

STORYTELLERS Part 4: "Carpe Diem"

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"Take full advantage of every day as you spend your life for his purposes."

Ephesians 5:16 (TPT)

"I mean that you should <u>use every opportunity you have</u> for doing good, because these are evil times."

Ephesians 5:16 (ERV)

I NEED TO SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO...

1. ...HEAR MORE OF SOMEONE ELSE'S STORY

"David ran away from the camps at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked him, 'What have I done wrong? What is my crime? Why is your father trying to kill me?"

1 Samuel 20:1 (ERV)

"Jonathan, Saul's son, visited David at Horesh and encouraged him in God. He said, 'Don't despair. My father, Saul, can't lay a hand on you. You will be Israel's king and I'll be right at your side to help. And my father knows it.' Then the two of them made a covenant before God."

1 Samuel 23:16-18 (MSG)

2. ...TO WRITE MORE OF MY OWN STORY

"When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, 'Oh, sir, please leave us—I'm too much of a sinner for you to have around." For he was awestruck by the size of their catch, as were the others with him, and his partners too—James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Jesus replied, 'Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for the souls of men!"

Luke 5:8-10 (TLB)

Luke 22:61-62 (TPT)

[&]quot;At that moment, the Lord, who was being led through the courtyard by his captors, turned around and gazed at Peter. All at once Peter remembered the words Jesus had prophesied over him, 'Before the rooster crows in the morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.' Peter burst into tears, ran off from the crowd, and wept bitterly.'

"Peter stood up with the eleven apostles and shouted to the crowd. Peter preached to them and warned them with these words: 'Be rescued from the wayward and perverse culture of this world!'
Those who believed the word that day numbered three thousand. They were all baptized and added to the church."

Acts 2:14, 40-41 (TPT)

3. ...TO EXPERIENCE MORE OF GOD'S STORY

"The people were awestruck and overwhelmed by his teaching, because he taught in a way that demonstrated God's authority, which was quite unlike the religious scholars."

Mark 1:22 (TPT)

"When the Lord saw the grieving mother, his heart broke for her. With great tenderness he said to her, 'Please don't cry.' Then he stepped up to the coffin and touched it. When the pallbearers came to a halt, Jesus said to the corpse, 'Young man, I say to you, arise and live!' Immediately, the young man moved, sat up, and spoke to those nearby. Jesus presented the son to his mother, alive! A tremendous sense of holy mystery swept over the crowd as they witnessed this miracle of resurrection. They shouted praises to God, saying, 'God himself has visited us to bless his people! A great prophet has appeared among us!' The news of Jesus and this miracle raced throughout Judea and the entire surrounding region."

Luke 7:13-17 (TPT)