



HIS DESIGN | SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018 | WEEK 5

## Lesson: **SIMPLIFY WITH COURAGE**

*That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he. Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?*  
ECCLESIASTES 6:10-12

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal..*  
2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18



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1. Dispicable me—when \_\_\_\_\_ destroys me

*There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.*  
ECCLESIASTES 6:1-2

**Quote:** “Nobody can truly enjoy the gifts of God apart from the God who gives the gifts. To enjoy the gifts without the Giver is idolatry, and this can never satisfy the human heart. Enjoyment without God is merely entertainment, and it doesn’t satisfy. But enjoyment with God is enrichment, and it brings true joy and satisfaction.”—**Warren Wiersbe**

*If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he. For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness. Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more rest than the other. Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place? ECCLESIASTES 6:3-6*

2. Desperate me—when \_\_\_\_\_ drive me

*All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living? Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.* ECCLESIASTES 6:7-9

*I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*  
PHILIPPIANS 3:14

*Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?*  
LUKE 12:24-28

3. Decisional me—when \_\_\_\_\_ deepens me

*That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man: neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he. Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?*  
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The answer to Solomon’s question, “Who knows what is good for me?” is three-fold:

- First, not me! I don’t know, and I only make a mess trying.
- Second, not you! No man on Earth knows the answer to this question as it pertains uniquely to God’s will for me—He is my only Lord.
- Lastly, God knows best what is good for me. This is where decisional me steps in and yields to Jesus, accepting that He knows exactly what is best for me because He knows the whole picture. He can survey the blocks, pick up exactly the right ones, and fit them perfectly together.

*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*  
MATTHEW 11:28

**Quote:** “It is easier to say no when there is a deeper yes burning inside.”—**Stephen Covey**

*Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.* PSALM 16:11

**Conclusion:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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