

HOMECELL NOTES

Your Circumstance is not your Destiny

9 FEBRUARY 2020

WELCOME:

Allow members to connect with each other before you start with Praise & Worship.

WORSHIP

Sing 1x Praise Song and 2x Worship Songs

WORD

Acts 26:16 TPT

Get up and stand to your feet, for I have appeared to you to reveal your destiny and to commission you as my assistant. You will be a witness to what you have seen and to the things I will reveal whenever I appear to you.

Paul had a great destiny (as we see from his recount of the Damascus road experience in this verse). But he faced many challenging circumstances. One thing Paul knew was that his circumstance was not his destiny.

Circumstance is temporary, destiny is permanent.

Ask a few cell members to read 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 & James 1:2-4

Question: What do these verses tell us about how God views challenging circumstances?

- God will use life's pressure to grow and develop you
- God understands process and pressure and will work all things together for our good
- Our character is shaped in the process
- Every human being on the planet, whether they serve God or not, will experience challenging times in life
- God is faithful and will not leave us alone in these circumstances

Ask a cell member to read Genesis 26:1-2, 12-13

Question: What do we learn about how to handle challenging times from these verses?

- Don't try to get out of anything prematurely (see James 1:2-4 MSG)
- In the same place of famine (challenge), keep sowing your seed of time, faith, effort, confession etc.
- A harvest is on the other side of the challenge, which God will produce

Ask a cell member to read Gen 32: 24-28

Question: What happened when Jacob wrestled with God? What can we learn from this?

- In challenging times, we should spend time alone with God
- We should 'wrestle' with God and not our circumstances
- In this time of wrestling we should allow God to work out our pride, selfishness, self-righteousness
- Our scars will be a reminder of our victory, not our failure
- God will settle things in us and we will find our new identity in Christ (see v 28)

Ask a cell member to read Luke 4:18-19

Question: Jesus was anointed for whom? What does that tell us about our own lives?

- Our challenges and our blessings are ultimately not for us, but for the benefit of others.
- Who do you know who is poor or suffering? Broken-hearted? Captive in some area of their life? Blind to the vision God has for them?
- The gospel message declares that every second, every hour, every day and every year, God's acceptance of every human as begun

Question: What circumstance are you facing today? Where do you need to let go of Jacob and become Israel, let go of Saul and become Paul, let go of your own strength and grab hold of God's strength?

WORKS

Discuss the progress in reaching each person on your Target List. Emphasize the importance of inviting target people to the Celebration service.

If anyone would like to JOIN OR GET INVOLVED IN AN ANY OF OUR MINISTRIES PLEASE CONTACT MONITA MULLER 021 552 4096/monita@crccapetown.co.za

IMPORTANT DATES:

#SHE - 29 & 30 MAY

HARVEST - 9 SEPT

