

▼ **Reflection and Edification**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ **Welcome!**

- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

▼ **Transition**

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► **Luke 15:11-32 (NIV) - The Lost Son**

▼ **Scriptures For Consideration**

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- **John 11:1-44 - Jesus Raises Lazarus**
The Death of Lazarus

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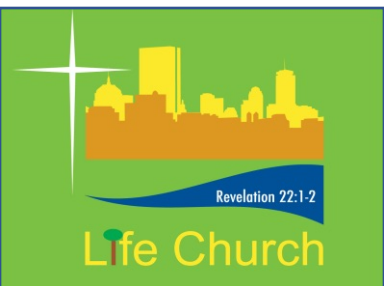
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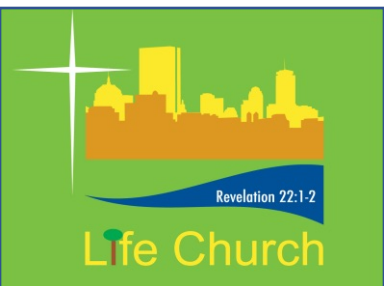
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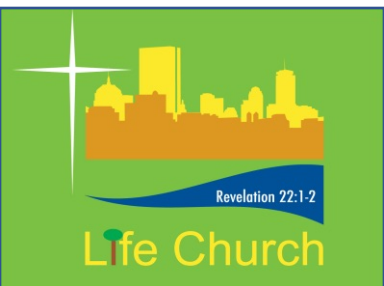
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Hebrews 5:7-10 (NIV)

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him** and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.



Philippians 1:1-6 (NIV)

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons :

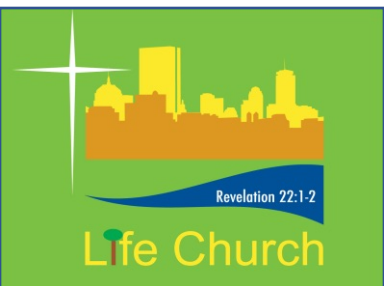
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.**



Q&A / Discussion





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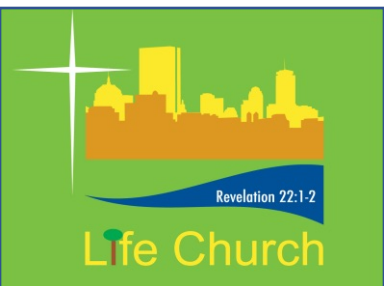
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