

ECCLESIASTES

FINDING MEANING IN THIS LIFE

Message Title: **Difficult Lessons in this Troubled World**

Ecclesiastes 4:4-16 NASB | Sunday AM, October 24th, 2021

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⁴I have seen that every labor and every skill which is done is *the result of rivalry* between a man and his neighbor. This too is vanity and striving after wind. ⁵The fool folds his hands and consumes his own flesh. ⁶One hand full of rest is better than two fists full of labor and striving after wind. ⁷Then I looked again at vanity under the sun. ⁸There was a certain man without a dependent, having neither a son nor a brother, yet there was no end to all his labor. Indeed, his eyes were not satisfied with riches *and he never asked*, “And for whom am I laboring and depriving myself of pleasure?” This too is vanity and it is a grievous task. ⁹Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. ¹⁰For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. ¹¹Furthermore, if two lie down, together they keep warm, but how can one be warm *alone*? ¹²And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart. ¹³A poor yet wise lad is better than an old and foolish king who no longer knows *how* to receive instruction. ¹⁴For he has come out of prison to become king, even though he was born poor in his kingdom. ¹⁵I have seen all the living under the sun throng to the side of the second lad who replaces him. ¹⁶There is

2. The Barriers to Meaningful _____ (vv.4-12)

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B. _____ (v.5)

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D. _____ (v.7)
