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So I Hated Life

¹⁰I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil. ¹¹Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.... ¹⁷So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. Ecclesiastes 2:10-11,17 (NIV11)

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²Life is useless, all useless. ³You spend your life working, laboring, and what do you have to show for it? ⁴Generations come and generations go, but the world stays just the same. Ecclesiastes 1:2b-4 (TEV)

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⁵The sun still rises, and it still goes down, going wearily back to where it must start all over again. ⁶The wind blows south, the wind blows north—round and round and back again. ⁷Every river flows into the sea, but the sea is not yet full. The water returns to where the rivers began, and starts all over again. ⁸Everything leads to weariness—a weariness too great for words. Ecclesiastes 1:5-8a (TEV)

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⁸.... No matter how much we see, we are never satisfied. No matter how much we hear, we are not content. ⁹History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before. Nothing under the sun is truly new. Ecclesiastes 1:8b-9 (NLT)

Focus on the Eternal

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away,

yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV11)

1. _____

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV11)

2. _____

¹⁰God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

3. _____

⁹They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor. Psalm 112:9 (NLT)

4. Share _____

⁵But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you. 2 Timothy 4:5 (NLT)

¹... So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. ²Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. Hebrews 12:1b-2a (TEV)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Trust God with my life, finding in Him forgiveness and hope.
- Please pray for me as I am struggling with feeling:
 frustrated tired unfulfilled
- Commit to growing in the area of:
 prayer service giving sharing Christ
- Memorize and/or meditate on Hebrews 12:1b-2a