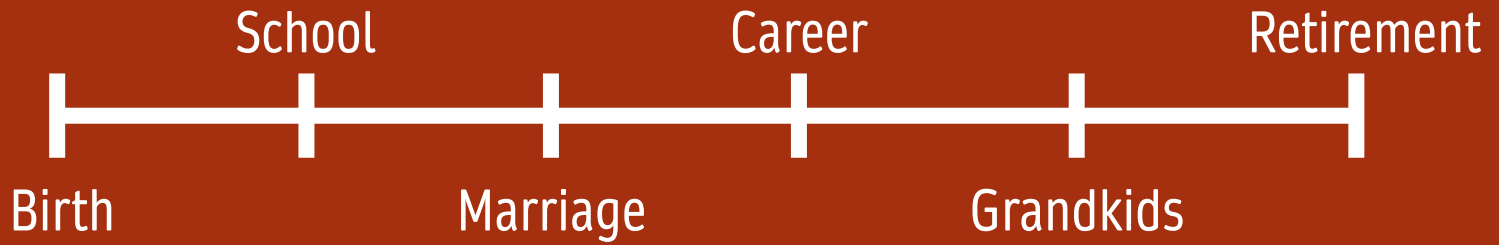


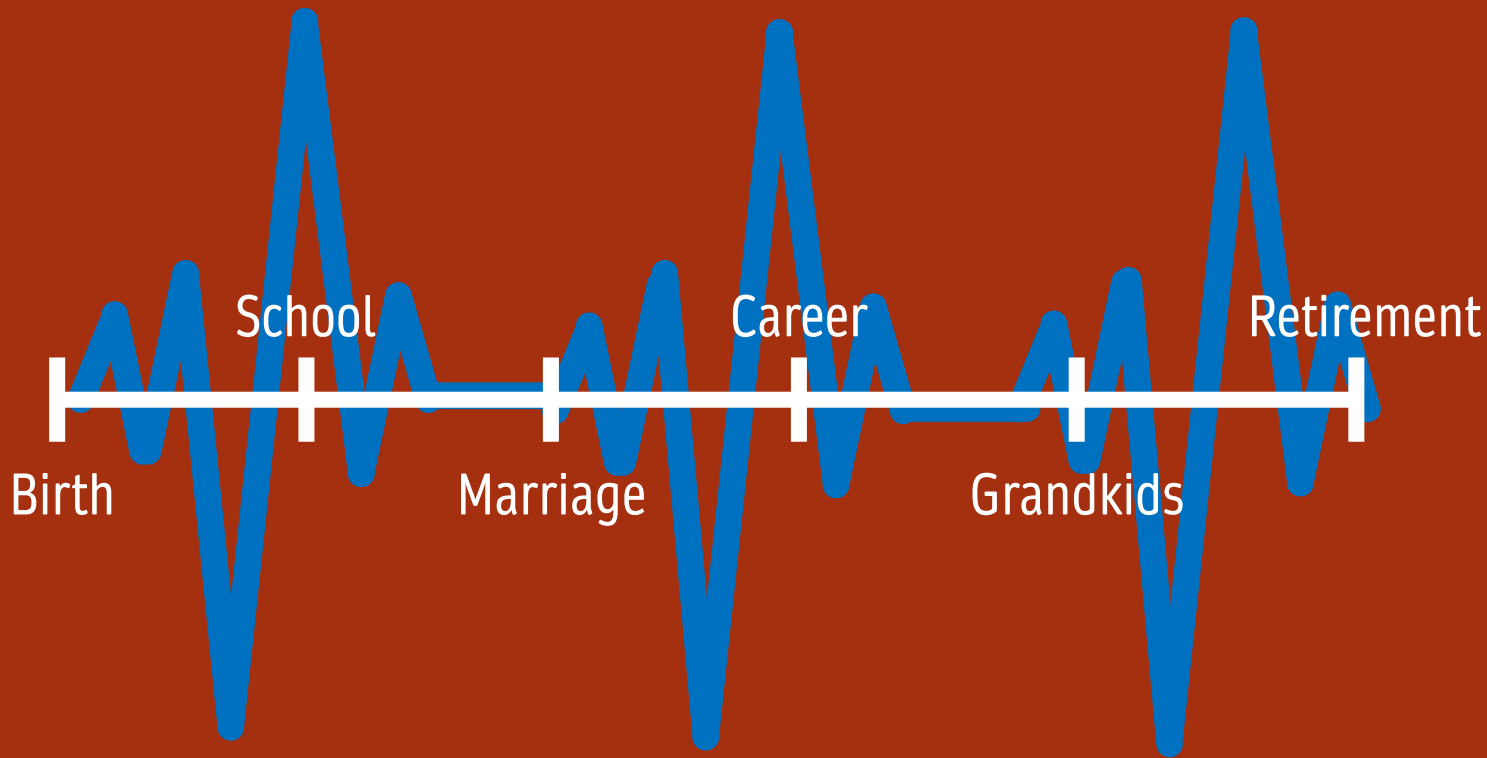
“What is Certain”
Faith for Life
Part 9



“we are the only creatures that seek out guarantees, and in doing so, we snuff the spark that is discovery.”

Psychologist & Author Mark Nepo





Life is the wayIT IS

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10

“the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

John 9:1-3 “As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

“Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. ¹⁹“Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

John 9:17

²⁰“We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. ²¹But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God and tell the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."

25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"

26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?"

John 9:35-38 “Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

³⁷Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

³⁸Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

John 9:40-41 “Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

⁴¹ “If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.”

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:1-2

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.

John 10:3-4 “The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out..... he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.”

Life is not about being certain; life is about who you trust

Fullness of life is found trusting in the certainty of God!

I have never had clarity/certainty; what I have always had is trust. So I will pray that you trust God.” Mother Teresa