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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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John 3:30

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How to end well

Today we will look at the life of John the Baptist and see how to end our ministries and lives well. I have divided our study into 6 sections:

- 1) The Maxim
- 2) The Man
- 3) The Ministry
- 4) The Misunderstanding
- 5) The Marvel
- 6) The Meaning

Discussion Questions

1. What was the final day like of John and Meg's ministry in the church they started 13 years before in Geneva when John handed the church over to the new pastor? What were their feelings as they stepped away?
2. Have you had to step away from a ministry? Describe it and explain how it felt?
3. How do you understand the maxim – "He must increase, but I must decrease," articulated by John the Baptist? Why *MUST*?
4. How can Jesus *increase*? What does that mean?
5. How was John the Baptist supposed to decrease?
6. What was unique about the John the Baptist as a man, from his birth to his death?
7. Describe the successes of John the Baptist's ministry.
8. Why did jealousy creep into John the Baptist's disciples (John 3:26) when Jesus showed up on the scene. Describe their feelings.
9. How did John the Baptist react to his shrinking ministry in John 3: 27-30 and Jean 1: 19-23, and verset 28?
10. How did John the Baptist's life actually get worse once Jesus showed up on the scene?
11. How did John the Baptist deal with his diminishing ministry?
12. Did John the Baptist fail in any way (Luke 7:28)
13. How did John the Baptist's ministry continue even after his death according to Mark 6:14, 20?
14. How does this message help us deal with the slowing down and/or end of our lives and ministries? How does it help us deal with the normal transitions of life?