

Finding Meaning: Wisdom from Ecclesiastes  
When Life Feels Empty  
Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

Our generation, like every generation before us, is on a quest for purpose and meaning. Questioning the purpose of life is as old as time. Every person has experienced the strong desire to know what all of this really means and for what purpose it serves. Deep down inside, we know that it has to go beyond activity, career, fame, and wealth.

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In a world where cemeteries remind us of the futility of life, one grave is empty. There is one Man whom the dust cannot claim because God would not allow the Holy One to see decay. Jesus is free from the curse of futility, and He graciously offers that freedom to those who will place their trust in Him. Confess to Him that you have tried to find meaning in something or someone other than Him, and then find your meaning and your value and your purpose in Him alone.

“Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.”—Augustine

#### Reflection

What are some activities that you engage in that seem monotonous and unending? What things do you or people you know look to as means of relieving the redundancy of life? How does death render everything we do meaningless? Why do we always think true happiness will be found in something we lack right now? What is Solomon’s purpose in exposing the meaninglessness of life under the sun? How does Christ bring significance and meaning to all of our actions, including the ones that seem mundane?