

# Brian Welch

## Opener



**Watch:** the Brian Welch film.

**Question:** What did you like or identify with in Brian's story?  
What did you not like or find confusing about Brian's story?  
What did you learn about people or God from Brian's story?

## Hear the Bible *Read this yourself or with a group*

I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. I made reservoirs to water groves of flourishing trees.

I amassed silver and gold for myself, and the treasure of kings and provinces. I acquired male and female singers, and a harem as well—the delights of a man's heart. I became greater by far than anyone in Jerusalem before me. In all this my wisdom stayed with me.

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my labor, and this was the reward for all my toil.

Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun.

So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me.

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

Ecclesiastes 2:4-6, 8-11, 17-18, 24-26

## Talk about the Bible

### What it says

1. What did you like about this Bible story?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this story?

### What it means

3. What does this story teach about people?
4. What does this story teach about God?

### Live and Tell

5. How, specifically, are you going to live out today's discussion?
6. Who will you tell? With whom will you have a spiritual conversation about today's story?

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