MY LIFE IS A MESS!
Thanking God Daily! - Part 2
Ecclesiastes 7:24 (TEV)
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"How can anyone discover <u>what life means</u>?" **Ecclesiastes 7:24a (TEV)**

I. WHAT IS THE POINT OF MY LIFE? (Ecclesiastes Chapter 1)

- LIFE SEEMS <u>USELESS</u>.

  "(Life) *is useless, <u>all useless</u>. You spend your life <u>working</u>... but what do you have to show for it? ... the world just stays the same."* Ecclesiastes 1:2-4 (TEV)

- LIFE SEEMS <u>TIRESOME</u>.

  "The sun <u>rises</u> and goes <u>down</u>... the wind blows round and round and back again. Every river flows into the sea... (then) *the water returns to where the river began and <u>starts all over again</u>. <u>Everything leads to weariness</u>..."* Ecclesiastes 1:5-8 (TEV)

- LIFE SEEMS <u>UNSATISFYING</u>.

  "No matter how much we see, we're <u>never satisfied</u>; no matter how much we hear, we're <u>not content</u>. History merely repeats itself. Nothing is truly new."
  Ecclesiastes 1:8-9 (TLB)

- LIFE SEEMS <u>UNIMPORTANT</u>.

  "No one remembers what has happened <u>in the past</u>, and <u>no one in days to come will remember</u> what happens between now and then." Ecclesiastes 1:11 (TEV)

- **MY** LIFE SEEMS LIKE IT'S <u>OUT OF CONTROL</u>!

  "You can't straighten out <u>what is crooked</u>; you can't count things <u>that aren't there</u>!"
  Ecclesiastes 1:15 (TEV)

"I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; <u>all of them are meaningless</u>, a chasing <u>after the wind</u>." Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NIV)

When I don't know the meaning of life I can…

1. Make it up. 2. Try to escape it. 3. <u>Discover what the real meaning of life is</u>!

II. GOD CHOSE ME, I'M GOOD!

"Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be His through our union with Christ, so that we would be holy and without fault before Him. Because of His love, God had already decided that through Jesus Christ, He would make us His children..." Ephesians 1:4-5 (TEV)

LIFE IS ABOUT LIVING FOREVER!

"He has set eternity in the human heart..." Ecclesiastes 3:11b (NLT)

HOW DO I PREPARE TO LIVE FOREVER?

1. GET TO KNOW JESUS!

"To all who receive him, Christ gives the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (TLB)

2. HELP OTHER PEOPLE!!!

"God, who made us... has given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ago; planned that we should spend these lives in helping others." Ephesians 2:10 (TLB)

2. WAIT ON THE LORD!

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God…"For God…chose (us) *to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."* Romans 8:28-29 (NLT)