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ABOUT THIS MESSAGE

This is a fun message to preach, it was originally a sketch-board message but I have taken it, changed it a bit and adapted so anyone can use it.

You will need to use 3x A2 size card. Have a commercial printer put a red or black border around the edges and put each spelling separately on each card- as large as possible. If you want to you can have the card laminated.

It is not cheap to do it this way \$80 - \$120NZ, in Asia or even the United States you might be able to do it a lot cheaper. Be bold when you preach this message, but be careful you don't come off looking judgemental, critical or arrogant. Non –Christians find this message interesting so you probably won't have a problem holding a crowd-just make sure you adapt to the size of your crowd- there is no need to yell if you have 10 people standing 2 or 3 metres away- and this message comes across well when you "talk" it.

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Introduce yourself if you haven't already and say...I can tell you what sort of person you are by the way you spell life. There are three sorts of people here today and the first spells life like this **LIFE** (Display the first Card)

They take the big (I) in life and stand it on its own. They see themselves as a sort of self- made trinity- me, myself and I. They don't worry about anyone or anything. They walk over other people and use them to get what they want.

Nobody likes people like them; they don't even like themselves.

They might look good on the surface, they might look like they've got it together, but inside they are empty and afraid.

But maybe you spell life like this **LIFE**. For you, life is a lie.

Imagine this, it's Friday night; you put your favourite smellies (*deodorant*) on, get your hair sorted and go out on the town. You buy a few drinks, smoke a joint (*marijuana*) maybe, but inside you feel empty like a colourful balloon.

On the outside you look pretty good, but inside there is nothing but hot air. Do you ever feel like that? Are you frightened someone might find out the truth?

Many people live a lie; for example, a man can get on well with everyone at work, but at home he can turn nasty and slap his wife and kids around. When things go wrong we tend to blame everybody else when it is really our own fault. We need to remember that when we point a finger at someone there are three fingers pointing

back at us (*point your finger at the crowd as you say it and let them see the your 3 fingers pointing back at you*)

But maybe you spell life like this **LIFE** ... if only

Do you ever say, 'if only I had more money to spend, 'If only I had a bigger car.' We all have dreams, but for a lot of people life is full of regrets.

Don't you find this in your own life ladies and gentleman? If only I hadn't had those last couple of drinks! If only I hadn't lost my temper! If only I hadn't driven so fast! If only the other car hadn't been in the road."

But remember, when you point a finger, three fingers point back at you. God says you have the problem and the problem is sin.

Sin is the bad things we say do or think. All of us have done bad things by choice as well as unknowingly, we lie we steal we fight, curse and do many other bad things.

Sin is a very real part of our lives. We are born with sin its part of our nature. Have you noticed you don't have to teach a child to be naughty they do that instinctively we have to teach them to be good.

But the worst thing about sin is that it separates us from God and if it isn't dealt with we can never be Gods friend. That's where Jesus comes in. Jesus was perfect-sinless, through His life He made God known to everyone He met. He healed the sick, raised the dead, and cast out demons He even claimed Himself to be "the way the truth and the life".

Because the punishment for sin is death (eternal death) Jesus chose to die in our place taking the punishment you and I deserved so we could be forgiven and then He rose from the dead three days later proving that He is God and has the power to change us.

And that's not all, because when Jesus died on the cross He opened the way to God for you, now you can be made right with God by putting our faith in Jesus Christ (James 2:23)

Now there is only one 'if' that Jesus wants you to consider. Jesus said, "I stand at the door of your heart and knock, if you open the door I will come in and transform your life." Jesus wants to make you the person you should be. Only then will you be able to spell life with a capital 'L'. Quote John 10:10 and call for a response ☺