

# CHASING PERFECT.

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***“We spend most of our life chasing Perfect.”***

**Ecclesiastes 7**

<sup>20</sup> ***“Not a single person on earth  
is always good and never sins.”***

<sup>23</sup> I have always tried my best to let wisdom  
guide my thoughts and actions. I said to myself,  
*“I am determined to be wise.”* ***But it didn’t work.***

<sup>24</sup> Wisdom is always distant and difficult to find.

<sup>25</sup> I searched everywhere, determined to find  
wisdom and to understand the reason for things.

<sup>27</sup> This is my conclusion, says the Teacher.

*I discovered this after looking at  
the matter from every possible angle.*

<sup>28</sup> *Though I have searched repeatedly,  
I still haven’t found what I was looking for.*

***Only one out of a thousand men  
is virtuous,*** but not one woman!

<sup>29</sup> But I did find this:

***God created people to be virtuous, but they have  
each turned to follow their own downward path.***

**Problem.**

***Your BEST isn’t Good ENOUGH.***

**FITB : “I’ll never be good enough for \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Q : What part of your life do you wish were Perfect?**

# The Perfect Problem.

- **God is PERFECT.**

**Psalm 92**

<sup>15</sup> The LORD is upright; there is *no wickedness* in him.

**Leviticus 11**

<sup>44</sup> *"I am the LORD your God.*

*You must be holy because I am holy."*

- **But we're NOT.**

**Genesis 3**

<sup>10</sup> *"I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid.*

*I was afraid because I was naked."*

**Psalm 14**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on the entire human race; he looks to see if anyone is truly wise, if anyone seeks God. But **no**. *"All have turned away, all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one!"*

**Isaiah 53**

<sup>2</sup> *"We turned our backs on him and looked the other way.*

<sup>6</sup> *We have left God's path to follow our own way."*

***"The problem with our OWN way  
is that it's headed the WRONG way."***

**Romans 3**

<sup>23</sup> *"For everyone has sinned. We all fall short of God's glorious standard. <sup>6:23</sup> The wages of sin is death."*

**Q: What do we DO now?**

***"We usually try to do MORE , do BETTER,  
or be the BEST . . . but it's never ENOUGH."***

# The Perfect Solution.

- **REPENT of your Sins.**

## Mark 1

<sup>15</sup> Jesus said, “The time promised by God has come at last! The Kingdom of God is near! *Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!*”

**Repent = “turn FROM and turn TO”**

## Romans 6

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **RECEIVE the Gift of Jesus.**

## Romans 5

<sup>6</sup> When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. <sup>17</sup> For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for ***all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man - Jesus Christ.***

***“Perfect isn’t something you ACHIEVE  
it’s a gift you RECEIVE.”***

## John 14

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said, “I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one can come to the Father except through ME.”

**Q: Are you ready to receive the gift of JESUS?**

**Psalm 18:30** - “God’s way is perfect. All the LORD’s promises prove true . . . ***He makes my way perfect.***”