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# **The King's Men**

Engaged but not Entangled

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## **Dedication**

“Iron sharpens iron,  
And one man sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17 NASB

I dedicate this project to the many men that God has used to be “iron” in my life. While the complete list would fill many pages, God has used the following men at different times in my life to impact me in a very particular manner for His eternal kingdom.

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I would be remiss not to also mention the many men within our family/prayer groups, the prison ministry, and the writing ministries of such men as John MacArthur, John Piper, James Boice, A.W. Tozer, Jerry Bridges, and Charles Spurgeon.

## Foreword

We live in a day of staggering breakdown in life's most important relationships.

Is there anyone who has not been touched, directly or indirectly, by significant youth rebellion, infidelity or divorce? These and many other evidences of breakdown in the home have eroded the effectiveness of the church fulfilling the Great Commission.

In my 17 years of helping church leaders strengthen relationships in the church and home, I have seen God work in extraordinary ways to remedy these breakdowns and restore health to life's most important relationships.

There are a number of significant, but overlooked or deemphasized biblical principles that when rediscovered, move the church back to vibrant health. One of these principles is the role of heads of households as the spiritual leaders of the home. Because of their highly connective role in home relationships, men are more like "middle managers" in the local church. They are indispensable. This role is pervasive in God's redemptive plan throughout scripture and thus the equipping and living out of this role should be a central focus in the overall ministry design of the local church.

Men of Exception are required if we are going to heal the painful breakdowns in relationships and ultimately

accomplish the Great Commission with vigor. Joe Waresak understands this. Since meeting Joe three years ago, I have been personally encouraged by his heart for men to rise up from the mire of the status quo to become servants of exception.

Much well-intentioned effort to encourage men fails to engage them because it is presented by someone who “regular men” cannot relate to, or it is presented in such a way that is so arduous that it effectively buries any hope for change. This leaves men frustrated and further from exception. The approach Joe takes in this book is different.

First, men at all levels of spiritual and practical understanding will find Joe easy to read, understand and relate to. He is clearly a man writing from the trenches, not from an ivory tower.

Second, and most important of all, Joe makes sure Christian men understand that they are *already* exceptional by virtue of what Christ has done for them. Far too many men approach this challenge in their own strength as if it were totally dependent upon them to do what they are completely incapable of doing on their own. The process of “becoming exceptional” is a daily work of faith and repentance that is in every way a matter of applying what Christ has already done to their pursuit of the exceptional. This offers men tremendous hope in the process of moving forward.

The church and the home need exceptional men seeking to live in the strength of THE only Exceptional Man: Jesus Christ.

This book is profoundly encouraging. It is immediately practical. Church leaders would do well to read this book and commit to studying and discussing it with all of their men, including singles and youth.

Equipping today's—and tomorrow's—men to be exceptional will enable the church to reverse the dreadful trends of breakdown and restore life's most important relationships for God's glory and the furtherance of His kingdom. Soli Deo Gloria.

Eric E. Wallace  
President, Institute for Uniting Church and Home

## Introduction

As a pastor once shared with me, the speed of a leader will determine the speed of the team. Nowhere is this more applicable today than in the context of men leading our homes and churches. Yet, the King's men have largely left their posts. Very sadly, in many cases they have committed spiritual desertion and have fled from the battlefield.

Yet, in Christ, the King's men are set apart to become men of exception within the hands of an exceptional God. There is no enemy or life circumstance that our King cannot overcome. In a very real way, Christ has already fought the battle and won. We are now called to follow Him where He has gone.

I pray this study will take you beyond where you have been to a place that God has destined you to arrive. It is a journey of faith where self must die and Christ must live, a place where *The King of kings* reigns and His men live to worship and serve Him alone.

For God's Glory,

Joe Waresak,

Director Seek First Ministries—Matthew 6:33

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**Within His sovereign governance over the  
affairs of mankind,  
God has divinely chosen each of His men that  
would one day bow a knee  
before His heavenly throne through His Son  
Jesus Christ.  
Simply put, God has created us for Himself.  
To know and love God is to be known by God  
(1 Corinthians 8:3).**

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## **The King's Men Defined: Becoming a Man of Exception**

It is the ultimate tipping point for any man, a climactic moment when God reaches into the depths of a man's heart and takes hold. Time typically seems to slow down and life's urgencies tend to soften in the midst of His glory and grace. A sense of newness overcomes one's being as life takes on a greater perspective and purpose. It is at this time that a man of exception is made—secured within the hands of an exceptional God. Do you know the exceptional grip of The King of Glory and Grace?

*“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

From before time, God had a plan that included you and me. It is an elusive truth for a finite mind to grasp, yet it is still nonetheless true. God, who abounds in mercy and grace, has chosen to love us in spite of ourselves.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world...”*

*Ephesians 1:3-4*

Before the first ink blot of your life was recorded in the history of time, God knew you. He fashioned you first in His infinite mind and then with unparalleled skill formed your most inner parts within your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13- 14). Just think, the same “hands” that created the vastness of the galaxies made you and me. This alone should cause us to walk with an ever-present awareness of awe and wonder.

Within His sovereign governance over the affairs of mankind, God has divinely chosen each of His men that would one day bow a knee before His heavenly throne through His Son Jesus Christ. Simply put, God has created us for Himself. To know and love God is to be known by God (1 Corinthians 8:3). No matter what angle you look at, our relationship with God pivots upon His love for us, a love that is supersaturated with His enduring mercy and ever-flowing grace.

As the King's men, this is our starting point as well our every day battle strategy: We humble ourselves before God and He lifts us up (James 4:10). We, in and of ourselves, can do nothing of merit to justify our standing before His perfect and holy throne. It is only here, in His grace-filled grip, that we recognize our need to turn away from our sinful lives and rest completely in the work of the cross of Christ.

*“Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?’”*

*Luke 9:23-25*

*“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God...But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

*Romans 5:1-2, 8*

*“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”*

*Colossians 2:6-7*

I cannot over emphasize at this point the totality of God's perfect essence and absolute holiness. It represents the finest mirror of reality. As we stand before the majesty of our King, we become undone regarding our own imperfect nature, our lack of holiness. It is a place where God both justifies us and sanctifies us. The prophet Isaiah experienced this first-hand within a divine vision as outlined in Isaiah 6:3-5:

*"And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."*

*"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

*Romans 3:23*

As such, it is God's perfect nature that compels our need for the cleansing touch of His mercy and grace. Like Isaiah, our reconciliation with God can only occur with the removal of our sins—we must be made pure before our perfectly righteous King. As Scripture has shown us, this is only accomplished by the touch of the redeeming work of Christ. Like Isaiah we must hear, "...Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged" (Isaiah 6:7). This is our point of conversion; it is the cross-shaped doorway that leads from death to life where the righteousness of Christ prevails.

Equally, it is our continual walk of sanctification where self becomes less and Christ becomes more (“And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure” 1 John 3:3). Yet, it all starts with a man falling to his knees and calling upon the name of His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (Romans 10:9-10). God has chosen us and now we must choose Him as well.

From his book, *Tender Warrior*, Stu Weber remembers entering into God’s grace-filled grip:

“Our guys loaded up the wounded, collected the dead, and began to build the camp all over again. Somehow, for some reason, I’d been handed yet one more chance to wake up and open my eyes. And this time, I did. I began rethinking my life... The faith of my father and grandfather had sent pilings deep into my soul. I realized that Jesus Christ was exactly who He said He was. He became very real to me. And life changed from that day.”

To say yes to Christ and no to self is taking a God-directed step that defies the natural order of this world; it is a willingness to condemn the ungodly self and the accolades of men and embrace a new order of life where humility, grace, and honor of our King reign supreme. The “Christ decision” is entering by the narrow gate, a pathway that few choose yet none will regret.

*“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are*

*many who go by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*

*Matthew 7:13-14*

It is a one-time life decision of surrender and then an all-out life pursuit of humility where God's Spirit renders a man's soul to Himself. It is not just an "event," but the beginning of an eternal relationship where the "old man" dies and the "new man" in Christ comes alive.

*“...I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart...But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”*

*Ephesians 4:17-18, 20-24*

This is, indeed, the apex of all tipping points in the life of any man. It is the pinnacle point in time when The Exceptional One makes you one of His men of exception and then day by day clothes you with the attire of His royal righteousness and supreme holiness.

You now stand before His glorious presence bound to His throne of glory through the eternal covenant of His Son. You are no longer burdened by the weight of your sin. Rather, your yoke is lightened by the extreme grace of your king.

“Let us pray over this in detail, throwing ourselves at God’s feet and meaning everything we say. No one who prays thus in sincerity need wait long for tokens of divine acceptance. God will unveil His glory before His servant’s eyes...” (A.W. Tozer, *Restoring the Creator-Creature Relation, The Best of Tozer/book two*)

In Christ, when God looks at you, He now sees the atoning work of His Son. Your sin debt has been paid in full by His sacrifice and you are now divinely branded with the holy seal of His deliverance. You are no longer a slave to the sins of your past and limited by the sins of your present and future. You are set free to serve and now secured for eternity to your King within the divine refuge of His redeeming love. Within His hands there is no fear of man, no fear of failure, and no fear of the unknown. In Christ, you are a man of exception called to live in the reality of the excellence, splendor, and grace of your exceptional King.

*“And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

*Joshua 24:15*

*“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.”*

*Titus 2:11-14*

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”*

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

By the grace of God we are saved, and by that same grace God purifies for Himself a special people made to serve and worship Him. To be one of the King’s men through Jesus Christ is to know a power and a purpose that transcends the ordinary and compels the extraordinary. It is the most profound tipping point that takes a man beyond himself and into the hands of His exceptional God. Do you personally know the grace-filled grip of The King of all Glory?

### In Summary:

1. We all fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23).
2. While we were still sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).
3. Jesus Christ paid our sin debt at the cross (Hebrews 10:14).
4. It is only through Christ that we can truly know God (John 14:6).
5. To choose Christ as our Lord and Savior is to have eternal life (1 John 5:11-12, Romans 10:9-10, Luke 9:23-25).
6. Salvation in Christ is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8).
7. In Christ, we now live for Christ to bear His fruit, to do His work, and to display His glory (Philippians 1:21, John 15:5, 8, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Cor. 10:31), a journey paved by grace and the work of God's Spirit within us.

### Making it Real:

1. Do you know God's grip of grace through Jesus Christ?
2. Did you ever think God's redeeming love was dependent upon your worthiness? If yes, do still believe this?
3. After reading this chapter, how would you define a "man of exception" before God?
4. How has the fear of man, the fear of failure, and the fear of the unknown held you back from walking within the reality of being a man of exception?
5. Are you bearing the fruit of your King?
6. Take a few minutes this week to prayerfully consider where God is at work in your life. Are you willing to submit where God is leading you to go...within every area of your life?

**Men, it is time  
that we regain our true identity in Christ  
as *The King's Men*,  
an honorable quest granted to us by our King  
to serve Him with unwavering loyalty  
and honor.**

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## **Are You on The Battlefield?**

*“Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, {and} to keep the LORD’S commandments...”*

*Deuteronomy 10:12*

Every man that calls upon the name of Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior is one of the King’s men. To wear the King’s emblem is to carry the seal of the Holy Spirit on one’s heart (Ephesians 1:13-14). It is a gift of grace from our King that signifies His ownership of our lives (Ephesians 2:8, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). It is a guarantee and promise of the eternal hope secured through the death and resurrection of Christ (Romans 6:23). *To be one of the King’s men is the highest honor bestowed upon man. Yet, to whom much has been given, much is required.*

*“...everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.”*

*Luke 12:48*

*“Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.”*

*1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

I recently listened to a friend teach on the subject of loyalty. Within his lesson, he commented on the sad reality that the term loyalty has turned into an obscure and seldom embraced ideal. In today’s world, the principles of commitment through suffering and faithfulness through adversity are often avoided at all cost. Let’s be real. For many men, they are more loyal to their sport teams than they are to their God, churches, wives, and children. Where are the *King’s loyal men*?

This is similar to a man that was an avid fan of his local major league baseball team. Like many men, it is not an exaggeration to say that this man truly loved his team. Unfortunately, he was not as loving to his own wife or children. A very telling sign of this sad truth was rooted in his willingness to forgive. He often would become very upset at his team when they let him down. Yet, he would always come to the conclusion that he would forgive them because they were “his” team and he loved them...regardless if they won or lost. However, he was not so considerate to his wife and children. Until one day he was confronted by a close friend who asked him this simple question: If your love of God and others define your most important life legacy, why is your greatest life passion focused on something else rather than the most important relationships in your life?

Are we really much different from this man? How many of the King's men are failing to live for the most important things in life and as a consequence have removed themselves from the battlefield? Where are you?

*“Whom have I in heaven {but You?} And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever...the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.”*

*Psalm 73:25-28*

*“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her”*

*Ephesians 5:25*

*“My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, and chains around your neck.”*

*Proverbs 1:8-9*

*“Bear one another's burdens...”*

*Galatians 6:2*

Men, it is time that we regain our true identity in Christ as *The King's Men*, an honorable quest granted to us by our King to serve Him with unwavering loyalty and honor. In Christ, we are created as His men to do His good work (Ephesians 2:9-10). It is foremost a matter of being and then

a life of doing, a mode of Coram Deo living (before the face of God).

It is here within the realm of our King's service, and only here, that we can pursue a missional life that seeks His glory (1 Cor. 10:31). As we consider the characteristics and priorities of the King's men, we will draw near to our King to gain a deeper understanding as to *His* character. Inasmuch, it is our King's character that will define and validate the value of our character, our purpose, and our priorities. Apart from God's compelling work that consists of His perfecting love and effectual grace, our character will be grossly flawed, our purpose will be greatly lacking, and our priorities will be out of order.

As the King's men, we are summoned to live a life worthy of our calling in Christ (*"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received"* Ephesians 4:1). As His soldiers, we are commanded to pursue a life that stays focused on the battlefield before us. It is a life of godly discipline that looks past the temporal circumstances and sets its eyes upon the eternal horizons.

**"You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier."**

**2 Timothy 2:3-4**

Have you ever considered yourself a “soldier” of Jesus Christ? Now before you answer too hastily, it is necessary that you truly consider what a soldier “engaged in warfare” looks like. From his book, *Tender Warrior*, Stu Weber explains:

*A warrior is one who possesses high moral standards and holds to high principles. He is willing to live by them, stand for them, spend himself in them, and if necessary, die for them. No warrior ever made that more obvious than Jesus (of) Nazareth. He who is the Ultimate Peacemaker will establish that peace from the back of a great white horse as the Head of the armies of heaven (pg. 45, Tender Warrior, 1999).*

As soldiers for Christ, when we engage our battlefield, we become missionaries within our mission field. The more we live the life of a soldier for Christ, the more we see the daily skirmishes that are taking place within our community and even right within the walls of our own homes. As we make our life more about our King, our King, in return, makes our life more about Him (James 4:8). This is the “grace-factor.” As we humble ourselves before God’s will, He imparts His grace and reorients our lives around Him (James 4:6, 10).

It is at this point of greater focus on God’s will that He often works in us and through us to most greatly impact our relationships and resources for His kingdom. And remember, our resources are there for our relationships and not vice versa. To serve God in this manner will place us squarely on the battlefield. Are you ready to go to war for your King?

*“...But for this purpose I came to this hour.  
Father glorify Your name.”*

*John 12:27-28*

As you set your mind on things above, not on earthly things and submit your will to God's, the Holy Spirit will work within you (Colossians 3:2, James 4:10, Galatians 5:22). Yet, be prepared. As you become a real warrior for Christ and step onto the battlefield, the enemy will desire your fall all the more. Point being, you are not a threat to the enemy until you engage Him.

Yet, always remember we wear the armor of The Almighty God. God is not on our side—*we are on His*. To know and be known by an exceptional God is to become a man of exception, made exceptional by the King that lives within us. Such a man is willing to embrace the battle regardless of the cost, not because of who He is but because of the King that fights for him.

This is why it is essential to wear our King's armor every day of our lives. We cannot afford to let a day go by without at least putting on the full body-armor of God.

*“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places...*

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”*

*Ephesians 6:10-13*

**“In this war between God and Satan, there is no room for neutrality. You must decide whether you are going to serve God or Satan. There is no middle ground. Holding up the shield of faith provides the confidence that you are on the winning side...”**

Robert Jeffress, *The Divine Defense*

It is equally as vital that we cover the backs of the men that God has divinely placed in our lives. God has wired us to be connected to Him and to one another (Ecc. 4:9-12). This is an essential battle strategy and truth for the King’s men: We must carry the burdens of others, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ. To do any less and we are effectively stepping off the battlefield and creating a gap, a weak point that our enemy *will* attack.

*“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ...Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

*Galatians 6:2, 10*

So much of all of this comes down to this simple premise: We must be men of godly convictions that live with great intentionality and availability to serve our King. If you consider the life of any man or woman that God has used in the course of history, you will likely find an individual of intense devotion and unstoppable drive. We will consider a few of these men in the next chapter. This is an axiom of our faith—God will compel a man that lives for Him. Purpose defines passion and your life passion will dictate your life priorities. Whatever drives you most, i.e. what most defines you, will shape how you live and who you become.

As the King’s men, what is our greatest life purpose? This answer is found throughout the Bible and was correctly outlined within the early church: *What is the chief end of man? To glorify God and to enjoy Him forever (The Westminster Catechism)*. We see this same truth outlined in Scripture in both the Old and the New Testament.

*“Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified.”*

*Haggai 1:8*

*“I will extol You, my God, O King; And I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.”*

*Psalms 145:1-3*

*“Therefore, whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”*

*1 Corinthians 10:31*

If you have humbled yourself before the majesty of The King Jesus Christ and now call Him Savior and Lord, you are His man and part of a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9) and are called to walk within the reality of His grace. Just as the Israelites were rescued from Pharaoh to serve and worship their God, we, too, are saved for a greater purpose beyond ourselves. The justifying grace of Christ is not limited to a one-time decision that pivots upon us; rather, it is an eternal calling of love that is most revealed through the ongoing service and worship of our King. Reason being, it is the blood- stained grace of our King that saved us that now sanctifies us for His royal use. In Christ, we are placed onto the battle- field to do His good works and to bring glory to His name.

**That this world is a playground instead of a battleground has now been accepted in practice by the vast majority of evangelical Christians. They might hedge around the question if they were asked bluntly to declare their position, but their conduct gives them away. They are facing both ways, enjoying Christ and the world too, and gleefully telling everyone that accepting Jesus does not require them to give up their fun...**

—A. W. Tozer, *The Quotable Tozer II*

## Making it Real:

1. Do you see yourself actively engaging the enemy for your king? If not, what needs to happen to untangle you from the civilian affairs of this world?
2. How well are you doing from protecting your home against the enemy? (include your wife as you evaluate)
3. What about your brothers in Christ? How are they doing? Don't know? What needs to happen next to make sure they are on the battlefield?
4. Do you carry God's burden for the lost? What are you doing about it?
5. Are you on the battlefield? If yes, when is the last time you evaluated your battle plan?
6. What or who defines your life purpose? What would your wife, children, or closest friends say? Do your day to day priorities match up with your King's?
7. How real is God's daily dosage of grace in your life? Are you being transformed by it?

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