

Everything is Going to be Alright

What is life all about? What makes life good and what meaning/purpose makes the suffering in life worth it?

In (Rom 8:18) Paul says that in Christ, “the suffering we endure in this life is not worthy to be compared with the glory yet to be revealed”. In the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon gives a most profound statement of what he discovered about life. Having pursued meaning and purpose in every possible way, he summarized that life without God was hebel – vanity, meaningless – “without God, life has no meaning”. (1Thes 4:13) says that when we face death without God it causes us to “grieve without hope”.

- **Life involves a great deal of suffering and needs to have a purpose**
- **Life without God is meaningless and empty of purpose**
- **Life without God eventuates in grieving without hope.**

James, a 62 yr old man is referred to a counselor with an initial diagnosis of depression. As his story emerges in the counseling process, he reveals that he has experienced a lot of death in the past few years. He lost both of his parents and a brother in the past 5 years. In addition his wife was a recent cancer survivor. “I feel sad most of the time and at times I just have to weep”. I just feel like my parent’s life and my brother’s life and even my own has been for nothing. It all feels empty, James said, just like Solomon.

And it would all be for nothing and would all be empty, if not for God and for what God has promised us:

- **Genesis 50:20 "And as for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.**
- **Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.**

Our hope that makes life worth living and gives us a reason to continue on is that God is going to take everything that happens in human history and make it into something good.

**Everything is going to be Alright! God is going to make everything right in the end
Even when all seems lost and everything feels hopeless, God is going to make it right**

1. Joseph (of the Old Testament) – his life took a tragic turn; at least it felt tragic; (Gen 37:18-36).

His brothers threw him in the pit; sold him to the Ishmaelites who sold him to Potipher! (Gen 39:1-20) His faithful service caused him to be put in prison! Having spent 2+ years in prison it appeared that he had been forgotten! Then God appointed him to the position of Prime Minister of all Egypt!

Joseph was put through a 13-year intensive training program through which he was prepared to lead a nation, preserve the seed of Messiah and leave a lasting testimony. In the depths of his training and humbling everything looked dark and hopeless, but it wasn’t! Joseph was part of God’s bigger plan. God knew right where he was and what was being accomplished when he was in the pit, in the service of Potiphar, in the prison and knew the exact right moment to promote him to Prime Minister. Joseph’s bones were a testimony that he had died in the faith and that all was right with him in the end.

2. Joseph (of the New Testament) – his life took a tragic turn; at least it felt tragic; (Mt 1:18-25).

He felt like his life was “in the pit!” He had met, courted and won the hand of the most beautiful woman in his life! Her heart was humble and obedient to the Lord – she was filled with inner beauty and he had put all of his trust in her – he was so sure that she would be faithful; (Mt 1:18-25; Lk 1:26-56)

Joseph & Mary’s story is told. (Mt 1:19) We find Joseph at the lowest, saddest point of his life. Mary has been unfaithful and gotten herself pregnant. Rather than be honest about it, she has told an amazing story about a virgin conception. He loves her and he is a kind man so he has decided to divorce her quietly; his heart is broken and he sees no hope for his future.

Then God intervened in his life and showed him that what appeared to be tragic and heart breaking was actually the greatest event of human history and would bless all mankind. God showed him that the love of his life had not betrayed nor lied. God showed him that everything was going to be all right!

3. The Church of Thessalonians – grieving over the loss of loved ones, needing correct information about what happens when a believer dies and what we can expect in the future; (1Thes 4:13)

Those who were uninformed about a Believer’s death and the rapture were grieving “without hope”.
Grieving – sadness and feelings of loss with no hope of being reconciled with those who have passed

Paul writes in (1Thes 4:13-18) that God is going to cause all of our deceased, believing loved ones to return with Him in the rapture and that we will meet them in the air and thus we will always be with the Lord.

God is going to make everything work out right!

(1Cor 15:20-28) After Christ has subdued all rule, authority, power & death, He will subject even Himself to the authority of God The Father - that God may be all in all.

When all of human history has been played out, the whole universe will end up under the complete authority of God where everything will be perfect and subject to the rulership of God. Everything will end up all right as it should be.

God has made it certain that everything is going to be all right.