

CARPE DIEM:
SEIZE THE DAY!

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This is a hard sermon.

Hard to conceive

Hard to preach – truly & faithfully

Harder to live

How do we do this?

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1. Remember your last / final day!

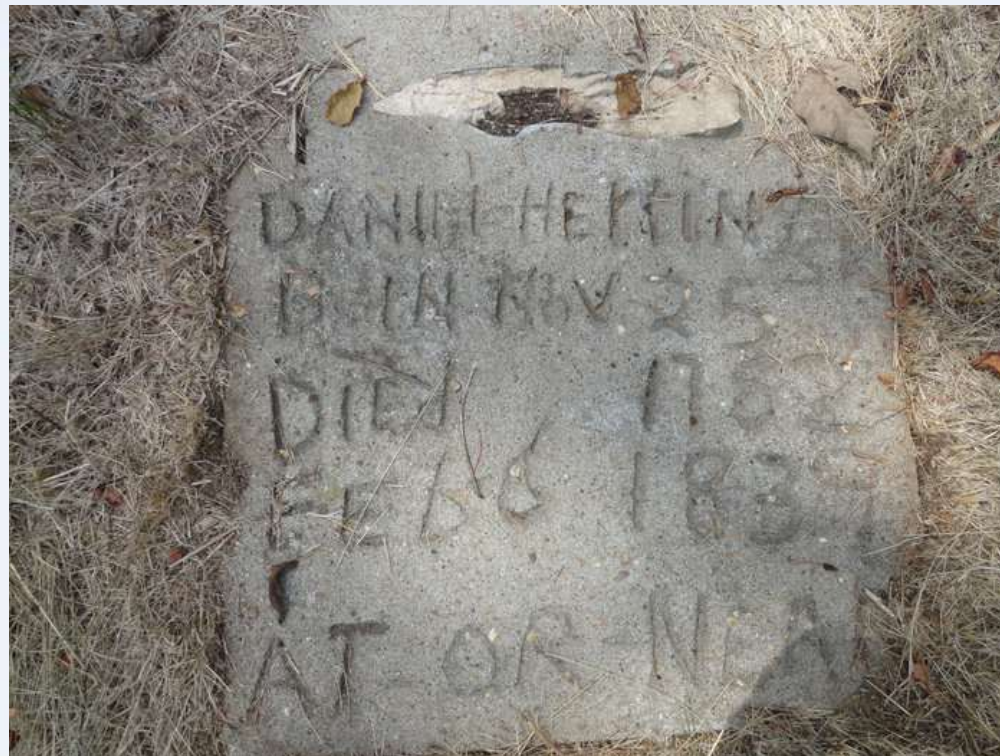
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The idea is simple:

➤ **The end**

➤ **Your long home | eternal home → as opposed to
your short home**







- **Roots are good & beautiful**
- **Still a short home!**
- **Long home later & much longer**
- **Bodies → back to the earth & dust**
- **Spirit → back to God & heaven OR hell...**

Carpe diem:

- It's a fact
- It's coming
- It **might** be a long time
- It **might** be today
- We **must** be prepared

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

Acts 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

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2. Remember the **coming &/ declining** days!

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Lois said something to me 10~ years ago she had learned:

3 stages of life:

Go go

Slow go

No go

This was related to their trip to Europe

Facts:

- What you **can** do will change
- What you **want / desire** to do will change (12:1,5)
- What you **aren't afraid of** will change (12:5)
- What you **can experience** will change (12:2,4)



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2005 or...

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3. Remember today!

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Proverbs 27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and **in the day of salvation** have I succoured thee: behold, **now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**)

Luke 19:9 And Jesus said unto him, **This day is salvation come to this house**, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

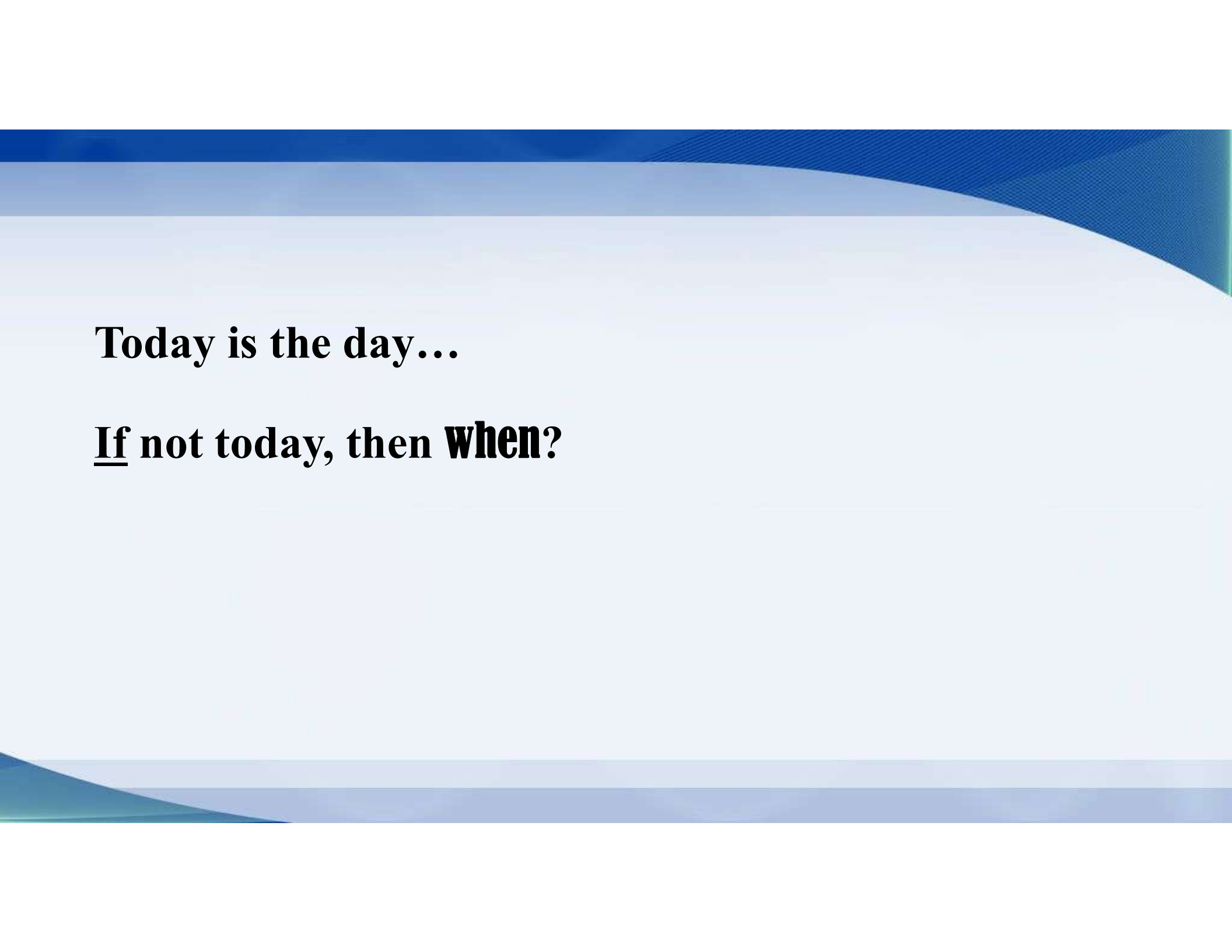
James 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

James 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

James 4:15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.







Today is the day...

If not today, then **when?**