

**"DID WE MISS THE IMPORTANT MANDATE GIVEN BY GOD IN GENESIS?"**

# CREATION CARE AND THE GOSPEL

## FORUM

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what do most people want in ...



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Most people seek a combination of fundamental and aspirational goals in life, shaped by universal human needs, cultural influences, and personal values. While individual priorities vary, common desires include:

1. **Happiness and Contentment:** A sense of joy, peace, and satisfaction with life, often derived from relationships, hobbies, or achieving personal goals.

# What do most people really want in life?

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Are people  
generally  
happier  
today  
compared to  
earlier  
generations?

Happiness is context-dependent. Modern generations benefit from advancements in health, rights, and technology but grapple with new societal and psychological pressures. Earlier generations faced fewer existential risks (e.g., climate change) but endured higher rates of poverty, disease, and social restrictions. Overall, **happiness trends are mixed**, shaped by geographic, economic, and cultural contexts. While some metrics suggest improvements in well-being, subjective experiences vary widely, making generalizations challenging.



*Are young people generally happier today compared to earlier generations?*

**Conclusion:** While individual experiences vary, **older adults today generally report higher levels of happiness and life satisfaction compared to young adults**, who face distinct economic, social, and psychological stressors. However, this trend is nuanced and influenced by generational contexts, cultural norms, and evolving societal challenges.



How can one be  
happy when  
facing adversity?

Happiness in adversity isn't about denying pain—it's about finding light in the cracks. By nurturing resilience, seeking support, and embracing small joys, you can build a foundation of strength to weather life's storms.







# What's

## Why are millennials buying plushies and 'cute stuff'? It's to heal their inner child

Nostalgia isn't the only emotion behind the growing trend of adults spending on children's toys. The "kidult" phenomenon, more fundamentally, seeks to reclaim joy and play – elements that are often lost in adulthood.



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# Resilient Joy

Discovering joy during times of difficulties

Romans 8:28-39



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**What does “in all things” mean?**



*God never promised us that our life will be  
free from pain and suffering*

Happiness which is centred on  
favourable circumstances in your life  
will not bring you resilience













GOD

HAS SOMETHING BETTER





**God's will  
is not  
necessarily  
to answer  
our prayers  
the way we  
want them  
answered**

I have felt no greater pain  
than the moment when your  
heart ❤️

Stopped beating.

And mine  
carried on...



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Proposition: “I think all good people should go to heaven”

Query: “Then why do bad things happen to good people on earth?”



<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10

- **Grace given**
- **Grace withheld**



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BIBLICAL THEOLOGY FOR LIFE

# KNOWN BY GOD

*A Biblical Theology of  
Personal Identity*

**BRIAN S. ROSNER**  
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THEOLOGY  
AL IDENTITY





- Happiness which is centred on acquiring favourable circumstances in your life will not bring you resilience
- Unhappiness is often rooted in identity issues



If I am going through an extremely difficult time in my life what does this do to my faith?

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- Unhappiness is often rooted in identity issues
- Resilient happiness is knowing that God will never let you go if you persevere in your faith











Whose  
suitcase is  
Hirono  
sitting on?





<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”



Objection: “I want to believe God walks with me through difficult times. But I am really struggling to believe this”



# 3 ways of acquiring resilient joy

- Posture
- Perspective
- Pursuit



<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



# 4 types of postures during adversities

- Stoicism
- Victim mindset
- Vulnerability and honesty
- Worship*



<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.



<sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, <sup>19</sup> when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

Job 1:18-19



<sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. **Then he fell to the ground in worship** <sup>21</sup> **and said:**  
“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,  
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised.”

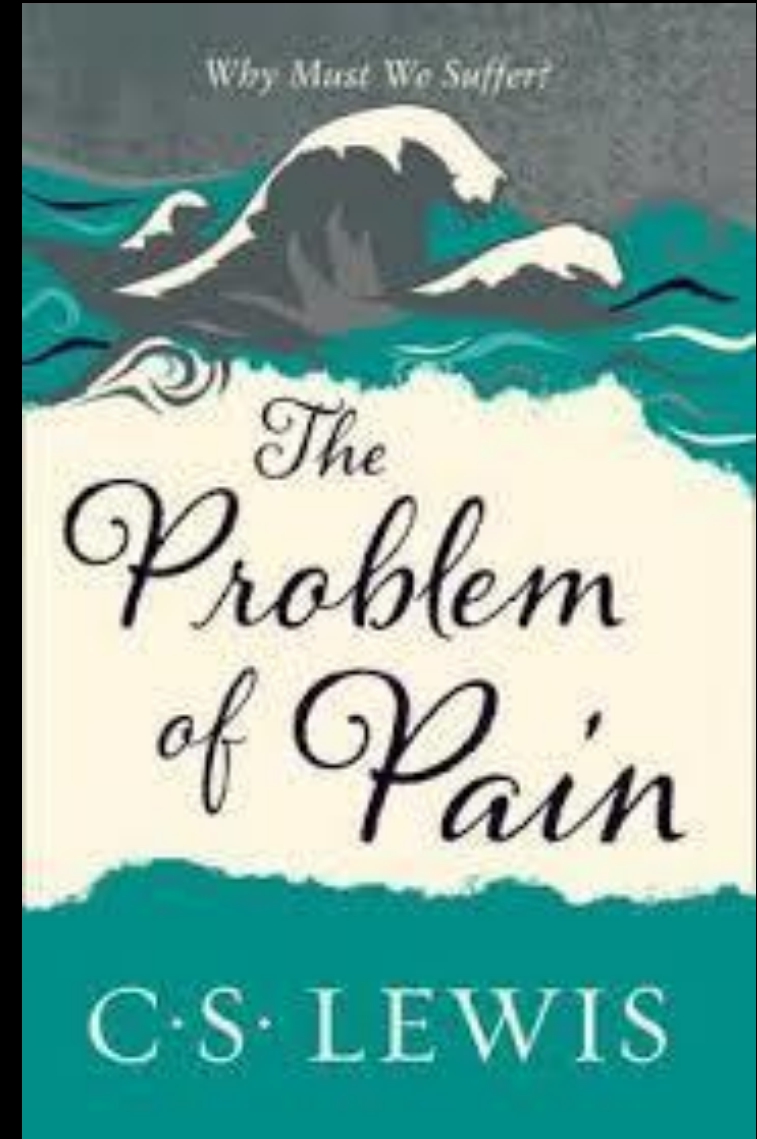
<sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

Job 1:18-22



# Perspective

CS Lewis “Sehnsucht” -  
German word for  
longing that serves as a  
signpost for a country  
never visited





For Lewis, his *Sehnsucht* led him to an inescapable conclusion: “Creatures are not born with desires unless satisfaction for those desires exists. A baby feels hunger: well, there is such a thing as food. A duckling wants to swim: well, there is such a thing as water. Men feel sexual desire: well, there is such a thing as sex. If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”



# Risk Factors for Marital Infidelity



**Lack of communication**



**Financial pressures**



**Low compatibility**



**Emotional/physical disconnect**



**Lack of respect**



## 3 sentences we should strive to avoid as followers of Jesus Christ

- “It’s not fair”
- “If only I had....”
- “I don’t think I can....”



# Pursuit

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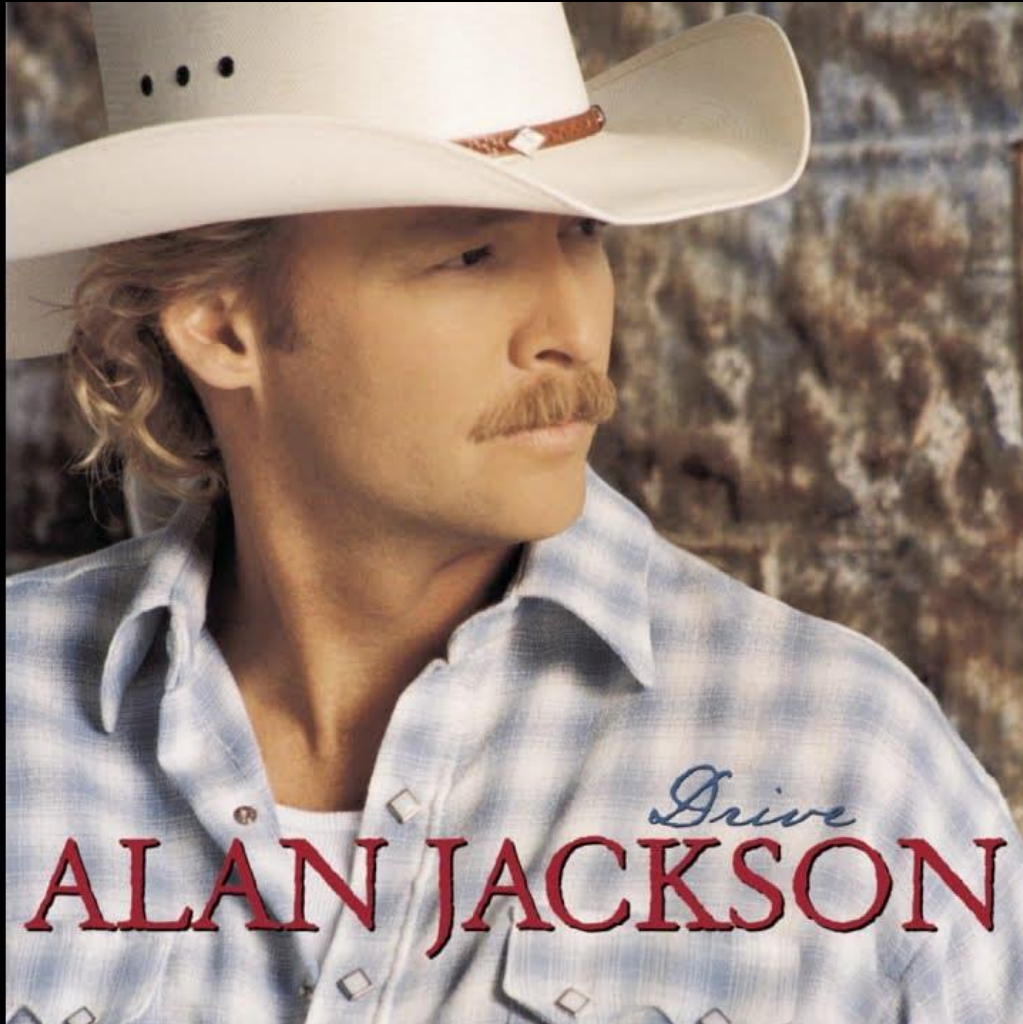


# Pursuing together

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“Yes, we have wealth, fame, fortune; from the outside we have it all. But all that stuff does not bring joy, contentment, happiness or fulfilment.”

“I just remember driving home and just crying out to Him, and saying I can’t take this anymore,” she told Curry. “I can’t believe You want my family to be apart. But if You do, I just give it all to You. I know You’ll take care of me.’ It wasn’t that things changed immediately. But I had just this sense of peace.”

She said she realized how controlling she had become and why she had come to that pass.



# It's All About Him

*Finding the Love of My Life*

DENISE JACKSON

WITH ELLEN VAUGHN









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# BLESSED ASSURANCE

Alan Jackson