

**Title: Famous Amos (Burden Bearer)**

**Text: Amos 5**

**Target: To understand that we can make a life, not just a living.**

1. **Know God Personally:** *“Seek me and live, but do not seek Bethel and do not enter into Gilgal or cross over to Beersheba...”* (Vs.5:4-5)
  1. Possess a relationship with God: Head Knowledge vs. Heart Knowledge.
  2. Prioritize time with God: Obligation or Opportunity.
  3. Fulfill the Purpose of God: General Will & Specific Will.
2. **Experience God’s Sufficiency:** *“He who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name”* (Vs. 5:8)
  1. Perspective of the Constellations: Pleiades & Orion
  2. Pattern of Creation: Morning and Night.
  3. Provision of Cycles: Source of Replenishing
3. **Serve God with Integrity:** *“Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.”* (Vs. 5:14)
  1. Can’t be Bought: *“For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are you sins, you who afflict the righteous”* (Vs. 5:12a)
  2. Can’t be Bribe: *“who take bribe(s)”* (Vs. 5:12b)
  3. Can’t be Blinded: *“turn aside the needy in the gate”* (Vs. 5:12c)
4. **Live for God Boldly:** *“Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.”* (Vs. 5:15)
  1. In the Sanctuary: *“take away from me the noise of your songs...”* (Vs. 5:23)
  2. In the Gates: *“Her husband is known in the gates when he sits amongst the elders of the land.”* (Proverbs 31:23)

**Take Away: In order to give life, you have to get a life.**

**Discussion Questions:** Read Amos 5:24. God says through the prophet Amos that two important things we should be about in our life are Justice & Righteousness. In Hebrew the word justice is “Mishpat,” which means to take action to correct injustice. In Hebrew the word righteousness is “Tsedaqah,” which means having right relationships that are equal on all sides despite social differences. As we seek to “Get a Life,” where do you see injustice in your circle of influence that you can begin to pray about and seek how God would want you to act? Also, think about all your personal relationships. Where do you see right and equitable relationships despite social differences? What are some relationships that can improve in that area? Love SATX is coming up July 23rd-31st and there are many opportunities to bless our city helping with injustice and creating beautiful relationships. All info is at [communitybible.com](http://communitybible.com)

Read Romans 5:15 & Galatians 2:20. In these two verses we learn that our salvation is a gift from God. It also says that we are to live that life now through, and for Jesus Christ. Does it change your perspective on your salvation when you view it as a gift? What do you think our lives should look like being lived as a gift and for Jesus Christ? Where in your life have you lived that way and seen the blessing? Are there opportunities in your life to live out your salvation as a gift and for Jesus Christ even more?