 tells us that "we don't know what will happen tomorrow and that our life is a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." Ian demonstrates to me a young man who seeks to live for today. There is no guarantee that with his heart condition and his daily challenge of living with muscular dystrophy that things will be "normal" tomorrow.

Thought For Today: Is Covid-19 putting your life on hold? Though our country has opened up, are you still sheltering in place? Today think of ways that you can live your life amidst a "new normal." What can you be doing today to help and encourage others?

Today's Prayer Focus: Pray that God will teach you to truly live each day to the fullest. Deo Volente.