

We Need To Talk About Death (1)

I'm 38 years old, so I don't talk about death often. Do you?

Society has talked about death due to the "death with dignity" movement, recently publicized due to Brittney Maynard, a young woman with brain cancer who chose to end her life. We need to see what the Giver of Life has said about the end of physical life.

The book of Genesis teaches us that in the beginning, God planned for man to live on earth and avoid death by eating from the tree of life (Gen. 2:9). As religion in America has grown more liberal, many preachers and churches do not believe or teach that the book of Genesis is a record of literal history (does yours?), denying that a literal tree of life existed (Gen. 2:9). Jesus' and Paul's teachings prove they believe it is literal history (Matt. 19:4-9; 1 Tim. 2:12-14).

Genesis also tells us that God planned for man to die once sin was present (Gen. 2:17). Like the memorial at "Ground Zero" in New York City, death is a painful memorial of past events that must be remembered, but our society is forgetting the connection between sin and death. Have you forgotten?

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