



Looking Around

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Review:

- The Land of Er
- There is no win with comparison
- What's my reference point?

⁴ Then I observed that most people are motivated to success because they envy their neighbors. But this, too, is meaningless—like chasing the wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:4 NLT

And yet, “Better to have one handful with quietness than two handfuls with hard work and chasing the wind.”

Ecclesiastes 4:6 NLT

1. Who or what am I going to use as my reference point?

- **We all want to be okay**
- **Who or what is my mirror?**
- **Looking to the left and to the right**

2. Our common human condition

- **Unexplainable, unfixable insecurity**
- **Seeking approval and acceptance**

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” **Galatians 4:4-6 NLT**

3. Jesus brings the solution

- **From slaves to adopted**
- **Call him Dad**

Who does God compare me to? _____

Next Steps:

- Ask God to help me see the areas in my life where I compare myself to others
- Accept my place in God's family (his child) and rest in God's love for me
- In my prayers this week, refer to God as “Dad”
- Intentionally stop comparing myself: _____
- Attend last Sunday of “The Comparison Trap”
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