



**Life becomes exhausting
when we give temporary things eternal weight.**
(Ecclesiastes 2:1–11)

Success can never carry the weight of your identity.

Mark 8:36 (NIV) - What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?

We try to control what God never asked us to control.
(*Ecclesiastes 2:18–23*)

Faithfulness is our responsibility. Outcomes belong to God.

James 4:13-15 (NIV) - Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

We make happiness our goal instead of God's gift.
(*Ecclesiastes 2:24–26*)

Joy is a gift from God, not the purpose of life.

Luke 9:23 (NIV) - Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

God carries what everything else cannot.
(*Ecclesiastes 2:24–26; 12:13*)

**God doesn't owe us these gifts.
He gives them because He loves us. (Matthew 6:25–34)**

Not everything deserves the weight we've been giving it.

Life under the sun becomes lighter when we trust the God who is over it.

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