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A Life of Impact

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Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) (24) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. (25) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Psalms 112:6 (NIV) A righteous man will be remembered forever.

1 John 2:17 (NCV) The world and everything that people want in it are passing away, but the person who does what God wants lives forever.

Reasons why I miss my eternal impact:

1) I don't have much to offer

Acts 3:6-8 (NLT) (6) Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" (7) Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. (8) He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

2) I have needs myself

Proverbs 27:20 (GNB) Human desires are like the world of the dead—there is always room for more.

Haggai 1:5-7 (NLT) (5) This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you! (6) You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! (7) "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: Look at what's happening to you!

Proverbs 11:24-25 (MSG) The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

3) Making An Impact

4) Change my perspective

Acts 16:22-31,34 (NLT) (22) A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. (23) They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. (24) So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. (25) Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. (26) Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! (27) The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. (28) But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!" (29) The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. (30) Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (31) They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." (34) He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT) (17) For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! (18) So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Hebrews 13:21 (NLT) May [God] equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.
