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A Life Of Meaning Not Misery - Eccl 11:1-12:8

Why live as though it were winter when it is spring?

Purposelessness proceeds hopelessness

Accept cause and effect: do nothing get nothing

Don't try out smarting. You might outsmart yourself

You don't know God's ways

Don't be foolish either, time marches on.

Live well in spite of the inevitable

Live well because of the inevitable

When the inevitable happens you won't be saying "I wish I had..."

Enjoy all your days in the light and accept there will be dark days also

Do with all your might: Don't give in to fear or failure

Unfortunately, "People often contemplate most what they most wish to avoid" Michael Fox, *A Time To Tear Down*

What if vs what is: What Ifs Fears, Worries, Doubts, Worst Case Scenarios, Insecurities. Like up, not grounded

What is: Grounds us A.J. Schreier

Do not seek death. Death will find you. But seek the road which makes death a fulfillment. Dag Mammarskjold, *Markings* (1964)

This can create and environment of misery

Uhaul: can't take it with you – Its too late

Enjoy your youth: Consider the consequences of how you enjoy

Remember your creator when you are young

Remember God before you die

We must be content with the life God has given us to live rather than the life of fantasy or self-serving myth.

From meaningless to meaning full: What grounds you

Embracing Who God is

Trusting in what Jesus has done

Believing in who's you are

Living with gratitude and purpose