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When Everything Falls Apart, Whose Fault Is It?

Genesis 3/ Romans 5:12/ Psalm 37 & 73

It's not _____ fault!

It's _____ fault. _____

If you must blame someone, blame _____, not _____.

Where And How To Find God's Comfort:

It starts with a _____ relationship.

2 Corinthians 1:1-4/ Proverbs 28:9/ 1 Corinthians 10:13/ Psalm 66:18

It flows out of _____ and _____ expectations.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18/ Acts 14:21-22/ Psalm 73

2 Corinthians 4:8-9/ Matthew 6:25-34/ Philippians 4:6-9

Three Powerful Clarifying Questions:

Is there an area of my life where I'm afraid to _____?

1 Peter 4:19/ 1 Corinthians 10:13

What is the _____?

1 Peter 4:19

How can I use this to _____?

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It's not **GOD'S** fault!

It's **SIN'S** fault. ***MINE, YOURS, ADAM'S and OTHERS***

If you must blame someone, blame **SATAN**, not **GOD**.

Where And How To Find God's Comfort:

It starts with a **PERSONAL** relationship.

2 Corinthians 1:1-4/ Proverbs 28:9/ 1 Corinthians 10:13/ Psalm 66:18

It flows out of **PERSPECTIVE** and **REALISTIC** expectations.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18/ Acts 14:21-22/ Psalm 73

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Three Powerful Clarifying Questions:

Is there an area of my life where I'm afraid to **OBEY**?

1 Peter 4:19/ 1 Corinthians 10:13

What is the **HIGH ROAD**?

1 Peter 4:19

How can I use this to **HELP OTHERS**?

2 Corinthians 1:3-6, 8-11/ Ephesians 5:1-2/ Genesis 50:19-20

Life Group Study Questions

For the week of May 23, 2021

This is our final week of the Spring Quarter. Along with an abbreviated study, you'll take some time to reflect on your group experience and then take Communion together. You will also fill out Feedback Forms about your group experience and your plans for the fall (if you haven't already). Life Groups will take a summer break and resume the week of September 19. Thanks for being a part of your Life Group and have a great summer.

CLASSES & CONNECTION: Check out the end of this week's Life Group Study Questions for information about our summer classes and suggestions to stay connected and continue growing this summer.

MY STORY

1. We heard again this week that God is working for our good no matter what life throws at us! As we close the Life Group quarter, we want to take some time to do two things.

1) Find something in your house that represents who God was to you this past year (we did a version of this a year ago when all groups were online). Bring it to your group and be ready to talk about it. Feel free to have fun with this, while also sharing why it is meaningful.

2) Looking back at this past quarter and year, how has your Life Group experience encouraged, challenged or helped you in your walk with Jesus and in connecting with other people?

2. Summer is just around the corner and it looks like it will be "more normal" than last summer! What new normal are you looking forward to the most this summer? How can your Life Group best pray for you this summer?

THE HOPE WE HAVE

This weekend our message from 2 Corinthians gave us some great news on how to find God's comfort when it seems like everything is falling apart. One of the key points we heard was that God's comfort flows out of perspective and realistic expectations. Looking at the following verses, jot down any comfort or encouragement offered to us as followers of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 New International Version (NIV)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2:16-18 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷ Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.

2 Corinthians 5:17, 20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 New International Version (NIV)

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Looking back at what you wrote above, can you think of any examples of how a perspective from one of these verses has helped you or could have helped you in the past? If so, explain.

Which one would be most helpful in reminding you God is at work in your life and wants to use you to make a difference in the world around you this summer?

REMEMBERING

Jesus wants us to remember what He has done for us and that He is here to walk through life with us. That's why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together and take Communion. Taking Communion is about remembering all Christ accomplished through His death on the cross and resurrection. It is through this sacrifice that Jesus' grace and mercy are made available to us.

This week, your Life Group will conclude by doing as the disciples did, taking Communion together. To prepare for Communion, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow Him. Write down a few of your thoughts about the impact each of these verses has on you.

Romans 5:7-11 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 New International Version (NIV)

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

John 15:12-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Take Communion with us this week! If you are not in a Life Group and would like to take Communion with us, see this link to follow along: northcoastchurch.com/communion/

PRAYER

➔ Prayers for our group this summer:

➔ Pray that North Coast will continue to be a light in our community and help others follow Jesus.

➔ Pray for the raising up of new Life Group leaders and hosts this fall as many people come back to join groups or join for the first time.

COMING THIS SUMMER!

Here are some ways to stay connected and continue growing this summer. Check northcoastchurch.com for updates as more details will be added soon.

Summer Classes

We are putting together a great collection of both in-person and virtual classes on a variety of topics that will be offered throughout the summer, including parenting, marriage, personal growth, Bible study and more. More details coming soon.

Summer Connection Intro Life Groups

New to North Coast or never been in a Life Group? Curious what being part of a Life Group is all about? Intro Life Groups meet for two to three weeks and are a great opportunity to find out what Life Groups are like with minimum commitment. These will be offered both online and in person. More details coming soon.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! JOIN A TEAM!

It takes hundreds of volunteers to make the weekend services happen on our campuses. If you're interested in joining one of our amazing serving teams that make church possible, there are a variety of ways to help! Head to myncc.info/, choose your campus and click on "Get Involved" to fill out a volunteer interest form for your campus.

**27: The Letters That Define Us – To help you make the most of this series through the books of the New Testament in the order they appear in the Bible, we encourage you to mark up your Bible and read each book along with us the week it is covered in the sermon.*