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It's a bright summer day, and your mother goes out into the garden to cut some fresh flowers. She gathers them up and brings them into the kitchen, carefully placing them in a crystal vase. Then she sets them in the center of the table for all to see. Everyone admires the beauty of the flowers, with their vivid colors and fragrant smells. They are the picture of strength and elegance. A few days later, however, the flowers are starting to droop. The colors aren't so bright anymore. In fact, they're turning brown. By the end of the week, they've dried out completely. The flowers no longer smell good, so your mother throws them in the trash.

It's tempting to think our lives will go on forever. But verses 15-16 remind us that life is short. Like cut flowers on the kitchen table, our strength and beauty will quickly fade. Death comes to us all; often sooner than we think. So, what should we do in light of this sobering truth?

- 1. Trust in Jesus to save you! Jesus says, in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." Have you trusted in Jesus for your salvation?
- 2. Live for Jesus now, while you're young. Serve him and follow him in obedience now. Don't wait until you're older. The Bible says, "Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). What is one practical step you can take to obey and follow Jesus right now?