

When Life Takes A Hard Turn

Ecclesiastes 12:1

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, I have no pleasure in them." -Eccl. 12:1

"narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life and there are few who find it. -Matt. 7:14

The journey of Asaph - Psalm 73

- "a clanging cymbal"
- "but as for me, my feet had almost stumbled" - v.2
- "the ungodly, who are always at ease; they increase in riches" - v. 12
- "when I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me" - v. 16

Asaph's cry - "life isn't fair!"

- Job: "suffering without a cause"
- Joseph: "unjust treatment"
- Moses: "unfortunate results"
- David: "misunderstood"
- John the Baptist: "losing his head"

What do I do when -

- life turns ugly?
- seems unfair?
- feels so difficult?

Action point

- *"I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood." -Ps. 73:17*
- Pieces turned to Peace

Asaph sings a different song

- "a cymbal of praise"
- *"You hold me by my right hand - you guide me with Your counsel - my flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart - it is good for me to draw near to God." -Ps. 73:23, 24, 26, 28*

God's Presence became the ANSWER!

- *"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you." -Job 42:5*