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GET REAL! IS THAT ALL THERE IS?

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"Life came to mean nothing to me, because everything in it had brought me nothing but trouble. It had all been useless; I had been chasing the wind." Ecclesiastes 2:17 (TEV)

- Reality Check #1: There is nothing **NEW** in human experience or history.

"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:9 (NIV)

- Reality Check #2: The quest for **MORE** only increases the desire for **MORE**.

"All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing." Ecclesiastes 1:8 (NIV)

- Reality Check #3: Life "under the sun" is **MEANINGLESS**.

"I, the Teacher, was king of Israel, and I lived in Jerusalem. I devoted myself to search for understanding and to explore by wisdom everything being done under heaven. I soon discovered that God has dealt a tragic existence to the human race. I observed everything going on under the sun, and really, it is all meaningless—like chasing the wind." Ecclesiastes 1:12-14 (NLT)

SOLOMON'S CONCLUSION: The **PURPOSE OF LIFE** can be found only by making God the **CENTER OF LIFE**.

"Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about." Ecclesiastes 12:13 (CEV)