

WHY IS LIFE IN THIS WORLD SO HARD?

The Invisible War
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"Why is life so hard? Why do we suffer?" Job 7:1 (CEV)

I. THE CAUSE: _____

"Sin came into the world because of what one man did. And with sin came death."
Romans 5:12 (ERV)

"All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own." Isaiah 53:6 (NLT)

"No one can say, 'I am innocent; I have never done anything wrong.'"
Proverbs 20:9 (NCV)

3 KINDS OF REBELLION

- _____ = missing the mark; falling short, not measuring up
- _____ = going beyond the set boundary
- _____ = intention to hurt, damage, do evil

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover up my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."
Psalm 32:5 (ESV)

II. THE DAMAGE: _____

1. NATURAL _____

"Creation was condemned to lose its purpose." Romans 8:20 (GNT)

"Creation is confused." (CEV)

"All of creation groans with pain." Romans 8:22 (GNT)

2. PHYSICAL _____

"Our physical body is becoming older and weaker." 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NCV)

"Everyone dies because all of us are related to Adam."

1 Corinthians 15:22 (TLB)

3. EMOTIONAL _____

"They are distressed, because they had been confident; they arrived, only to be disappointed." Job 6:20 (NIV)

4. RELATIONAL _____

"They suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves." Genesis 3:7 (NLT)

"I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." Genesis 3:10 (NIV)

5. FINANCIAL & VOCATIONAL _____

"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 (GNT)

"I came to hate life because everything done here under the sun is so troubling. Everything is meaningless . . . So I gave up in despair, questioning the value of all my hard work in this world." Ecclesiastes 2:17, 20 (NLT)

6. SPIRITUAL _____

"I am like a caravan, lost in the desert searching for water." Job 6:18 (NLT)

"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)

WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

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"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)
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"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.'" John 8:12 (NLT)

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