

September 9, 2018

# It's a Wonderful (Brief) Life

Ecclesiastes



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# Reflections

Three quotes From Ernest Hemingway that sound like Ecclesiastes:

The world is a fine place and worth fighting for and I hate very much to leave it.

- Ernest Hemingway, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*




Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know.

- Ernest Hemingway, *The Garden of Eden*

The world breaks everyone, and afterward, many are strong at the broken places.

- Ernest Hemingway

*'Cakes' by Wayne Thiebaud, 1963*  
*'It's a Wonderful Life' logo by Jesse Wu*

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# Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>3</sup> What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?

<sup>4</sup> A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.

<sup>5</sup> The sun rises, and the sun goes down,  
and hastens to the place where it rises.

<sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south  
and goes around to the north;  
around and around goes the wind,  
and on its circuits the wind returns.

<sup>7</sup> All streams run to the sea,  
but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow,  
there they flow again.

<sup>8</sup> All things are full of weariness;  
a man cannot utter it;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,  
nor the ear filled with hearing.

<sup>9</sup> What has been is what will be,  
and what has been done is what will be done,  
and there is nothing new under the sun.

<sup>10</sup> Is there a thing of which it is said,  
“See, this is new”?

It has been already  
in the ages before us.

<sup>11</sup> There is no remembrance of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance  
of later things yet to be  
among those who come after.

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# Sermon

*It's a Wonderful (Brief) Life*

Rankin Wilbourne

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## Events & News

### **Community Group Fair, Today after all three services**

PCC Community Groups meet in homes all around Los Angeles to know and care for one another as followers of Jesus. Stick around for our CG Fair today and learn more about Community Groups. Plus, we have a ton of free gourmet food, refreshments, and entertainment!

### **Membership Brunch, September 29th**

Are you ready to call Pacific Crossroads your church home? Then come learn what membership at PCC is all about as well as what the Bible has to say about it. Breakfast included.

### **Pre-Marriage Seminar, October 13**

If you are recently engaged and planning to get married or you are a newlywed, this one-day seminar offers you practical information on how to build a healthy marriage from the start.

*View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, [PacificCrossroads.org/Events](https://PacificCrossroads.org/Events), or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.*

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## Ministry Resources

### **Congregational Care**

Our congregational care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email [pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org) or call our office at 310.551.0081.

### **Celebrate Recovery**

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit [PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery](https://PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery).