

Sequim Community Church
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LIFE'S HARD SOMETIMES
Romans 5:12 & 15-17

INTRODUCTION:

A. *Is not all human life a struggle?...[full] of futility, and long nights of misery.* — Job 7:1 & 3

I. THE COMMON CAUSE

A. The Bible states that humanity's rebellion against God broke everything.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone... — Romans 5:12

B. The three kinds of rebellion:

*I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I confessed my transgressions and you forgave my guilt.* — Psalm 32:5

1. Sin: missing the mark; falling short, not measuring up

2. Transgressions: going beyond the set boundary

3. Iniquity: intention to hurt, damage, do evil

II. THE COMMON RESULT

A. That's why nothing works correctly in this world and in our world.

B. Result One: natural disasters and deformities

Creation was condemned to lose its purpose... — Romans 8:20

C. Result Two: physical decay and death

No one can control the wind or stop their own death. — Ecclesiastes 8:8
(New Century Version)

D. Result Three: emotional distress and disappointment

Everything under the sun is meaningless...What is wrong cannot be righted. — Ecclesiastes 1:14-15

E. Result Four: relational distance and discord

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? — James 4:1

F. Result Five: financial and vocational difficulties

People save up their money for a time when they may need it, and then lose it all in some bad deal and end up with nothing left... — Ecclesiastes 5:13-14

III. THE COMMON SOLUTION

A. We need to let Jesus be our Savior.

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I, [Jesus] have overcome the world." — John 16:33

B. We need to follow Him daily.

"If you follow me, you won't be stumbling through the darkness, because you will have the Light that leads to life." — John 8:12

CONCLUSION: