

SERIES BREAK: How to Win in Seasons of Uncertainty

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. What emotions are you experiencing in this season of uncertainty?
2. How do you cope with ambiguity and unpredictability?

WORD

Our posture in seasons of uncertainty determines how quickly we will see God`s purpose and plan in it. Isaiah 55 says when God speaks a word, it is designed to accomplish what it is assigned to do. God is not a man that should lie, and His word does not fall to the ground. God`s word has an assignment. The challenge lies when we have seasons of uncertainty, times when we are unsure how things will work out, disappointments, tragedies, and unknowns that seem to disrupt what God is doing in our lives. The good news is that God never wastes pain or discomfort. He often looks for people who will partner with Him to bring His glory so we can believe in Him.

John 11:20-35 NIV

*When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. **21** “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” **23** Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” **24** Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” **25** Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26** and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” **27** “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” **28** After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” **29** When Mary*

heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept.

On this story of Lazarus, Jesus already knew what the outcome. Both Mary and Martha made the same statements independently, but only one received a moving response. This is why this is important - we need not waste this moment. God has something to say and do and is looking for people who will partner with Him.

DISCUSSION

Can you share a moment when uncertainty led to personal growth? What happened.

WORD

IT BEGINS WITH A POSTURE....

POINT #1 - Assume the right posture - Surrender and Humility.

Mary`s POSTURE was always at the feet of Jesus (John 12, Luke 10.) A posture of position of surrender always draws us closer to the heart of Jesus.(Psalm 34:18 and James 4:6.) When we find ourselves in seasons of uncertainty, posture shouldn`t be one of complete defeat but one of complete surrender in search of Jesus. We hear his heart when we listen to his voice, which is His word. Faith grows when we hear his word, and transformation happens when we do it. We need to be in the right position because it affords us the right point of view. When we have the right point

of view, we can see the situation from God`s viewpoint, a viewpoint of faith.

POINT #2 -Receive the right position of belief - His Word and Truth

When we posture ourselves in humility before Jesus, we are positioning ourselves to hear His heart and His truth. John 17:17. What people do is find the truth first from social media, news sources, and past experiences and then make life decisions based on limited knowledge. Our position of belief turns into a mode of thinking. A mode of thinking then affects how we feel, and the decisions we make, and our decisions then turn into behaviors. What we believe and the truth we stand upon matters because it influences our perspective

POINT #3 - Gain godly Perspective: Seeing with eyes of faith

When we stand on a position of God`s truth, His word, we begin to see with eyes of faith - Romans 10:17; 2 Cor 5:7. And when we stand on the position of truth, we begin to see what God says about us and our circumstances. It elevates us to God`s perspective, and we begin to see what God sees.

DISCUSSION

Which point speaks to you the strongest? Which point speaks to you the least?

LIFE APPLICATION

The analogy of Eagle and Crow/ Raven: *The higher your perspective of faith, the lesser the challenges and situations feel and look compared to God`s power.*
Your posture informs your position of belief, and your position affords you perspective.

Let us view our season of obscurity as an opportunity to know Jesus more intimately and strengthen our faith. Let us lean in with humility to hear. Get into the word even when our heart and mind do not follow.

DISCUSSION

What strategies you can apply to adapt and sustain the growth level that you are in?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Psalm 34:15 (ESV)

The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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