What Makes Life Worth Living?

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I. Background
   A. Born in Bangalore, India
   B. Generations of officers in British Army
      1. Grandfather—General
      2. Father—Colonel
      3. Uncle—Brigadier
   C. Age 5, sent to England to be educated
   D. Ages 9–25, educated in boarding institutions
   E. Age 13, admitted to Eton College on scholarship
      1. Even today the boys wear tail coats and pin-striped trousers (used to wear top hats)
      2. Attended chapel 8 times per week (Anglican)
   F. Age 15, confirmed in Anglican Church—the harder I tried to be good the worse I got
   G. Age 18, admitted to King’s College, Cambridge, as senior scholar of the year
      1. Concluded that Christianity was not relevant
      2. Studied philosophy (mainly Greek) for 7 years
      3. One of the youngest to be elected to a fellowship in King’s College, Cambridge
   H. Unanswered question: What makes life worth living?
   I. Volunteered for the Royal Army Medical Corps
      1. Took Bible to read as work of philosophy
      2. Saved in barracks in 1941
      3. Baptized in Holy Spirit
      4. Received word from God:
         a. “It shall be like a little stream, the little stream shall become a river, the river shall become a great river, the great river shall become a sea, the sea shall become a mighty ocean, and it shall be through thee; but how, thou must not know, thou canst not know, thou shalt not know.”
         b. God spoke “Palestine” many times
      5. Spent 3 years in deserts of North Africa:
         a. Egypt, Libya and the Sudan
         b. Developed skin disease (chronic eczema)
         c. In hospital 1 year
         d. Searched Bible for verses on healing
         e. Word from God through lady Brigadier (Salvation Army): “Consider the work of Calvary; a perfect work, perfect in every respect, perfect in every aspect”
         f. Healed of skin disease (Prov. 4:20–22)
   J. Stationed in Palestine at hospital on Mt. of Olives—called by God to be a teacher of the Scriptures
   K. Met Lydia and God spoke again: “I have joined you together under the same yoke and in the same harness”
   L. Married February 1946 in Jerusalem

II. Application: Discover What God Has Called You To Do

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