

The Way to Live Forever

In the 2007 film *The Bucket List*, two terminally ill men – played by Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman – take a road trip to do the things they always said they would do before they “kicked the bucket.”

Before the film’s release, Nicholson was interviewed by *Parade* magazine. Reflecting on his personal life, Nicholson said, “I used to live so freely. The mantra for my generation was, ‘Be your own man!’ I always said, ‘Hey, you can have whatever rules you want; I’m going to have mine. I’ll accept the guilt. I’ll pay the check. I’ll do the time. I chose my own way.’ That was my philosophical position well into my fifties. As I’ve gotten older, I’ve had to adjust.”

But reality has a way of getting the attention of even Jack Nicholson.

Later in the interview, he added: “We all want to go on forever, don’t we? We fear the unknown. Everybody goes to that wall, yet nobody knows what’s on the other side. That’s why we fear death.”

There *is* a way to live forever – a way to conquer death and take away the fear.

Jesus gave that assurance in John 3:16 when He spoke these words: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

And Jesus repeated that promise in John 11:25-26: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

That’s the confidence we have as believers. And we often see it reflected in the faces and in the words of the residents we serve.

– Beecher Hunter

