

WALKING OUT GOD'S PLAN

Ecclesiastes 6.10-7.13 // June 16, 2019

NOTES:

THE COMFORT OF KNOWING THE END

God has planned out our life, and we can take great comfort in this because we know that His story is good and perfect. We also have His great and many promises; promises that, if He were *not* in perfect and total control of everything would simply be *empty* promises and statements He would make crossing His fingers, only *hoping* that they would come to pass. But our story, our future is secure because it is *His* story that He has written for us.

Imagine a cross like the one on which Jesus died, only so large that it had a door in it. Over the door were these words from Revelation: "Whosoever will may come." These words represent the free and universal offer of the Gospel...

On the other side of the door a happy surprise awaits the one who believes and enters. From the inside, anyone glancing back can see these words from Ephesians written above the door: "Chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world." -Philip Ryken, "The Message of Salvation"

Ephesians 2.10

PROVERBS FOR LIVING

The four proverbs in Ecclesiastes 7.1-4 focus on life and death; sadness and laughter. The following eight proverbs in verses 5-12 focus on wisdom and foolishness. Twelve proverbs with no singular theme, but the sum of the twelve add up: sorrow and hardship are valuable to help us grow in wisdom and thoughtfulness, and avoid a foolish and empty life.

1. Pursue a life of integrity and good reputation - Verse 1
2. Embrace Times of Mourning and Sorrow - Verses 2-4
3. Surround Yourself with Wise People - Verses 5-7
4. Endure with Patience - Verses 8, 9 // Proverbs 18.2, 29.20, 17.28, 10.19, 18.13
5. Look Forward, Not Backward - Verses 10-12

AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

The **strategy to walking in God's will and plan for your life is not a matter of knowing your future, but a matter of trusting God today.**

Jesus came and lived the life you failed to live, and died the death that you deserved. He did this, in part, to free you from the agony of fearing the future and needlessly living in the past. You don't have to worry about what God's will is for your life, what God's plans for your future are, because He died to secure a good future for you, One that is guaranteed with His own oath. We don't need to worry about tomorrow, we will walk in the good deeds that He has already promised us, already prepared for us, all we need to do is trust Him for today.

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Ecclesiastes 6.10-7.13. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the Good News of our story already being named by God bring us great comfort and peace?

Repent and Ask for Provision

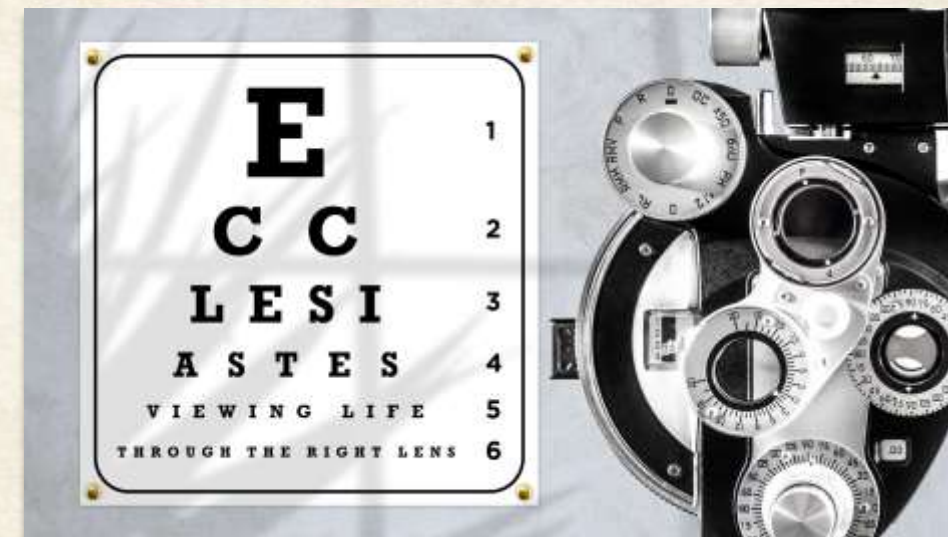
There are a number of ways the Preacher points out ways that we might be living foolishly: avoiding hardship and only seeking out pleasure, spending time in foolishness and meaningless pursuits, dwelling in the past, losing patience, etc. Which of these do you need to pursue God in more, and what can you do to not just "wait" for it to happen, but be proactive with it?

Your Life Mission

God has ordained every moment of your life, from beginning to end, and every salvation that He has purchased with His blood comes with a bumper to bumper warranty. For the born again believer, we have the great comfort of His promises, and we know that He has prepared for us the good deeds, relationships, and opportunities that we will walk in.

What opportunities or conversations or social settings with non-believers are on the horizon or in your calendar that you could use prayer for, that God has ordained you to cross paths with? How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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