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### **Transforming Daily**

***“... Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit ...”***

*Luke 23:46*

What a powerful statement. “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” Here are several observations to note. One, this was Jesus. Two, Jesus was suffering death on Calvary’s cross (in our place, for our sins, I might add). Three, Jesus was praying to the Father. Four, “spirit” is not capitalized (Jesus was talking about His life, dichotomy, trichotomy notwithstanding), underscoring the humanity of Christ – fully God, fully man, Emmanuel – God with us. Last, the testimony of Christ reflected the glory of God observed in the witness of the centurion. “Certainly this was a righteous man!” (v.47). How did the centurion come to that conclusion just by watching Christ die? Because Christ died just as He lived.

What about you? Can it be said of you, “Certainly this is a righteous man!” or “Certainly this is a righteous woman!” (girl or boy). Do you have to wait to die before kind words can be said about you? Will the words of your epitaph match up with the works of your biography? The lifestyle you choose now will be the legacy you leave behind. How do you want to be remembered? What influence from your life do you want left on your family, friends and even foes (if you have any) after death?

It’s been said that birth and death are out of one’s control, but the dash in between is all that a person can influence. Jesus’ legacy, by His death, is eternal life and that’s because he brought abundant life at His birth. In between, He lived a life that glorified His Father in heaven. The believer doesn’t need to wait for his or her death to glorify God through this prayer. Instead, we can glorify God with our lives by heeding the prayer, “Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit!”