

WHY ON EARTH IS LIFE SO HARD?

This Means War • Part 8

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"Why is life so hard? Why do we suffer?" **Job 7:1 (CEV)**

THE CAUSE: _____

"Sin came into the world because of what one man did, and with sin came death." **Romans 5:12**

"ALL of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's path to follow our own paths." **Isaiah 53:6**

"No one can say, 'I am innocent; I have never done anything wrong.'"
Proverbs 20:9

3 KINDS OF REBELLION

_____ = missing the mark; falling short, not measuring up

_____ = going beyond the set boundary

_____ = intention to hurt, damage, do evil

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity. I confessed my transgressions and you forgave my guilt." **Psalms 32:5**

THE DAMAGE: _____

• **NATURAL** _____

"Creation was condemned to lose its purpose..." **Romans 8:20 (GNB)**

"Creation is confused..." **Romans 8:20 (CEV)**

"All of creation groans with pain..." **Romans 8:22**

• **PHYSICAL** _____

"No one can control the wind or stop his own death."

Ecclesiastes 8:8 (NCV)

"Our physical body is becoming older and weaker." **2 Corinthians 4:16**

"Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam, the first man."

1 Corinthians 15:22

• **EMOTIONAL** _____

"Everything under the sun is meaningless, like chasing the wind. What is wrong cannot be righted. What is missing cannot be recovered."

Ecclesiastes 1:14-15 (NLT)

• **RELATIONAL** _____

"I saw all the people who were mistreated here on earth. I saw their tears that they had no one to comfort them." **Ecclesiastes 4:1 (NCV)**

"...they suddenly felt ashamed of their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together to cover themselves up." **Genesis 3:7**

"I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." **Genesis 3:10**

• **FINANCIAL & VOCATIONAL** _____

"Here is a terrible thing that I have seen in this world: people save up their money for a time when they may need it, and then lose it all in some bad deal and end up with nothing left to pass on to their children."

Ecclesiastes 5:13-14 (TEV)

"I hated life, because the work I did under the sun was meaningless to me... So I turned in despair from hard work. It was not the answer to my search for satisfaction in this life." **Ecclesiastes 2:17 & 20 (NLT)**

• **SPIRITUAL** _____

"I am like a caravan, lost in the desert searching for water." **Job 6:18**

"They've refused for so long to deal with God that they've lost touch not only with God but with reality itself." **Ephesians 4:18 (MSG)**

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

• **I NEED TO** _____

"Jesus said, 'In this world you WILL have trouble. But take heart! I HAVE OVERCOME the world.'" **John 16:33**

• **I MUST** _____

"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'" **John 8:12**