

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Have you attended your high school reunion(s), why or why not?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Can you think of a time that the message, "It's not as bad as you think" would have been good to hear?
3. Please read Genesis 37. Look at the story of Joseph.
4. Please give examples on how we are trained to "Live in the moment." How do you handle situations when you have to wait?
5. Please read Hebrews 11:1. What does this say about faith and circumstances?
6. What do you think about this quote? "Perspective is rooted in belief. Our belief system is the blueprint around which we build our life and the lens through which we see our life."
(Randy Alcorn)
7. Please read Romans 4:18-19. What does this tell us about the journey God puts us on?
 - a. At what point do we get credit for our faith?

8. Can you think of examples when Jesus called people to exercise faith that didn't make sense with what was going on around them?

9. Please read Isaiah 43:1-2.

10. What do you think of the "Three Don'ts of Chaos"?
 - a. Don't Be Afraid

 - b. Don't Overthink

 - c. Don't Trust Your Feelings

11. Please read the following verses as a group and talk about each one: Isaiah 55:8-9; Psalm 37:23-24; Philippians 4:6-8; Romans 8:28; Romans 8:38-39; and Genesis 50:18-20.

Application

Below are some key points to take away from this study. Take time to discuss the points and pray together:

- Don't quit when you're feeling low. Just because things don't make sense, doesn't mean God is not in control.
- God wants you to walk by faith and trust Him!
- If you understand the character of God, you won't be consumed by the circumstances of your life.