Fear of Life’s Final Moments

John 14:1-6
Introduction

One of man’s greatest fears is the fear of death.
There are many people who think death is the end of everything, but that’s not what the Bible says.
I. We have a home in heaven.

John 14:1-6
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me.”

“In my Father’s house are many rooms . . . I am going there to prepare a place for you.”
Jesus, who knows you better than anyone else, is preparing a place for you. In that place, you will feel more at home than you have ever felt.
“I will come back and take you to be with me.”

It is the language of betrothal.

When we die, the Bible says we go immediately and consciously into the presence of the Lord.
II Corinthians 5:6-8

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Philippians 1:21
II. We will receive a new glorified body.

I Corinthians 15:50-54
Our new body will be like Christ’s.

“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” Philippians 3:20-21
Paul describes our present body as a tent in II Corinthians 5:1-4. Just like a tent this earthly body is wearing out.

But God is preparing for us a body that is permanent and eternal. It will never wear out.
“I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 1 Corinthians 15:50-54
III. We will be reunited with those we love.
I Thessalonians 2:19-20
“For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.” I Thessalonians 2:19-20
IV. We will be with the Lord forever.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Paul was talking about the church. He was looking forward to seeing them again in heaven.

We will be reunited with family members who have died in the Lord.

Who are you looking forward to seeing?
“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.
For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

I Thessalonians 4:13-18
“One day they are going to tell you that D. L. Moody is dead, but don’t you believe it. I am more alive now than I have ever been.” D. L. Moody

We will live on a renewed earth. Revelation 21:1-5

It is Paradise Restored.
“But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.”

II Peter 3:13
What great hope we have!
We have a home in heaven.
We will receive a new glorified body.
We will be reunited with those we love.
We will be with the Lord forever.
How do we get there?
Jesus is the way.
John 14:6