

ASKING 'WHY?'

ECCLESIASTES 6:1-12

Every human being must at some time confront the same disease that claimed Anthony, Kate, Robin, and every other person who takes his or her life: meaninglessness. Why are we here and is this life worth living? It's a sobering thought. Friedrich Nietzsche—another struggler—said that anyone with a "why" to live could endure almost any how. These wealthy, accomplished people had some of the most marvelous "hows" anyone could imagine. Yet none of it could make up for the lack of "why."
-Caroline D'agati

Theme: The question of 'Why' can only be answered by God.

#1 The 'Why' Is Not Found Under The Sun

A. Hard Truth #1: We Were Born As Slaves

B. Gospel Glimpse: Ephesians 2:1-3

#2 The 'Why' Is Not Found Within Us

A. Hard Truth #2: We Are Creatures

B. Gospel Glimpse: Romans 8:18-19

Other Passages

Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

Exodus 5:7 "You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as in the past; let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 But the number of bricks that they made in the past you shall impose on them, you shall by no means reduce it, for they are idle. Therefore they cry, 'Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.'