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# When Life Just Isn't Fair

Why do bad things happen to me when I love God and am trying to do the right thing?

## Looking ahead: Solomon saw the last enemy

- Injustice of life ...
  Ecc. 3:16-17 NLT
- Uncertainty of life ... Ecc. 3:18-22

### Looking around: Solomon understood that life is complex

- Oppression of the poor ... *Ecc. 4:1-3 NLT*
- Obsessions of the prosperous ... *Ecc. 4:4-8*
- Relationships over things ...
  Ecc. 4:9-12 Pr. 18:24
- Relationships over popularity ...
  Ecc. 4:13-16

## Looking around: Solomon saw that God is in control

- God's order of time ... *Ecc. 3:1-8*
- God's plan is good ... *Ecc. 3:9-10*
- God's purpose is clear ... *Ecc. 3:11*
- God says don't forget to enjoy life ...
  Ecc. 3:13 Ecc. 3:14-15

# Life is chosen by God Himself, yet in His chosen-ness, there is personal choice.

#### Answer the following individually and/or as a group

- Do I agree that there are no easy answers to explain God's allowance of painful events? Why or why not?
- How do I deal with my attitude when bad things happen to good people?
- How do I work through when I love God and bad things happen when trying to do the right things? How do I help others through this situation?
- Think of what brings me joy and how to keep joy in my soul when bad things happen.

#### Daily Reflective Devotions

Monday	Ecc. 3
Tuesday	Ecc. 4
Wednesday	Ps. 73
Thursday	Pr. 7
Friday	Pr. 8
Saturday	Pr. 9

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