

HELL CAN'T STOP ME!
Life Is What I Make It - Part 3
2020/21 Church Anniversary Service
Matthew 16:18 (ESV)
CrossWord Christian Church
L. Kirk Sykes, Founder/Lead Pastor
September 19, 2021

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

I. IN THE BEGINNING: GOD’S PROVIDENCE.

- Providence means: Wisdom, Foresight, and Provision.
- 21 years ago, there was no church named “CrossWord” in the United States!
- God gave me the phrase, “Remember the Cross...Focus on the Word!”

When you are struggling or feel pain, do you ever feel like asking God:

II. WHAT IN HELL IS GOING ON?

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” 1 Peter 2:9-10 (ESV)

Note to self: Hell can’t stop me, because by God’s grace, “life is what I make it!”

You have been chosen by God to make a difference in this world. God needs good Christians in every facet of society. Never be afraid to do what God is telling you to do.

But, you have to stick to the plan that God has given YOU. Everybody will have an opinion about what you should do. Listen to God, and other people, but make sure you are hearing from God first, before you make any decisions.