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### Use Every Moment

Every day I shorten the remainder of my life by twenty-four hours. Every week I shorten the remainder of my life by a week. Every month and every year, as my time on Earth diminishes, my life in Christ increases. And this is good, because I really, really like to live! I enjoy it. Even on the hard days, the scary days, or the painful days, I'd choose to live over the alternative. I enjoy living so much that I've decided to accept the Lord's offer to do so forever (John 3:16).

From what I can tell by reading the New Testament, Jesus enjoyed life too. If you can take a nap on a stormy sea while your friends panic, you can enjoy life in any circumstance. He frequently enjoyed a good sit-down meal with his family, friends, and even sinners. He cast crazed demons into pigs before whisking them into the abyss (A video that, if it existed, would certainly go viral on YouTube.).

For about thirty-three years, Jesus shortened His life just like we do: one minute at a time. But then, suddenly, this lover-of-life abruptly and willingly cut His life short by dying for a cause. And what cause is that? Us! Even though He loved life, He was committed to cutting His short so that we could experience ours and experience it *abundantly*. Jesus endured the cross, and we now live *because* of the cross.

Because He gave, I want to share. I want to share personally and globally: "Personally" because the minutes spent sharing Jesus are minutes well lived and "globally" because I want as many people as possible to receive what Christ, through the cross, has given them. *This is why* I give to the Church of the Nazarene World Evangelism Fund. The dollars given to the World Evangelism Fund are dollars well given just as moments spent sharing Christ are moments well lived. The World Evangelism Fund is the tool that Nazarenes use *to make Christlike disciples in the nations*. Through the World Evangelism Fund, the lost can receive a life that is filled with the hope and joy of the resurrection. Through the World Evangelism Fund, we share the blessings we've received and we are faithful to the call from our Lord and Savior. We choose to give every moment and every resource to the Lord of All!

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## Free Resources Available for the World Evangelism Fund Easter Offering

A life-changing story has to be shared. We can't keep the gospel to ourselves, waiting for others to spread the hope we enjoy. For over 75 years Nazarenes around the world have given to the Easter Offering for the World

Evangelism Fund so that the story of God's greatest gift can be shared around the world. Resources are now available for your church to use for the 2016 Easter Offering!

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### Quotes: Watchman Nee



*"Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection."*