

May 18, 2008 • Dr. David Platt  
**HOW DO WE RESPOND TO NATURAL DISASTERS?**  
**Luke 13:1-5**

**Four Reminders...**

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  - ▶ Death is often **sudden**.
  - ▶ Death is often **surprising**.
  - ▶ Death is always **sure**.

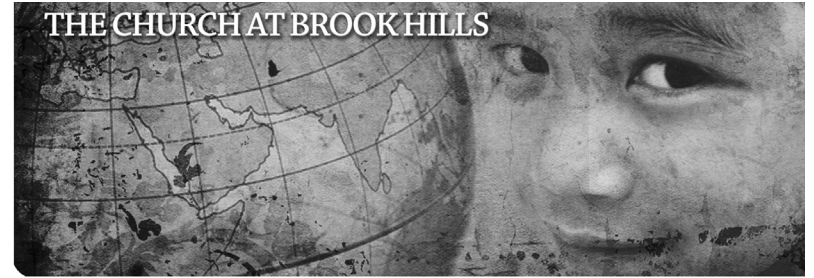
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