

## How Does Unseasonable Weather Make You Feel?

*Red Shed Community Garden*

Speaker 1:

As you get older, you will know that the earth is changing because you all start to see things that you have never seen before. The way the weather moves, the way insects behave, the way [inaudible 00:00:34] behave.

Speaker 2:

Most of my life, I can remember being in a drought. Those are some of my earliest memories: seeing conserve water signs everywhere, not being allowed to wash your car. Now I remember being younger and I used to love summer. Now summer is my least favorite part of the year because it's wildfire season. And wildfires, I feel like it used to be, we knew that it could happen, but it was more of a rare occurrence. Now when we get to summer, it's like, "Oh boy, here we go."

Speaker 3:

I mean, I think if I really sit in it just... There's just real bleakness there about our future, our shared future. I think of my kids and what they're inheriting and I think I cry. Just how little... I think of how quickly that's going to change and it's just is really... it's just devastating when, if you really sit with it. So with that-

Speaker 5:

So what I hear from you actually, rather than anxiety or-

Speaker 4:

Oh my God keeps me up at night.

Speaker 5:

Okay.

Speaker 4:

I got, I'm being nice to you because I'm talking to you. [crosstalk 00:02:00]

Speaker 5:

Okay.

Speaker 4:

Are you kidding?

Speaker 5:

Because I was going to say, it sounds like you just haven't, you've got a perspective about adaptation [crosstalk 00:02:06]

Speaker 4:

If I chose not to have children, if I made a choice not to have children, because I thought they're all going to die in 130 degree heat. I would say that I have adapted to the idea. I feel better because I don't have children. I'm 60. I'm going to die in the next decade or two. It's on me. It doesn't mean it doesn't keep me up at night.

Speaker 6:

I could turn it off. I could not think about it and it would be fine. And that's what most of us are doing. I think that's part of the problem that we can still do that.

Speaker 7:

I can't fully grasp it. I think that there's a level to which I can have in mind, I can anticipate and imagine what is happening, but I think that there are levels of change that we're all going to experience that we can't currently really fully envision.

Speaker 8:

You know and how I see this Quran says, history says, prophet says this going to happen. And I see from my eyes its happening. I get scared.

Speaker 9:

I remember from the time I was young, I don't want to have children because I don't know what the earth is going to be like.

Speaker 13:

Well, I think about it. I wish I could reset the earth to before climate change, because then it would snow a lot more and it wouldn't be as hot. Then maybe some of the ocean's coral would maybe come back.

Speaker 10:

Toxin's here, it's not directly affected me, but I definitely see people walking around here with respirators and I'll see people having a lot of asthma, more than when I'll go in another day, then I'll be in another neighborhood where they don't have so many empty lots and things like that, or open floors. I don't see too many people looking like they have lung issues. Around here, you have people walking slow, wheezing, or literally walking around with their respirators and things like that. And I think it's because of air quality and what we do over here.

Speaker 11:

Do we deserve to live? Do we deserve to breathe? Do we deserve healthy food and clean air and clean water? And the answer is yes we do. We deserve all of those things.

Speaker 12:

We deserve this. Sorry. I mean, we do.

Speaker 14:

You think so?

Speaker 12:

Yeah.

Speaker 11:

Obviously as a Muslim, we believe in the world, we be in some days. Before the world end there will be so many earthquake and other- we will have bad situation. That's a religious belief, but I see all over the world now it's like earthquake in Nepal last few years before there is earthquake in Japan.

Speaker 5:

What does it feel like to be experiencing something that feels like it's heading towards an end? For yourself?

Speaker 12:

I don't worry because it's coming, but I'm getting ready. And they were saving me as the Bible.

Speaker 13:

When the explorers came to these lands to see- they were starving in Europe, this is what they don't really want to teach. They were starving to death. They had nothing to eat. And then there was the plague on top of that. They had to go explore.

Speaker 14:

How are you going to say, oh, we want to fix the environment. Yes. We are farming. Kids that live in projects are farming. Look around, is this construction, this little piece of earth? Yes. It's something. But in the bigger picture, it might just be nothing. If all this construction is going on and they're talking about crisis, but they're adding to the crisis. Not making it better.

Speaker 15:

IT is weird. I never expected that it's possible.

Speaker 16:

I feel like we're kind of past the point of no return. So I feel like a sense of dread that there's not too much that we as an individual can do anymore.

Speaker 18:

How do you feel?

Speaker 19:

I feel that we going to lose something. I feel doomed, doom, something doom is come. I feel that there's going to be a breaking point where it's going to be a domino effect, which we see some of it now. But I just got the sense that we going to reach a point of no return.

Speaker 18:

What does doom feel like?

Speaker 19:

It feels like the catastrophes that are happening. I think they're the one that catastrophes that are happening in the forest and then the glaciers, I think they're going to come closer and closer to home.

Speaker 20:

To my kids, more than time I'm teach them to learn. They say, you don't have to wait. You have to wake up. Because if you wake up, you see it. How the day changing and every hour is different. And this because everything is changing in minutes. It's changing in the minutes.