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## HOW DID THE WORLD GET SO MESSED UP?

### The reason: We've All Sinned

#### **Romans 3:22-23 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference,

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

#### **Romans 5:12 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned--

#### **Ecclesiastes 7:22 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> for you know in your heart that many times you yourself have cursed others.

### The result: We live in a fallen world

#### 1. Natural Disasters and Deformities

##### **Romans 8:20 (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to frustration (confused)...

##### **Romans 8:22 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning...

#### 2. Physical Decay and Death

##### **2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

##### **Romans 8:21 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup> ... the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

### 3. Emotional Distress and Disappointment

**Romans 7:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> *I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.*

### 4. Relational Distance and Discord

**Genesis 3:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

### 5. Spiritual Discontent and Darkness

**Ephesians 4:18 (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup> *They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.*

### **Lamentations 3:17-24 (MSG)**

<sup>17</sup> I gave up on life altogether. I've forgotten what the good life is like.

<sup>18</sup> I said to myself, "This is it. I'm finished. GOD is a lost cause."

<sup>19</sup> I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness, the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed.

<sup>20</sup> I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—the feeling of hitting the bottom.

<sup>21</sup> But there's one other thing I remember, and remembering, I keep a grip on hope:

<sup>22</sup> GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up.

<sup>23</sup> They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness!

<sup>24</sup> I'm sticking with GOD (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left.