[**Charlie Kirk**](https://houseandwhips.com/charlie-kirk-wife-erika-frantzve-and-2-kids/), the fiery 31-year-old [**conservative activist**](https://houseandwhips.com/charlie-kirk-religion-beliefs-and-values/) and founder of Turning Point USA, was midway through his “American Comeback Tour” event, sitting beneath a canopy boldly inviting attendees to “Prove Me Wrong.” For about 20 minutes, he had been engaging with the crowd, a familiar scene of spirited debate and ideological exchange.

Then, a question from an audience member shifted the conversation to a topic that would now be forever etched in history—gun violence. In a cruel twist of fate, this very subject framed Kirk’s final, chilling words before a [**single sniper’s bullet**](https://houseandwhips.com/charlie-kirk-sniper-200-yards/) ended his life…

The exchange was as brief as it was fateful. An audience member, seeking to challenge Charlie Kirk, stepped up to the microphone and asked, “Do you know how many transgender Americans have been mass shooters over the last 10 years?” Kirk, never one to shy away from provocative rhetoric, responded with a blunt, “Too many,” a reply met with applause from his supporters.

The questioner promptly informed him that the number was five and followed up with a broader query: “Do you know how many mass shooters there have been in America over the last 10 years?” Kirk’s response—”Counting or not counting gang violence?”— was his final public statement. Seconds later, the [**crack of a rifle shot rang out**](https://edition.cnn.com/us/live-news/charlie-kirk-shot-utah-death-09-11-25), and Kirk fell from his chair… Charlie Kirk was pronounced dead a short time later. ( <https://houseandwhips.com/charlie-kirk-last-words/> )

On July 14, 2025, Fauja Singh was killed in a hit-and-run accident while crossing the road in his Punjab village near Jalandhar.  He was nicknamed the Turbaned Torpedo because he ran while wearing his Sikh turban.  Singh was believed to be the oldest male marathon runner.  He took up running in 2000 at the age of 89 as a way to deal with the depression of losing his wife and son in close succession in India.  He saw a marathon on television and decided that’s what he’d do.  He ran the 2000 London Marathon as his first of eight marathons and later became the oldest man known to run a full marathon in 2011 at the age of 100.  The following year he was a torchbearer for the 2012 London Olympics.  His last competitive race was at the age of 101 when he ran the 6.25-mile course that accompanied the Hong Kong Marathon in 2013.  Singh ran until he was over 100 and never had a problem, yet he was killed at 114 walking across the street.  Life is filled with uncertainty…all the way to the end.( *Beaumont Enterprise, 7/16/25, p.B2)*

Every day brings opportunities and opposition. Or, as our buddy Forrest Gumps says, “Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.” We do not know what today will hold, but we do get to decide how we react to it and what we will do.

Paul has told the Ephesians, and us, about our wealth as Christians. He has shared about our walk as Christians. Paul has spoken of our warfare as Christians. Now he expresses some closing wishes for Christians. Let us see what we can gain from this passage. We will line up our thoughts under three headings : INFORMATION, ENCOURAGEMENT and INHERITANCE.

**I.  INFORMATION (21)**

 A. Messenger

 1. Beloved brother

 2. Faithful servant

 B. Message

 1. The man **>** Paul

As the war in Ukraine rages on, Pastor Benjamin Morrison has taken advantage of a difficult situation.  He ministers in Svitlovodsk and explains, “Whenever we do head to the bomb shelter, my family and I take the opportunity to share the hope of Christ with our neighbors.  ‘Bomb shelter ministry’ is not a ministry profile I thought I’d ever have.  And yet, we are already seeing how fruitful it’s been.”  He noted that since the war began, those around him have heard more about Christ and the Scriptures than they had previously in their entire lives.  Opportunities for ministry have no bounds, so seek and seize them. (*Christ Above All,* David Jeremiah, 2022, p.202)

 2. The mission **>** Jesus

Craig Groeschel is the founding pastor of LifeChurch.tv and the one responsible for launching the YouVersion Bible App, which is on track to hit 1 billion installs in 2025.  His passion for evangelism is summed up in a phrase he’s used for years: “We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don’t know Christ.” *Craig Groechel Facebook Post, 1/18/23*

**II. ENCOURAGEMENT (22)**

 A. Someone with you

***Parclesis*** – ***para*** = beside + ***kaleo*** = to call -- so it means” to call alongside”

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus, Who is called to always be beside us.

American novelist Louis L’Amour (1908-1988) placed a phrase in the mouth of a character named Red Mark that wisely cautions against the danger of leaning to heavily on previous success. He said, “A ship does not sail with yesterday’s wind.” We can grow from the successes of the past, but our relationships, businesses, and churches need fresh wind for today…and beyond. (*The Walking* Drum, Louis L’Amour, 1984, p.7)

We **NEED** the fresh breeze of the Spirit blowing in and thru us — WITH us.

 B. Something in you

*American Underdog* opened in theaters on Christmas Day 2021. The movie tracks Kurt Warner’s path from working at a supermarket to being inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame. After being cut by the Green Bay Packers, Warner worked at Hy-Vee supermarket in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Reflecting on those days of trying to make ends meet, Warner said, “What I realize is most people have their supermarket moment, when they say, ‘Why am I here? And how do I get outta here?’” The Super Bowl MVP said, “As I say in the movie, ‘Sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do while you’re waiting to do what you’re born to do.’” Adversity often spawns “supermarket moments” where we find clarity of purpose and needed resilience to face the challenges. (*USA Today*, 12/28/21, p.D2)

 We **NEED** that umph that only comes from the Holy Spirit to keep on keeping on. He empowers us to do what we gotta do, so we can do what we were born-again to do.

**III. INHERITANCE (23-4)**

 A. Peace (23)

 B. Family (*brothers and sisters*)

 C. Love

 D. Faith

 E. Grace (24)

The **reservoir** of the blessings is “*God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ*” (23). The **release** of the blessings is “*undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ*” (24).

Charlie Kirk died ***being Charlie Kirk***. His passing is as tragic as it is compelling. Mr. Singh, the centenarian marathon runner, was struck in a cross walk. Go figure. We never know what a day will hold. We do not get to choose everything, but we do get to choose. We determine what we do during a day. And choose how we react to what comes our way. We never fully know when the end will come. We want to die ***being*** who we are, ***doing*** what the Lord has for us to do. So, we need to be doing the Lord’s will as the people has empowered us to be.

*Only One Life, Twill Soon Be Past —* by C.T. Studd

Two little lines I heard one day, Traveling along life’s busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart, And from my mind would not depart;

Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one, Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in ‘that day’ my Lord to meet, And stand before His Judgement seat;

Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice, Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave, And to God’s holy will to cleave;

Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years, Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its days I must fulfill. living for self or in His will;

Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore,
When Satan would a victory score; When self would seek to have its way,
Then help me Lord with joy to say; Only one life, ’twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last. Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep; Faithful and true what e’er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life; Only one life, ’twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last. Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn; Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne; Only one life, ’twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last. Only one life, yes only one,
Now let me say, “Thy will be done”; And when at last I’ll hear the call,
I know I’ll say “twas worth it all”;

Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.

Only one life, ’twill soon be past, Only what’s done for Christ will last.
And when I am dying, how happy I’ll be,
If the lamp of my life has been burned out for Thee.

In 2 Timothy, as Paul saw his end approaching, he wrote, “*For I am already being poured out as an offering, and the time of my departure is close. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. There is reserved for me the crown of righteousnes , which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have love His appearing*”(4.6-8).