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THE GOSPEL OF
LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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**What does
this phrase
mean to you?**

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LIVING ON BORROWED TIME

Luke 13:1-5

Luke 13:6-9

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SUDDEN CALAMITY

Luke 13:1-5

¹ At that time, some people came and reported to him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² And he responded to them, "Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well. ⁴ Or those eighteen that the tower in Siloam fell on and killed — do you think they were more sinful than all the other people who live in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well."

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Why did "some people" report this massacre to Jesus, what could have been their motive?

Two likely possibilities:

1. **Entice Jesus** to speak out against Rome and put Himself in jeopardy and leading to His downfall, or
2. **Provoke Jesus** into becoming the type of "conquering Messiah" that they were expecting.

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How did Jesus turn this situation into a "Gospel Conversation?"

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How did Jesus respond to the report of the massacre?

Why would Jesus ask this question, in your opinion?

What is the common conclusion of some people when things like this happen?

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WHAT IS A GOSPEL CONVERSATION?

*"Any conversation in which some aspect of the Gospel is shared with a lost and searching person, **specifically when we tell them the difference Jesus is making in our own lives.**"*

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Jesus used another real-life example to remind His listeners about their mortality and prompt them to consider their own eternal fate.

How can we turn everyday life events like these into "Gospel Conversations?"

REPENT OR PERISH

Luke 13:1-5

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Time is of the essence, but why the sense of urgency?

God is patient, but the clock is ticking for all; death is the great common denominator.

LIVING ON BORROWED TIME

Luke 13:6-9

⁶ And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree that was planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ He told the vineyard worker, 'Listen, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it even waste the soil?'

⁸ "But he replied to him, 'Sir, leave it this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ Perhaps it will produce fruit next year, but if not, you can cut it down.'"

EVIDENCE OF REPENTANCE

Luke 13:6-9

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What type of fruit was Jesus talking about in this parable?

In this case, Jesus is talking about evidence of repentance, which produces fruit in our lives.

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RISK OF UNBELIEF

Luke 13:6-9

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What happens if there is no evidence of genuine repentance?

God is patient and long-suffering, but the unrepentant are living on borrowed time.

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Jesus calls all to repentance, while there is still time – if time passes without repentance, only rejection remains.
- God is patient, but the clock is ticking for all; death is the great common denominator.
- Tragedy is hard and life is short, but life is even more tragic if one does not turn to God.
- Often, sudden calamity can open the door to Gospel Conversations as people contemplate their mortality.
- Pray that the Lord will make us aware of and sensitive to the open doors of opportunity we face each week.