

# Ecclesiastes – You Do Not Know

## **Sow Courageously Despite Uncertainty (vv. 1-2)**

*Do not retreat in fear.*

## **Trust God When You Cannot See the Outcome (vv. 3-6)**

*Do not lose heart when fruit is unseen.*

## **Rejoice and Labour While Life Remains (vv. 7-8)**

*Do not forget the coming King.*

## Ecclesiastes 11:1-8 ESV

- <sup>1</sup> Cast your bread upon the waters,  
for you will find it after many days.
- <sup>2</sup> Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,  
for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.
- <sup>3</sup> If the clouds are full of rain,  
they empty themselves on the earth,  
and if a tree falls to the south or to the north,  
in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
- <sup>4</sup> He who observes the wind will not sow,  
and he who regards the clouds will not reap.
- <sup>5</sup> As you do not know the way the spirit comes to the bones in the  
womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God  
who makes everything.
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your  
hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether  
both alike will be good.
- <sup>7</sup> Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.
- <sup>8</sup> So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let  
him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes  
is vanity.