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# Reflections

He is no fugitive-escaped, escaping.  
No one has seen him stumble looking back.  
His fear is not behind him but beside him  
On either hand to make his course perhaps  
A crooked straightness yet no less a straightness.  
He runs face forward. He is a pursuer.  
He is a seeker who in his turn seeks  
Another still, lost far into the distance.  
Any who seek him seek in him the seeker.  
His life is a pursuit of a pursuit forever.  
It is the future that creates his present.  
All is an interminable chain of longing.

- *Escapist-Never*, Robert Frost

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

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# Scripture

Ecclesiastes 1:12-18

<sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>15</sup>       What is crooked cannot be made straight,  
          and what is lacking cannot be counted.

<sup>16</sup> I said in my heart, “I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.” <sup>17</sup> And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind.

<sup>18</sup>       For in much wisdom is much vexation,  
          and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

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# Sermon

*Is This All There Is?*

Rankin Wilbourne

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## Events & News

### **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, a newlywed, or are in a serious dating relationship, this one-day seminar offers you practical information on how to build a healthy marriage from the start.

Join us as several leaders from our community will discuss topics like the purpose of marriage, communication and conflict resolution, sex and finances.

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## Ministry Resources

### **Congregational Care**

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### **Celebrate Recovery**

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