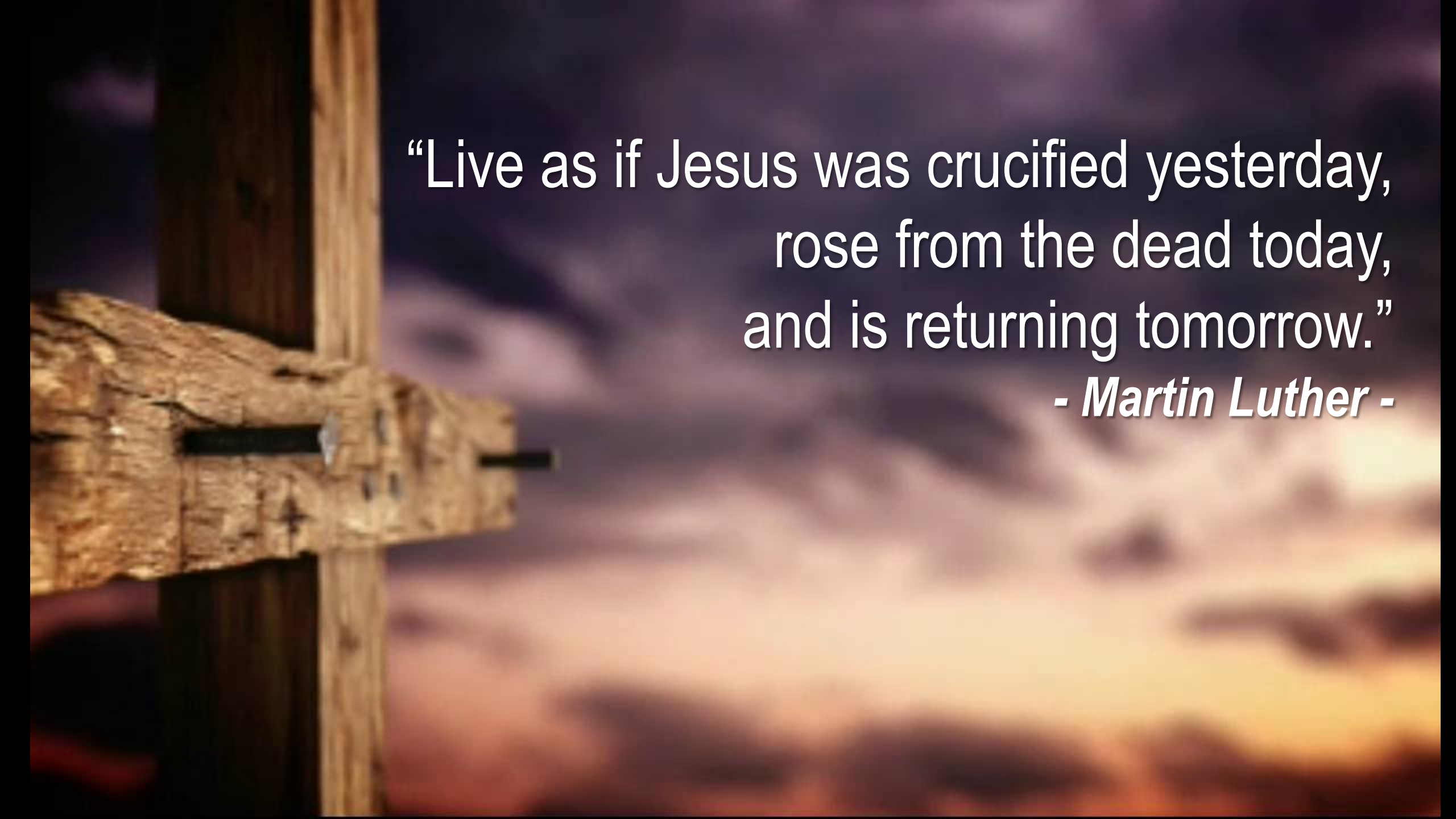


A hand in a dark sleeve is pulling a silver door handle on a light-colored wooden door. The door is slightly ajar, revealing a bright, out-of-focus interior space with a window and a lamp. A white diagonal graphic element separates the text on the left from the image on the right.

Make Room for the Master

End-time Exhortation #2
(26 & 27 Jan 2019)

A wooden cross is visible on the left side of the image, partially obscured by the text. The background is a dramatic sky with dark, swirling clouds and a bright, glowing light source, likely the sun, creating a warm, orange and yellow glow. The cross is made of rough, weathered wood.

“Live as if Jesus was crucified yesterday,
rose from the dead today,
and is returning tomorrow.”

- *Martin Luther* -

READ 1 Peter 4:1-19



Aim of 1 Peter 4

2 “so as to **live for the rest of the time** in the flesh no longer
for human passions but **for the will of God**”



1 John 2:17^(ESV)

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires,
but whoever does the will of God abides forever.



“Let us be alert to the season in which we are living.

It is the season of the Blessed Hope,
calling for us to cut our ties with the world and
build ourselves on this One who will soon appear.

He is our hope—a Blessed Hope enabling us
to rise above our times and
fix our gaze upon Him.”

- **A.W. Tozer**, Preparing for Jesus' Return: Daily Live the Blessed Hope





1. Keep your **HEAD** clear: **PRAY**

7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers (ESV)

7 Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and disciplined for prayer (HCSB)

Luke 21:34-36 (ESV)

34 But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. **35** For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. **36** But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”



1. Keep your **HEAD** clear: **PRAY**

A. Self-controlled (Disciplined)

B. Sober-minded (Serious)

C. End result

*Not to be weighed down by dissipation,
drunkenness and demands of life.*



**Is prayer your steering
wheel or your spare tire?**

Corrie ten Boom

2. Keep your **HEART** warm: **LOVE**

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.



Romans 12:9-13 (MSG)

9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.



2. Keep your **HEART** warm: **LOVE**

- A. Love one another deeply
- B. Depth of your love will absorb all the negative effects of sins
- C. Help others succeed
- D. Don't burn out, don't quit



The background of the image is a warm, out-of-focus interior. In the foreground, a brown, shaggy rug with a dark, repeating pattern is visible. In the background, a doorway or hallway is illuminated by warm, yellow light, creating a cozy atmosphere. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box in the center.

3. Keep your **HOME** open: **SHARE**

9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

A photograph of a bright, airy living room. In the foreground, a beige upholstered armchair with dark wood legs sits on a light-colored wooden floor. Behind the chair is a large window with white horizontal shutters. A beige cushion with a patterned top half and a solid brown bottom half rests on the chair. The overall atmosphere is warm and inviting.

3. Keep your **HOME** open: **SHARE**

- A. Be hospitable
- B. Be generous
- C. Without grumbling
- D. Cheerfully

READ Deuteronomy 15:7-15



A modern living room with a white armchair, a wooden coffee table, and a large window in the background. The room is bright and airy, with natural light coming from the window. The armchair is white with dark wood legs and a cushion. The coffee table is light-colored wood. The window is large and has a white frame. The floor is light-colored wood.

Give/Serve from a Generous Heart (from Deut 15)

- A. Guard your selfish heart(v9)
- B. Stop your grieving heart(v10)
- C. Develop your generous heart (v14)
- D. Anchor your grateful heart (v15)

4. Keep your **HANDS** busy: **SERVE**

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: **11** whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.





4. Keep your **HANDS** busy: **SERVE**

- A. Everyone has gifts
- B. Use them
- C. Demonstrate God's varied grace
- D. Glorify God

Hebrews 6:10-12 (ESV)

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.

11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, **12** so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.



Interviews

(Gene & Esther)



5. Keep your **HOPE** alive: **PERSEVERE**

16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.





Story of Laura Story and Martin Elvington

Blessings *(Laura Story Album)*

We pray for blessings

We pray for peace

Comfort for family, protection while we sleep

We pray for healing, for prosperity

We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering

All the while, You hear each spoken need

Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

‘Cause what if Your blessings come through
raindrops

What if Your healing comes through tears

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it
takes to know You're near

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in
disguise

When friends betray us

When darkness seems to win

We know that pain reminds this heart

That this is not our home

What if Your blessings come through raindrops

What if Your healing comes through tears

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it
takes to know You're near

What if my greatest disappointments

Or the aching of this life

Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't
satisfy

What if trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the
hardest nights

Are your mercies in disguise

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.



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