

CHASING THE WIND

Part 11: What are You Waiting For?

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Ecclesiastes 11 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

Send your grain across the seas,
and in time, profits will flow back to you.

² But divide your investments among many places,
for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.

³ When clouds are heavy, the rains come down.
Whether a tree falls north or south, it stays where it falls.

⁴ Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant.
If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.

⁵ Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things.

⁶ Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another—or maybe both.

⁷ Light is sweet; how pleasant to see a new day dawning.

⁸ When people live to be very old, let them rejoice in every day of life. But let them also remember there will be many dark days. Everything still to come is meaningless.

⁹ Young people, it's wonderful to be young! Enjoy every minute of it. Do everything you want to do; take it all in. But remember that you must give an account to God for everything you do. ¹⁰ So refuse to worry, and keep your body healthy. But remember that youth, with a whole life before you, is meaningless.

Small Group Questions

- 1) How do you feel you did as a participant in the service this weekend? Was this a new idea for you or have you wrestled with this before?
- 2) Who do you think of when you hear the word generous? (Besides Jesus!)
- 3) What are the main excuses that keep you from being more generous?
- 4) What's one action God might be calling you into this week?
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?