

# message OUTLINE

## DEAD END

Sermon Series: QUEST TO BE THE BEST: Making the Rest of Your Life - The Best of Your Life

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**TEXT:** Mark 6:1-6; Luke 7:2-10; John 3:1-21; 7:50, 51; 19:39-42

### I. THE 3 LEVELS OF BELIEF

Opinion

Something we feel relatively certain about, but can be easily swayed with additional input.

*Jn. 3:1-21*

Belief

A stronger sense of certainty about something, based on personal experience(s), information, and emotional attachment.

*Jn. 7:50, 51*

Conviction

An absolute sense of certainty. Totally resistant to contrary or negative input resulting in some form of action.

*Jn. 19:39-42*

### II. FACTORING IN FAITH

The Single Greatest Human Factor That Influences My Life Is How I See Things !

*"As a man thinks in his heart so he becomes." Prov. 23:7*

Perspective determines:  
my happiness/unhappiness  
success/failure  
victory/defeat  
what God is doing  
& will do in my life

The Single Greatest Spiritual Factor That Determines Blessings In My Life Is My Measure of Faith !

*"God has allotted to each a measure of faith."*

*Rom. 12:3*

Faith determines what God can do in my life

*"Because of your faith, it will happen."*

*Matt. 9:29*

### III. WHERE FAITH CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

My Greatest Need, Challenge, Or Opportunity Today Is...

*"NOW faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*

*Heb. 11:1*

Dead End (def.) An end without an exit; a position or situation without options of progress of further development.

*"Like a city that is broken into and without walls, is the person who has no control over their spirit."*  
Prov. 25:28

#### IV. THE EMOTIONAL EFFECTS OF PERCEIVED DEAD ENDS

1. Burden Bearing

*"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden." Ps. 68:19*

*"Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you." Ps. 55:22*

2. Stress

*"Hear my cry O God. Give heed to my prayer... When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I." Ps. 62:1*

3. Weariness

*"He gives strength to the weary. Those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles." Is. 46:29, 31*

4. Discouragement

*"The Lord is the One who goes ahead of you. He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be discouraged." Deut. 31:8*

5. Defeat

*"Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence. Ps. 42:3*

#### V. FROM DEAD END TO DELIVERANCE: GOD ALWAYS MAKES A WAY

Prov. 3:5, 6

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."*

Ps. 25:4, 5

*"Make me know Thy ways, O Lord, teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation..."*

Ps. 77:19

*"Your path led through the sea, Your way through the mighty waters, a pathway no one knew was there"*

Jn. 14:6

*"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*