



1) The Bible is a real book about real people in real situations.

“But, brothers, when we were **torn** away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our **intense longing** we made every effort to see you. For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us. For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.” 1Thess. 2:17-20

2) That ‘longing’ tells us, we don’t fit here..... but we will fit there.

3) Our loving Heavenly Father has wired us so that we don’t get to comfortable down here

4) Heaven is gonna make your best day here look like it's on life support.

“When it comes time to die, make sure that all you have to do is die.” Jim Elliot

5) There will be times in life when you are just... well, TORN

a) Saying goodbye can leave you torn

“...savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears....when he had said this, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship. After we had **torn** ourselves away from them, we put out to sea.” Acts 20:30+

b) An eye on Eternity can leave you torn

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far...” Phil. 1:21-23

c) The war inside will leave you torn. You will be torn by temptation.

“Temptations will knock at your door; don’t ask them to stay for dinner.”

d) Between good & God; between better & best you will be torn.

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground."
Luke 42:40-44

6) Some things you never give up on. Let it go or you’ll let it grow...but there are some things you never give up on.

7) Some of the things you must understand to see clearly thru the ‘Land of Torn’:

a) Live like everything in the Bible is true!

b) Know there is a time for everything and “For everything there is a season...”

c) You must walk in discernment

d) Be decisive and confident dealing with choices and their consequences

e) Be aware of your priorities and stay focused on them


