



“There Is Another Way”

Fall Circle Groups | Week 5

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

There is a time in each of our lives where we come to a crossroads. This crossroads can present itself as a valley of decision, where we feel isolated and cut off from even the voice of God himself. Familiar circumstances become unfamiliar. What was once peaceful is replaced with turmoil and chaos. If you find yourself unsure of which way to go, be encouraged. God is a shield to all who put their trust in Him (Proverbs 30:5) and He will guide you into all truth (John 16:13). Don't get discouraged that your plans have changed. Hold onto hope. There is another way to your destination!

Key Scripture: Ephesians 6:13 & Proverbs 3:5 & 6

Additional Scriptures: Proverbs 30:5; John 16:13; Isaiah 40:29; Luke 18:27; 1 Sam. 15:22; Matthew 18:29-31

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Point 1: Do Not Become Comfortable in Dysfunction.

- **Scripture:** Proverbs 30:5; John 16:13; Isaiah 40:29
- When there is dysfunction around, there should be a sense of urgency to get in touch with our Heavenly Father. When we find ourselves in internal or external chaos, we should not rest before inviting in the Presence of God and His peace becomes tangible.
- **Read Isaiah 40:29 and Isaiah 26:3. According to these verses, how might inviting God's presence bring peace to a chaotic situation? When life gets overwhelming, what are your go-to practices for encountering God's presence and ushering in His peace?**

Point 2: Let Go of Excuses.

- **Scripture:** Luke 18:27
- According to the scripture above, God can handle "it," no matter what "it" is. Choosing to do things our way can make our journeys tough, messy, and undone. However, if we "Let Go, and Let God," we can sit back, and rest assured that He can handle anything.
- **Give an example of a time when you tried to handle a difficult situation without consulting God first. Maybe you spoke with someone you thought**



was a close friend. Only to realize they broke your confidence. What excuses did you give for stepping in instead of trusting Him to handle it?

Point 3: Do what He tells you to do.

- **Scripture:** 1 Samuel 15:22
- God loves when we obey Him and honor His word. Fasting, praying, attending church services, are all good, however, obedience pleases Him and affirms our dependence on Him.
- **Describe a time when you heard the voice of The Lord and went the opposite way. What impact did disobedience have on the situation?**
- **How is God asking you to obey Him in this season of life? What is one practical way you can obey Him today?**

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

As Jesus was travelling with His disciples, a storm arose on the sea. Instead of being alarmed by the chaos that the windstorm was causing, He awoke and said, "Peace, be still!" Immediately, the wind and the waves were calm. If Jesus can speak to the creation and receive an immediate response, He certainly can speak to any turmoil in your life. Perhaps, you identify with the disciples, and although you may be afraid, you still believe in the power of Jesus' words. Despite how you feel, don't get stuck in despair. The turbulence around you is an opportunity for Christ to enter your situation. Without the storm, there would be no opportunity for a miracle! Let go of control, allow Jesus Christ to calm your storm, and expect that the outcome will be better than you could have ever imagined.

Challenge: This week, let's commit to speaking scripture over our lives. Select a few scriptures and commit to speaking them each day. Then, stand back and witness the words of Jesus Christ bring calm to your life. Stay accountable this week, by checking in with your group and sharing all that God did!

- **Scripture:** Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls, (Matthew 11:28-29).

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