

# The Happiness Code

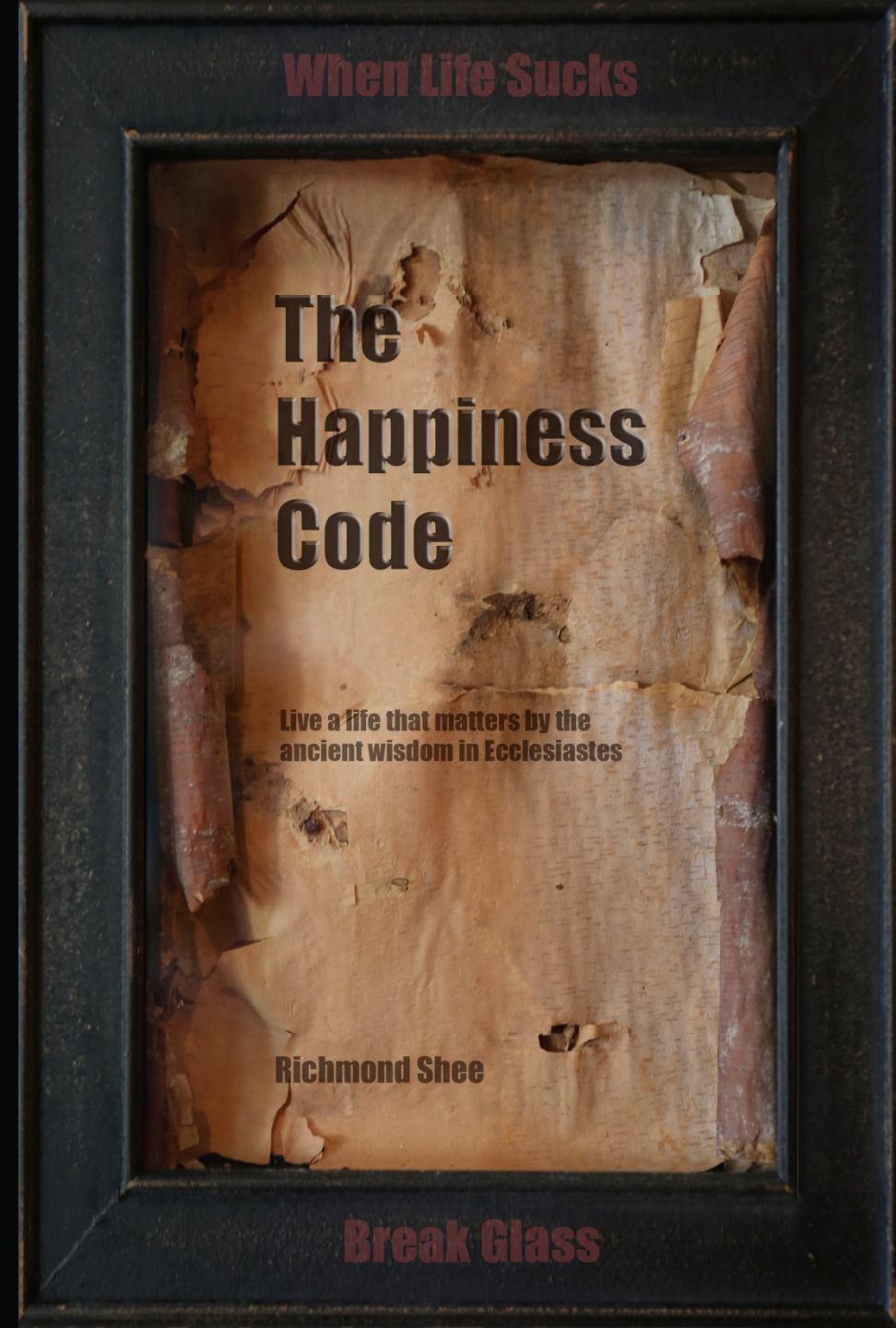
Week 11 – Remedy for Vanities  
(part 1)

Ecclesiastes 7:1-29



# Review of the last 10 weeks

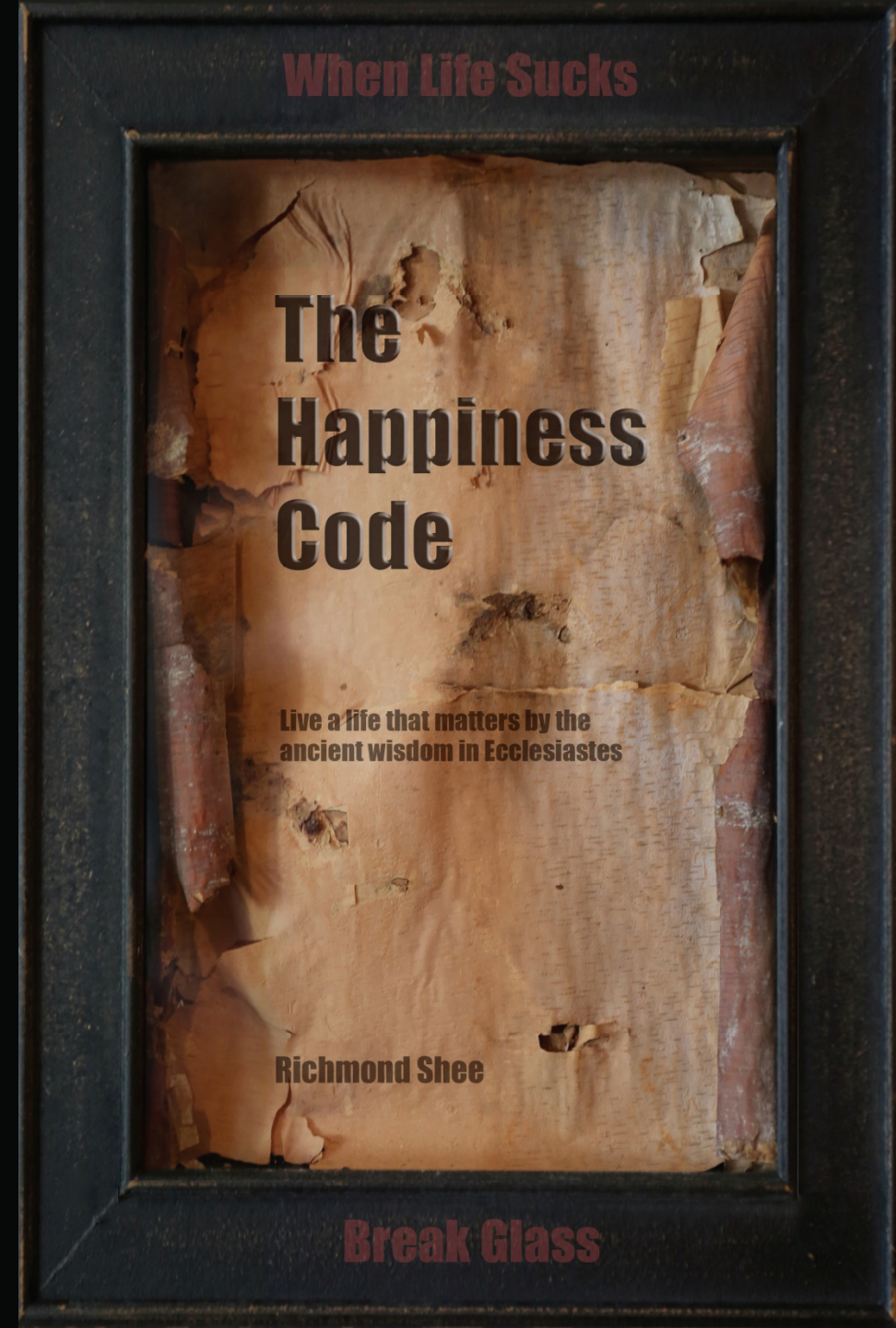
- Tear down before rebuild
- Week #1
  - The words of the son of David—the wisest and richest man who ever lived.
  - God challenges humans to manufacture happiness in the “vanity of vanities.”
- Week #2
  - Vanity of Human Courses Under the Sun as illustrated by death, sun, wind, and river.





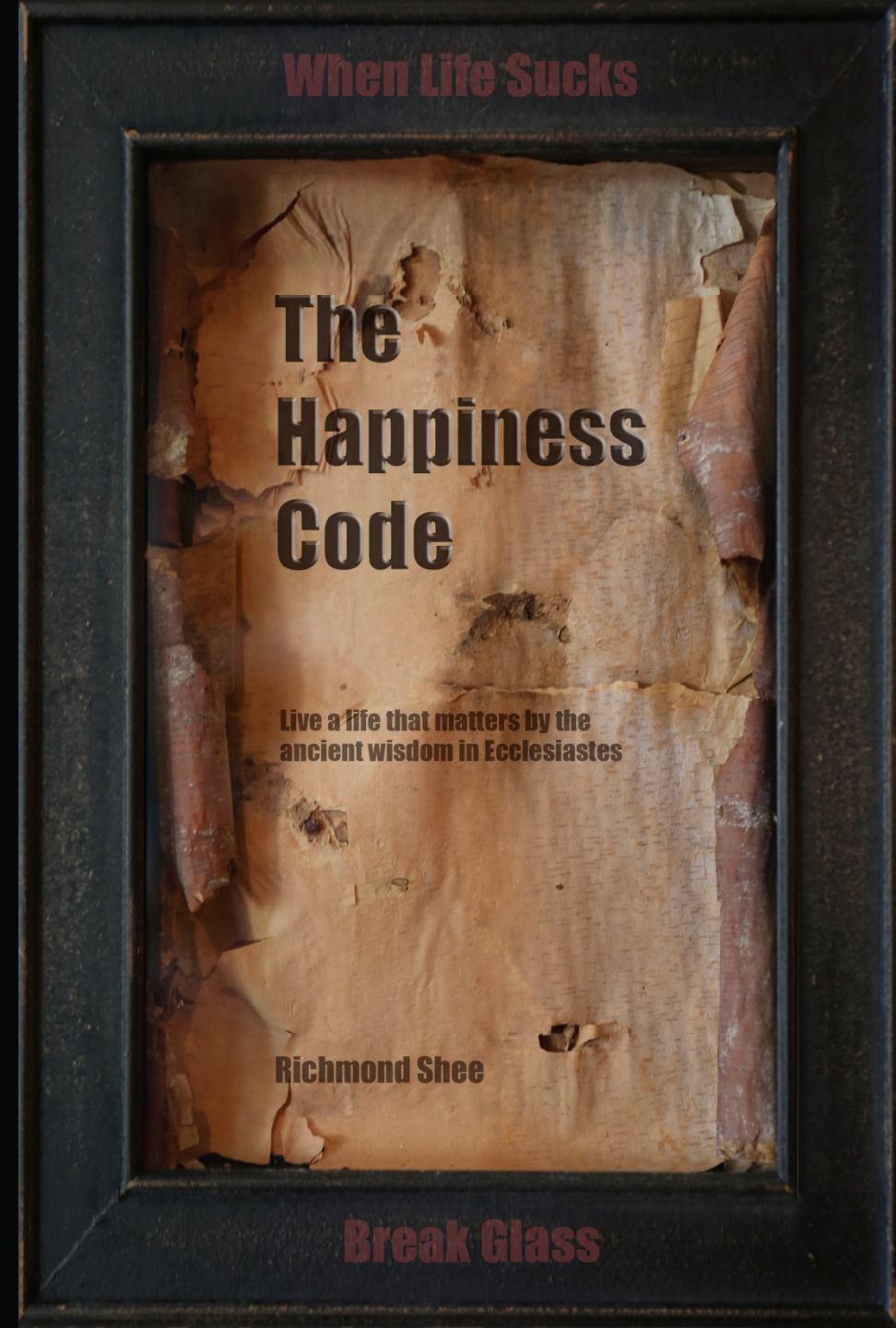
# Review of the last 10 weeks

- Week #3
  - Vanity of knowledge.
- Week #4
  - Vanity of worldly pleasures and possessions.
- Week #5
  - Vanity of worldly success.
- Week #6
  - Vanity of human industry.
  - God challenges humans to take charge of destiny.



# Review of the last 10 weeks

- Week #7
  - Vanity of human justice.
- Week #8
  - Vanity of human enterprise.
- Week #9
  - Vanities in divine service.
- Week #10
  - Vanity of wealth.

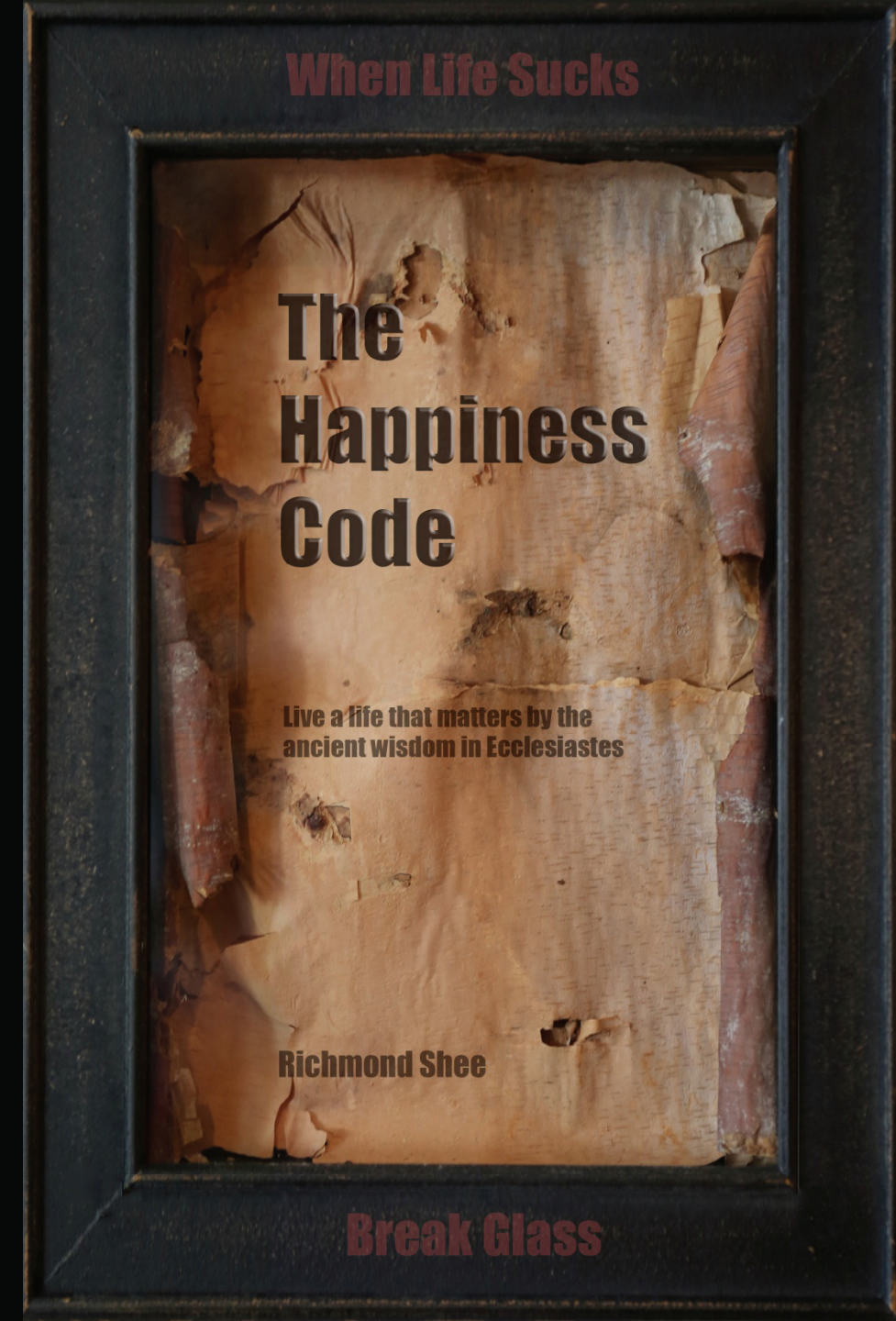
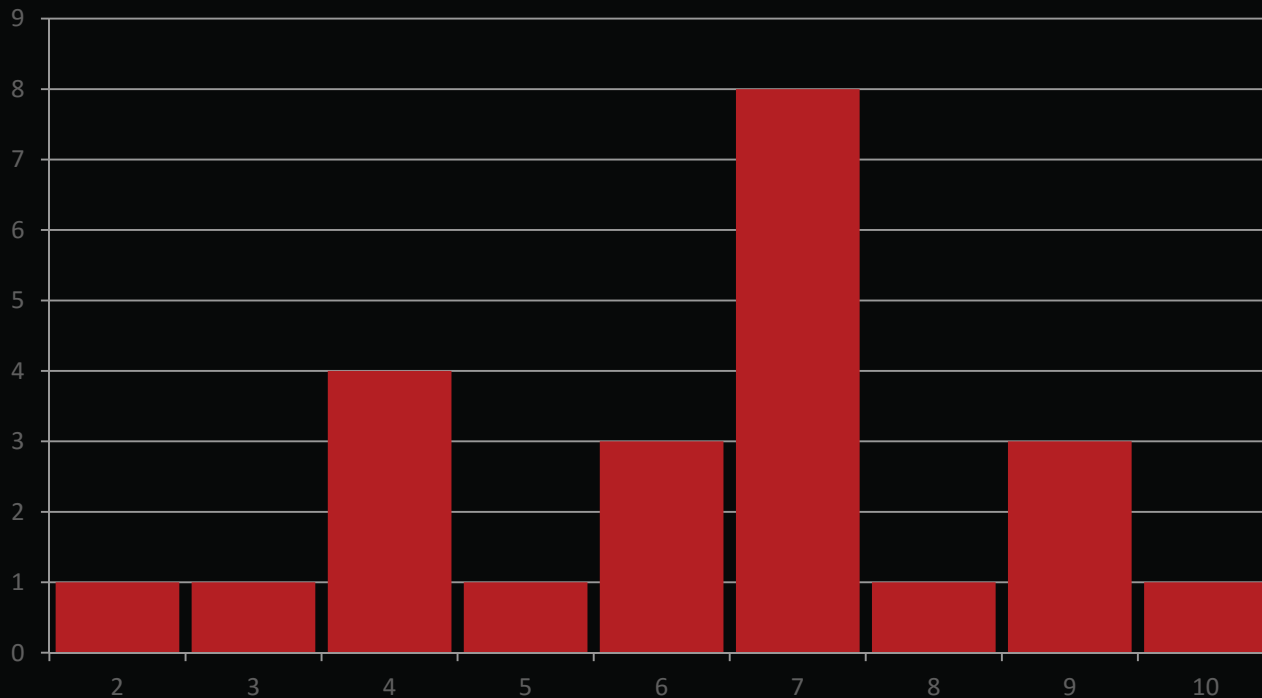




# Week #11: Level Set

## Ecclesiastes 7: The “Better” chapter

"Better"

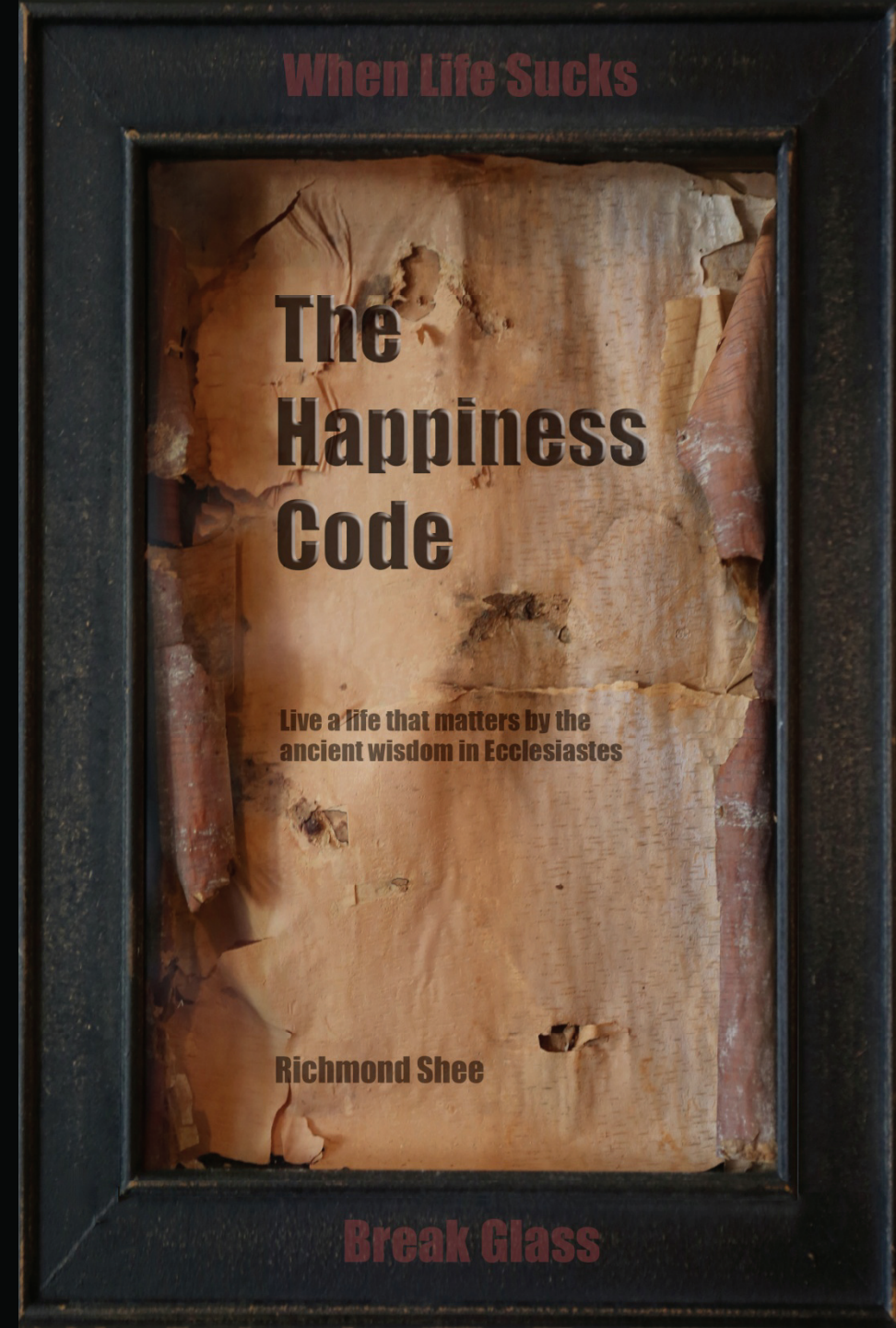


# Week #11: Level Set

This priceless W-word is the best antidote for the vanities in this world.



*“It cannot be gotten for gold, neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof. It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. The gold and the crystal cannot equal it: and the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls: for the price of \_\_\_\_\_ is above rubies. The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with pure gold.”*



# Week #11: Level Set

Ecc 6:12 For who knoweth what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow?

- Wisdom for overcoming the vanity of life under the sun – Ecc 7:1-6.
- Wisdom for dealing with oppressions and injustices – Ecc 7:7-10.
- Wisdom for enjoying an inheritance – Ecc 7:11-12.
- Wisdom for handling evil days – Ecc 7:13-14.
- Wisdom for living out a life grant – Ecc 7:15-18.
- Wisdom for coping with emotional injury – Ecc 7:19-22.
- Wisdom for avoiding sinful temptations – Ecc 7:23-29.



# WISDOM for overcoming the vanity of life under the sun

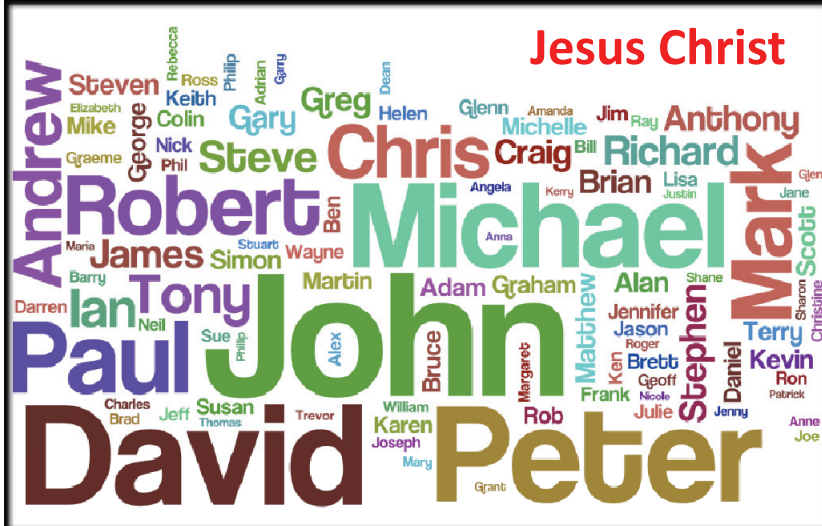
Live life with death and the Judgment Seat of Christ in mind.

1. Procure a good name – Ecc 7:1a.
2. Make frequent deposits into your bank account in heaven – Ecc 7:1b.
3. Release the heart that is fixed on the world – Ecc 7:2-4.
4. Hear the rebuke of the wise – Ecc 7:5-6.





Ecc 7:1a A good name is better than precious ointment.



# #1 Get a good name

- Will your legacy be a good name or great riches?
- “Precious ointment” is expensive; represents worldly riches. John 12:3.
- Which will endure?
  - Proverbs 22:1 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.
  - Proverbs 27:24 For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?
  - Proverbs 10:7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.
- What is a good and enduring name for the afterlife?

# Ecc 7:1b The day of death than the day of one's birth.



- A paradox... Most people celebrate birthday than the day of death.
- For the unsaved people, the day of death is the end of their misery on earth.
  - To live is miserable and to die is horrible.
- For Christians who serve God, the day of death is better because:
  - To live is Christ, to die is gain.
  - Came into this world a sinner, going out as a son of God.
  - Meanwhile, the smart thing to do is to send ahead to the Judgment Seat of Christ by serving God.

**#2** Make frequent  
deposits into bank  
account in heaven

Let your day of death be better than your birthday.



Ecc 7:2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. (3) Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. (4) The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.

Deu 32:29 O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!

#3 Release the heart that is fixed on the world.

- Visit the dead – Ecc 7:2.
- Embrace sorrow – Ecc 7:3
- Leave the heart in the house of mourning – Ecc 7:4



Ecc 7:5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. (6) For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity.



- Godly reproofs that may hurt your feelings or songs of fools that edify not?
- The jovial laughter or happiness of fools is as the crackling of ignited thorns under a pot.
  - Catch fire quickly, Flash-burn fiercely, Make much noise, End suddenly.
- Proverbs 15:31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.
- Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels.

#4 Hear the  
rebuke of the wise