

The Power of Powerlessness

Genesis 3:22(NLT): "Then the Lord God said, 'Look, the human beings have become like us."

Ecclesiastes 7:15: "In this meaningless life of mine I have seen both of these: the righteous perishing in their righteousness, and the wicked living long in their wickedness."

Ecclesiastes 8:7,8: "Since no one knows the future, who can tell someone else what is to come? As no one has power over the wind to contain it, so no one has power over the time of their death."

Ecclesiastes 8:14: "There is something else meaningless that occurs on earth: the righteous who get what the wicked deserve, and the wicked who get what the righteous deserve. This too, I say, is meaningless."

Ecclesiastes 8:17: "No one can comprehend what goes on under the sun. Despite all their efforts to search it out, no one can discover its meaning. Even if the wise claim they know, they cannot really comprehend it."

Ecclesiastes 9:11,12: "I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all. Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them."

"The only thing you can control is your reaction to the things you can't control." Charles Swindoll

Jesus isn't helping us build controlled lives.

Jesus is helping us build meaning-filled lives.

Ecclesiastes 12:1(ERV): "Remember your Creator while you are young, before the bad times come—before the years come when you say, 'I have wasted my life.'"

Romans 10:9(ESV): "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."