**THE DASH OF LIFE**

**While recently visiting a grave site...I noticed on the head stones the names of people and the dates when they were born and when they expired. But what really caught my eye was a small sign in between the dates it was a dash in between the two years.**

**It is that dash that has prompted me to speak here tonight...**

**When examining the dash on the dates of my son in law I can honestly say that it has a lot to say about his life....but only if you knew him as well as most of his family members. Especially those very closely connected and related to him...His Surrogate Mother.(who raised him up through the years) His Dear Wife, His Children, His Siblings, and of course Mother in Law and Father in Law cousins, aunts, uncles AND YES, MANY , MANY ASSOCIATES AND FRIENDS etc, etc.**

**Jesus in my eyes was a very friendly, compassionate , warm, cheerful hard working man , great husband, and father, and he even filled in the role of a step father, he'd give the shirt off his back to anyone in the blink of an eye. I guess if I could sum it all up I can honestly say "His dash speaks volumes in comparison to the years it lies between.**

**Please allow me to say that The Bible has a lot to say about life...**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-7** King James Version (KJV)

**3 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:**

**2A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;**

**3A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;**

**4A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;**

**5A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;**

**6A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;**

**7A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;**

**8A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.**

**In my 68 years of life I have discovered that Life presents us with many challenges, options and decisions that we have to make...**

**JAMES 4:13-15.....**

13Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:

14Whereas 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.

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

 Beloved, Friends, Often times Life will throw at us time and time again the opportunity to make tough decisions but we must never forget that life itself comes and sometimes it goes quicker than the decision we make!

If ever we make a right decision it has to be the decision that Jesus had to make...and that was to get involved with his maker at his appointed time!

Jesus accepted The Son of God into his life and he was never the same again, just like many of us who now live our lives for the Lord!

Yet there are many who have not made the right choice for their lives and so life comes and goes without realizing that life goes quickly like a vapor.

JESUS IS NOW AT REST FROM THE DECISION MAKING LIFE HE HAD. HE HAS MOVED ON TO A NEW LIFE ......WHERE NO MORE DECISION ARE MADE, NO MORE HOSPITALS TO VISIT, NO MORE LABOR, NO MORE WORRIES, NO MORE ANGUISH, NO MORE FRUSTRATIONS OF LIFE, NO MORE OPTIONS, NO MORE PILLS, NO MORE ANXIETY, NO MORE MOMENTS OF DESPAIR, NO MORE DISAPOINTMENTS, NO MORE CONFUSION, NO MORE STRESS, NO MORE TROUBLES......AND ESPECIALLY NO MORE DASH TO FILL BETWEEN THE YEARS...... HE HAS NOW ENTERED THE PROMISE OF GOD TO ALL WHO KNOW HIS SON.......

**REVELATIONS 21:3-4**

3And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

I WILL LEAVE YOU TONITE TO COMTEMPLATE ON THESE WORDS SO THAT YOU CAN DO AS JESUS DID........ HE FILLED IN HIS DASH ....HIS WAY.

MAY GOD RICHLY, RICHLY BLESS YOU ALL!!