

# Together on the Journey

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Ecclesiastes 1:12-18  
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ can't make you \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

<sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to study and to explore by \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What \_\_\_\_\_ a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup> I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

<sup>15</sup> What is crooked cannot be straightened; what is \_\_\_\_\_ lacking cannot be counted.

2. Wisdom doesn't make you \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>16</sup> I said to myself, "Look, I have increased in wisdom more than anyone who has ruled over Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_ before me; I have experienced much of wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ and knowledge." <sup>17</sup> Then I applied myself to the understanding of wisdom, and also of madness \_\_\_\_\_ and folly, but I learned that this, too, is a chasing \_\_\_\_\_ after the wind. <sup>18</sup> For with much wisdom comes much sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.

1. The book of Ecclesiastes is considered a book of wisdom. How would you define wisdom? Are there any areas of life where you feel like you are not living with wisdom?

2. Read Psalm 78:7-8. Why do you think the Psalmist urges us to think back about God's past faithfulness in our lives? How can that help us in our present troubles?

3. It goes without being said that we are living in a very... unique season, but how do you want to be remembered during this season of life - as someone who lives by faith or by fear? How might you need to change your thinking and/or behavior to be proud of how you handled these times?

4. Read James 1:2-4. How can a troubling time grow our faith? How has this season of life changed your faith?

5. Author C. S. Lewis was once asked, "Why do the righteous \_\_\_\_\_ suffer?", to which he replied, "Why not? They're the only ones \_\_\_\_\_ who can take it!" How has our faith helped you navigate life in \_\_\_\_\_ the last 18 months?

6. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. Is there an area of your life where you're \_\_\_\_\_ depending on your own perspective opinion, or understanding? Commit that to prayer this week and allow God to lead you.

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