

"Pain, The Gift That Nobody Wants" by Phil Yancey

"Living on the Ragged Edge" by Chuck Sindoll

"Trusting God" by Jerry Bridges

"The Problem of Pain" by CS Lewis

"Fat, Dumb and Happy" **Ecclesiastes 7**

1. Hard times teach us more than happy times (1-14)

- a. Hard times form our character (1-12)
- b. Hard times are equally from the hand of God (13-14)

2. There's wisdom in moderation (15-18)

- a. This is not a "do good, get good" world (15)
- b. Don't be drawn to extremes (16-18)

3. A word to the wise (19-29)

- a. Don't be wise in your own eyes (1-24)
- b. Don't surround yourself with fools (25-29)

"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

C.S. Lewis --The Problem of Pain