



**Sermon Outline**  
**May 12, 2019**  
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# **Real Talk**

## **Ecclesiastes**

**Series objective:** *To reveal that from Genesis to Revelation God's Big Story is that He wants to be with us, and He wants us to be with Him.*

**Series goal:** *To help us become more aware of living the "with God" life.*

### **In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon speaks from \_\_\_\_\_:**

**1:16** - I said to myself, "Look, I have increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem before me; I have experienced much of wisdom and knowledge."

**2:1a & 10a** - I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure to find out what is good." I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure.

**2:4** - I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards.

**2:8a** - I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. **Estimated worth - \$2.2 Trillion**

### **Solomon reveals four unsatisfying pursuits in life:**

**1. P \_\_\_\_\_**

**2:11** - Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

**2. P \_\_\_\_\_ - 1:14** - I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

**3. P \_\_\_\_\_ - 4:16** - There was no end to all the people who were before them. But those who came later were not pleased with the successor. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

**4. P \_\_\_\_\_ - 4:4** - And I saw that all toil and all achievement spring from one person's envy of another. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

### **Solomon highlights three uncontrollable realities of life:**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ - 1:9** - What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ - 3:1-2a** - There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die...

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ - 8:14a** - 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.

**\* Humanity's Conundrum – Life can appear to be \_\_\_\_\_.**

**\* The Solution – Include \_\_\_\_\_ in every aspect of your life.**

**12:13** - Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.

**P.S. = \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_**

**P** – *I will look for and become more aware of the little things in life that I can enjoy and be thankful for.*

**S** – *As I engage in conversation, I will bring up the little things in life that I am learning to enjoy and be thankful for and give God the credit.*