

**Pursuing Meaning: Why does everything feel so futile?
And what (not) to do about it.**

Why is life in this world so frustrating, painful, and futile (1:12-15)?

Why would God do that?

Then how can we thrive in life?

- Great knowledge (1:16-18)?
- Great pleasure (2:1-11)?
- Living by wisdom (2:12-17)?
- Skillful labor (2:18-21)?

Conclusion?

1. All my work is futile (2:22-23).
2. But God gives some benefit, and perspective... (2:24-26)

Questions for discussion:

1. How do I experience futility in my world?
2. How does my life show where I am looking for meaning and significance?