

From The Chaos—Part 2
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon
and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group.
For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the
questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships.
Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Don't waste any seasons, sorrows, or trials in faith.

[Romans 5:1-5, TPT]

Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and he now declares us flawless in his eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us.

Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory! But that's not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. ⁴ And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. ⁵ And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

WORK—REST—WORSHIP—RESET

[Matthew 11:28-30]

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

[Psalm 46:10, TPT]

Surrender your anxiety!

Be silent and stop your striving and you will see that I am God. I am the God above all the nations, and I will be exalted throughout the whole earth.

When favor is on your life, don’t walk away from it.

[Genesis 39:6-15] (“A Chaos Character Study”)

Joseph was a very handsome and well-built young man, and Potiphar’s wife soon began to look at him lustfully. “Come and sleep with me,” she demanded.

But Joseph refused. “Look,” he told her, “my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. ⁹ No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God.”

She kept putting pressure on Joseph day after day, but he refused to sleep with her, and he kept out of her way as much as possible. ¹¹ One day, however, no one else was around when he went in to do his work. ¹² She came and grabbed him by his cloak, demanding, “Come on, sleep with me!” Joseph tore

himself away, but he left his cloak in her hand as he ran from the house.

¹³ When she saw that she was holding his cloak and he had fled, ¹⁴ she called out to her servants. Soon all the men came running. “Look!” she said. “My husband has brought this Hebrew slave here to make fools of us! He came into my room to rape me, but I screamed. ¹⁵ When he heard me scream, he ran outside and got away, but he left his cloak behind with me.”

When we are in chaos, our character will be tested.

Character Lessons from the Chaos

1. Do not abandon your integrity.

[Proverbs 2:7-8]

*He holds success in store for the upright,
He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.
He guards the paths of the just
and protects those who are faithful to him.*

[Psalm 41:12]

*Because of my integrity you uphold me
and set me in your presence forever.*

[Proverbs 10:9]

*People with integrity walk safely,
but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed.*

[Proverbs 11:3, AMP]

***The integrity and moral courage of the upright will guide them,
But the crookedness of the treacherous will destroy them.***

[Proverbs 20:7]

***The godly walk with integrity;
blessed are their children who follow them.***

“Integrity is keeping a commitment even after circumstances have changed.”

David Jeremiah

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Image is what people think we are. Integrity is what we really are.

John C. Maxwell

In looking for people to hire, look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence and energy. And if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you.

Warren Buffett

Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.

Oprah Winfrey

[Genesis 39:21-23, NLT]

But the LORD was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the LORD made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the

prison. The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The LORD was with him and caused everything he did to succeed.

What might look like a setback could be a setup; get positioned for a promotion!

2. Do not neglect your gift. [1 Timothy 4:14]

[Philippians 1:6]

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

FOR MONDAY—

- 1. Position yourself and your family for the favor of God.**
- 2. Pray and ask God how to steward the platforms He's given.**
- 3. Implement the rhythm of work, rest, worship, and reset.**

[Matthew 11:28-30]

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. How busy was your life before the global quarantine? What does your new rhythm and schedule look like? Give a snapshot of a given day in your family now.**
- 2. What is God teaching you through this season? What will your life be like coming out of this “Covid homeschool of spiritual development?”**

- 3. When have you experienced God-given favor (in your relationships, in your occupation, in your life trajectory)? How do we position ourselves for a new level of it?**
- 4. When Joseph was in prison, how was God grooming him to lead the nation of Egypt? How can we protect our integrity and position ourselves for favor?**
- 5. What has God invested in you, and how can you steward your gifts both now, and when our culture returns to full operation?**
- 6. Considering Philippians 1:6, what comfort does God provide for this season and for His ongoing work in you?**