

Read Ephesians 5:11-17

For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: □ "Wake up, O sleeper, □ rise from the dead, □ and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. NIV

*Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness. Expose these things for the sham they are. It's a scandal when people waste their lives on things they must do in the darkness where no one will see. Rip the cover off those frauds and see how attractive they look in the light of Christ. Wake up from your sleep, climb out of your coffins; Christ will show you the light! □ So watch your step. Use your head. Make the most of every chance you get. These are desperate times! Don't live carelessly, unthinkingly. Make sure you understand what the Master wants.*

Peterson Translation

#### QUESTIONS:

What magic moments have happened in your life?

When thinking about your spiritual life what magic moments have you had?

What magic moments do you need in your life right now?

What is useless work?

What do you think the Master wants?

In order to realize your magic moment . . .

What do you need to wake from?

What do you need to climb out of?

What do you need to walk into?

Pastor Greg read from a fictional story called the Perils of Ayden. Here is the excerpt:

*"I'm afraid," Ayden confessed as Maven, his mentor, stood with him in the place where his quest would begin.*

*"Of what?" Maven asked in his calling voice.*

*"For the journey. Have I learned all I need to know?" Ayden queried.*

*"Ayden," he replied, "you know all you need to learn."*

*"What should I take with me?" Ayden continued.*

*"Leave all you have and take all you are."*

*Ayden persisted, "And the path, is it safe to travel?"*

*Maven looked at him sternly for the first time he could remember and scolded him, "It is not safe to remain! It is not the place but the Presence that upholds you! This is your only certainty. Go! Walk where no man has walked, yet you find footprints."*

What does it mean to know all you need to learn?

What does it mean to leave all you have and take all you are?

Why is it not safe to remain where you are?

How does this apply to where you are at in your life right now?