

***“I Didn’t Ask For This!”***  
***Ecclesiastes 2:12-17***

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How Many of Us Have Ordered a Certain Sandwich  
At A Fast Food Restaurant, But They Gave You Something Else  
And Line Was Long!

Three Ways To Handle It:

- 1) Get back in line or break line and complain (make a scene)
- 2) Eat what you are given and thank God for it (though it wasn't your preference)
- 3) Throw a good sandwich away in protest and remain bitter

# This Is A Synopsis Of How We Handle Life!

Three Ways To Handle A Life “You Didn’t Ask For!”

- Angrily blame God and others for our problems(God is unfair)
- Accept our circumstances and make the best of them based on our own instincts
- Grow bitter, and hateful, and protest our lot in life (never get over it, ruining future relationships)

Actually Four

***Ask God To Reveal His Will To You Through His Word In Your Circumstances***

***“Life is like a Box of Chocolates;  
you never know what you’re going  
to get” .....Forest Gump***

## **You Didn't Get To Choose:**

- What country would be your birth country
- When you would be born
- The parents you would have, (raised by both or not)
- The wealth you would or would not enjoy growing up
- Your race, hair color, body type

***We Are All Victims Of Circumstance***

# Even As Children We Began To Analyze Our Situations or Our Lot in Life

- We notice that we are not as pretty or handsome as others
- We are not as rich as some others
- We are not as healthy or healthier than others
- We may be often labeled within some minority category
- Some of these realities can occur as early as 7 years of age, others 10, and still others 13, etc.

- We are born into a world kidnapped by Satan, who has generationally worsened our culture over time, damaging our ability to connect with God and distorting our conclusions about life

**2Timothy 3:1-4**

***“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come; For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving....”***

# 2Timothy 3:1-4

*“...slanderers, without self control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness but denying its power.”*

# Observations

- We complain that in life itself, Satan seems to have so much control
- Every system of man's order (democracy, communism, socialism, etc.) is run by heads who themselves are liars, bullies, and cheaters out for themselves
- Life seems so unfair (innocent people are murdered and some don't even get to be born!)

# ***“I Didn’t Ask For This!”***

***So What Are You And I Going To Do In The Meantime  
In This Prison We Call Earth?***

- **Would it be of use to 1) Curse God God for allowing your present circumstances to exist (not a good job, no spouse, bad health, bad marriage, raised by one parent, missed education)**
- **2) Throw away what you have been given and remain bitter the rest of your earthly life**
- **3) Use God’s wisdom to gain temporary relief in this temporary life (Joseph is a great example of this option)**



# James 1:5-8

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.....”*

# James 1:5-8

*.....For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways (keeping all your options open, The Msg.)*

# Ecclesiastes 2:12-17

*“Then I turned to myself to consider wisdom and madness and folly; For what can the man do who succeeds the king ?—Only what he has already done. Then I saw that wisdom excels folly*

*As light excels darkness.*

*The wise man’s eyes are in his head, But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I myself perceived That the same event happens to them all.”*

# What Are We Faced With?

## #1 Death Is Certain According To The Scriptures

- Hebrews 9:27 *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”*
- James 4:14 ..... *“For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.”*
- Romans 5:12 *“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.”*

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## #2 Wisdom Is Better Than Folly (Self-Instructions)

- *“Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As light excels darkness, Ecclesiastes 2:13*
- Despite the “box of chocolates” of life, you are given some freedom to make good choices to accomplish something of worth in your life and the lives of those you love
- Remember that **NO ONE GETS THE PERFECT EVERYTHING!** (finances, children, wife, husband, health, etc.)
- *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction” (only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning, The Msg. Proverbs 1:7)*

***PERFECTION DOES NOT EXIST IN A BROKEN WORLD!***

## 2 Peter 1:3-4

*“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain to life and Godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue....”*

## 2 Peter 1:3-4

*“by which have been given to us exceeding and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of His divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*

# The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Believe the Gospel

Acts 15:7

Repent of Sins

Acts 17:30

Confess Christ

Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 8:38