The Carl McCunn Story: What's Your Plan For Getting Out OF Here?

David Banning · Luke 12:13–21

INTRODUCTION

- But God said to him, You fool. This very night your soul is required of you.
- His journey through the Alaskan wilderness, when you stop and think about it really looks an awful lot like the way a lot of people are traveling through this life.
- There are a lot of people who are giving a lot of time and attention to all the little details of the here and now, and yet they give no thought at all about the end of life.

1 The Gospel Reminds Us the End Is Coming

Hebrews 9:27–28; Matthew 25:31–46; 2 Peter 3:9–14

- I think the gospel reminds us that the end is coming.
- Inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment.
- The gospel says that we will die. We all die. The gospel says that Jesus is coming back. And when he comes back, there will be a judgment day where men will answer for their lives.
- You know the end is coming. That ought to be doing something the way you live your life.
- We get caught up in the journey. We get caught up in the excitement of all the stuff we have to do right here and right now.

2 We Need to Be Sure That We Know What Matters

Luke 12:20

- Suddenly his one omission is so glaring that it makes all of those other preparations pointless, doesn't it? What good is 500 rolls of film with no way to get out?
- I think a lot of people are living just like Carl. They are living life consumed with doing all the things to make this journey great, to take care of the here and now.
- He was not a fool because of what he had.
- The problem with the man was not with what he had, it's with what he didn't have.
- He had no relationship with God. He was not rich toward God, is what the text said.
- We need to be very cautious. That in a materialistic culture like ours, we do not get caught up in pursuing things, giving our life to things that don't matter.

3 When We Get Our Cues, We Do Not Miss Them

Ecclesiastes 7:2

- We need to be very sure that when we get our cues, we do not miss them.

- There was a moment in the journey when he knew he didn't have a plan. And he could have done something about it.
- Everybody has those moments where they realize I don't have an exit strategy. I don't have a plan for when I die.
- Solomon said it's better to go to a funeral than a party because that is the end of every man and the living takes it to heart.
- Change is hard. Sacrifices have to be made.
- I can't help but believe that all of those efforts were the providential work of God trying to give Howard Green his cue.

THE CHALLENGE

Maybe this lesson is exactly that moment for you. Maybe it's hard for you to hear this because you know things aren't right with him. You are giving a cue now. Do something about it.

MY NOTES