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Yesterday, as I was walking my dog Pal, I chatted with a neighbor, who said: “You know Gary, Southfork (our 55 community) can be a little depressing at times because every month someone dies”. Unfortunately, She is right.

Today, I saw the beautiful blue flower shown above and thought about the introductory comments of my NASB (1977) and its quote from Isaiah 40. This reminded me of a line of poetry (from Keating) quoted in the movie “Dead Poets Society” starring Robin Williams; “Gather ye rosebuds while ye may...”. The Isaiah passage says...

Isaiah 40 ([World English Bible](#))

1 “Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

2 “Speak comfortably to Jerusalem; and call out to her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received of Yahweh’s hand double for all her sins.”

3 The voice of one who calls out, “Prepare the way of Yahweh in the wilderness! Make a level highway in the desert for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain.

5 The glory of Yahweh shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken it.”

6 **The voice of one saying, “Cry!” One said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like the flower of the field.**

7 **The grass withers, the flower fades, because Yahweh’s breath blows on it. Surely the people are like grass.**

8 **The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever.”**

Someday (hopefully, quite some time from now) we will die. Yes, that is a negative thought, but for a Christian that negativity is more than canceled by the knowledge that we will only die once and then live *forever*.

In the “Dead Poets Society” Robin Williams teaches his students something about the reality of life from the Latin phrase “Carpe diem”, which literally means – Seize the day. This is good advice, for both the Christian and others. Live as today were your last day on earth: SEIZE THE DAY! But, why stop with today? The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthian Christians and says...

2 Corinthians 6 ([WEB](#))

2 for he says, “At an acceptable time I listened to you, in a day of salvation I helped you.” Behold, now is the acceptable time. **Behold, now is the day of salvation.**

God listens, he really cares and most of all he will save you from all your sins; obey his Gospel and be saved. At this point only one thing that needs to be said: SEIZE THE DAY!