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OCTOBER 29, 2023
10 AM WORSHIP
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WELCOME TO BETHEL

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

28 How Great Thou Art

~ PLEASE FILL OUT & RETURN PRAYER CARDS AT THIS TIME ~

578 How Firm a Foundation

514 Open Our Eyes

SCRIPTURE READING

MESSAGE "Finding Life's True Meaning"

Rob Thornsby, Guest Minister

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

618 When I Can Read My Title Clear

*NEXT SUNDAY: COMMUNION
1 Corinthians 11:28: But let a man examine himself,
and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11:25 AM

“Finding Life’s True Meaning”

Ecclesiastes 1, 2

Opening Remarks:

1. Ever feel as though in life you are “going around in circles”? Same things happen every day.
2. The book gives us a glimpse into the life of one who had the means to pursue happiness through any means.
3. The preacher will shed light on the meaning of all this. He will bring to our attention:

I. Wisdom & It’s Limits– (Eccl. 1:17-18) When he deliberately went searching- “Set his mind” (17)

II. Personal Pleasure & It’s Accomplishments – (Eccl. 2:1-3)

- A. What result the exploration of pleasures brought – (1)
- B. What his quest consisted of – (3)

III. Wealth & It’s Promotion - (Eccl. 2:4, 8-9)

- A. The amassing of great wealth
 1. Provided him the treasure of kings and princes – 8
 2. Made him greater than all kings before him – 9a
 3. Personal power, popularity & prestige – 2:9

IV. Self-Gratification & It’s Achievement – (Eccl. 2:10-11)

- A. Nothing was withheld – He “rewarded” himself (10)
- B. What the preacher learned – Self-gratification cannot satisfy the deepest human need
- C. Assessment on his investment – (11)

Closing Comments:

1. The Preacher cautioned against looking in the wrong places to find true meaning in life.
2. We have looked at the avenues that promise meaning but lead to a dead end.
