

## Life Is Like a Drama!

Romans 8:35—37

**Introduction:** the pastor has been preaching a series of messages entitled “**Looking Over the Horizon**”. I want us to continue thinking along those lines without taking over or interrupting where he is going! At least that is my desire. So much has happened in the last couple of years that has been frustrating & discouraging. We have been living behind masks and behind closed doors. Business’ have closed their doors, some have been burned, we have seen all kinds of violence; there have been wars and rumors of war. I have found myself think we can’t keep living like this! And then it gets worse. The Bible teaches us in Matt. 24: 10 “and at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another.” In some of the drama’s we see things can get very intense. I have noticed things in our lives seem to be getting intense! But it isn’t a story it is the life we are living. It’s real! This is not make-believe or let’s pretend! Drama’s contain things that are exciting, thrilling, danger, then it subsides, and then here it comes again with a new twist.

1. In these times I don’t feel real positive.  
Most people here have had their covid shots.

Illustration of how I feel. It sort like I feel at a funeral. How did the disciples feel after the crucifixion?

They were down, frustrated, sorrowful...no hope. That is like a drama isn’t it? We’re up one minute & excited & then the next minute we’re down & scared. It is exciting to know how accurate God and His word is!

2. Don’t be deceived! Gal. 6:7 & Matt. 24:4. What does Satan do so often? He implies things like: Jesus is not in control. He is not God. Satan wants us to quit & give-up. He often uses others to make his point.
  - A. How can we fight against Him? Ephesians 6:10 – 13.
  - B. Don’t be deceived. Man things are in such a mess. 2 Timothy 3:2 – 5.
  - C. He’s a Liar! John 8:44. I have decided I will not allow myself to be deceived.
  - D. Put on the full armor of God. Eph.6:13—18.
  - E. 2 Cor. 10:3 – 5. Be
  - F. Heb. 10:25. What is this teaching All of us? We are all responsible! I recall Matt.7:1 – 3.
3. Who are You? Do you remember? I am more than a conqueror! Romans 8:35 – 37.  
You’re not the only one. 1 Kings 19:10.
  - A. Be encouraged! God knows what is going on! Psalms 24:7 – 10.