



## WHY IS LIFE SO DIFFICULT?

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

### I. THE REASON: **REBELLION AGAINST GOD**

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

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

### II. THE RESULTS: **SIN BROKE EVERYTHING**

#### 1. NATURAL **DISASTERS**

*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)

#### 2. PHYSICAL **DECAY AND DEATH**

*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)

#### 3. EMOTIONAL **DISTRESS AND DISAPPOINTMENT**

*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)

#### 4. RELATIONAL **DISTANCE AND DISCORD**

*I saw all the people who were mistreated here on earth. I saw their tears and 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)*

5. FINANCIAL & VOCATIONAL **DIFFICULTIES**

*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)*

6. SPIRITUAL **DISCONTENT AND DARKNESS**

*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)*

**III. WHAT'S OUR RESPONSE?**

- **I NEED TO ACCEPT JESUS AS MY SAVIOR.**

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