

**“JUST DO SOMETHING”**

**Ecclesiastes 11**

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**I. People often get stuck in life. How does the Preacher address this?**  
(vv. 1 – 4)

*“Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.”*

*“Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen.”*

\_\_\_\_\_ **God and** \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Kings 10:22**

**Proverbs 19:17**

**2 Timothy 2:6**

*“Wise men cannot control nature, but they can respond with wisdom to those things that happen beyond their control.”* -Benjamin Shaw

**II. Why can we trust God and do something? (vv. 5 – 7)**

*“As you don’t know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the womb”*

*“you do not know the work of God who makes everything”*

*“In the morning sow your seed, and at evening ...you do not know which will prosper”*

**Trust that God** \_\_\_\_\_ **in** \_\_\_\_\_ **ways.**

**Psalm 139**

**Jeremiah 1:5**

**John 3:8**

**1 Corinthians 3:8 – 9**

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

*"God is not in a hurry. That is what you must learn."*

-Sinclair Ferguson

*"Every part of our work, including the results, are all from God."*

-Robert Alexander

### III. How do I know what to do? (vv. 8 – 10)

*"walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes."*

*"Remove vexation from your heart and put away pain from your body"*

Prepare your heart to \_\_\_\_\_ life.

**Psalm 118:24**

**1 John 2:16 – 17**

*"Joy was created to dance with goodness, not alone."*

-Derek Kidner

*"It is in the small ordinariness of life that we are to find our pleasures, for that is where God has given them to us."*

-Benjamin Shaw

*"The biblical way of removing vexation is to cast our cares on God"*

-Philip Ryken

*"The way in which God leads us is the way of following Christ in bearing the cross."*

-Sinclair Ferguson

### Digging Deeper:

1. Where are you "stuck" now? Why (fear, perfectionism, analysis)?
2. Is there something you think you should do but are afraid to? What is that?
3. How does trusting Christ help us get unstuck?
4. Think of a time when God worked unnoticed for a long time. How did you respond at different points? How would it have been different if you knew the end of the story?
5. How does the gospel help you to prepare to engage in life (dealing with vexation and pain)?