



**Haven Community Church
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⁹What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God."

– Ecclesiastes 3:9-13 (TNIV)

The Good Life

I. The good life factors

- How you think...

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ
– Philippians 4:7

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

– Philippians 4:8

- How you feel...

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything,"
– Philippians 4:4-6a

- Be happy
- Live softly & peacefully
- Remove anxiety

- How you act or react

⁹Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech."
– 1 Peter 3:9-10

II. Tsidkenu Living

- Jehovah Tsidkenu: The Lord is our righteousness

"I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the desert, through a land not sown. Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, all you clans of the house of Israel. This is what the Lord says, what fault did your fathers find in me, that they strayed so far from me?"

– Jeremiah 2:2, 4, 5a

- Jehovah Tsidkenu calls us:

- Back to a journey of righteousness & goodness

"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."
– Colossians 3:3, 7,9-10

- Packing for this journey
 - Confess your sin.
 - Thank God you are forgiven.
 - Say, "I am the righteousness of God."
 - Move on!!!!

- Get the right clothing

"I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness."
– Isaiah 61:10