

# HOMECELL NOTES

## GET UP PART 2

7 AUGUST 2022

### WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell whether online or physical.

If HC is on Zoom only – do an Icebreaker on WhatsApp ± 15 minutes before Zoomcell.

If HC is physical – do an Icebreaker for approx. 10 minutes at start of HC.

### WORSHIP

If HC is physical -1 Praise & 2 Worship. This will create the right atmosphere for your time together. End Worship 2 in prayer.

If Zoom only - Challenge cell members to spend a few minutes in Worship before your ZOOM/Online Homecell starts.

### WORD

#### **Acts 27:20 TPT**

*"After many days of seeing neither the sun nor the stars, and with the violent storm continuing to rage against us, all hope of ever getting through it alive was abandoned."*

Many of us can relate to Paul's situation, facing a storm of some kind, having lost sight of the sun and about to abandon hope. Perhaps it's a storm in your relationships or your marriage, perhaps a financial storm, a health storm or a storm in your business or career.

**Q: Think of a recent storm or crisis you went through. What was your instinctive reaction?**

People tend to instinctively go into survival or self-preservation mode in a time of crisis.

We doubt, lose hope, quit, sit down. The enemy often robs us of our confidence in times like this.

Throughout Scripture men and women of God who accomplished great things had to be reminded regularly to be of good courage to get through their storms and challenges.

**Ask a few cell members to read Joshua 1:9, 1 Chronicles 28:20 and Ezra 10:4**

**Q: Which one of these biblical examples stands out for you? Why?**

**Are there any lessons we can take from them?**

[Allow several people to share.]

- To "be of good courage" is a command, not a suggestion
- Storms are a part of the journey of life
- Even the greatest men and women of faith experienced confusion and fear – you don't need courage unless you experience fear!
- Procrastination and avoiding responsibility are a sign that you are sitting down. There are some things in life that you need to take responsibility for!
- Every generation needs to be reminded

**Ask a few cell members to read Isaiah 41:6-7, Proverbs 11:25 and Acts 27:21-22**

**Q: Think of a time when you were in a storm, and someone came to encourage your faith.**

**What difference would it have made if they didn't?**

**How important do you think a community of faith is?**

- God's design is for community and support within the body of Christ
- Often, without someone coming alongside to remind us to have courage, we would take our eyes off Jesus, minimise his promises and enlarge the problem or enemy we are facing
- Allow the Holy Spirit to use you to encourage someone else, especially when you are going through your own storm. In the process, you will be encouraged!

**Ask a few cell members to read Psalm 23:4, Psalm 27:14, Psalm 31:24**

**Q: What do you learn about the character of God from these verses?**

- God is always with us
- God strengthens us for what we are going through
- Our hope is in Him! He is steadfast and faithful

**Ask a cell member to read John 16:33**

**Q: The only way to have true peace in a storm is through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.**

**In what ways can you use this knowledge to help non-believers going through storms?**

- Share your testimony of how Jesus strengthened you in a storm
- Tell them about the love of Christ and his good plans for them
- Invite them to church
- Disciple new believers that they may strengthen their faith in the storms of life

## WORKS

**(1) PRAYER - Take time to pray for (1) Lost & prodigals on Your Prayer/Target lists (2) One another (lay hands 1-1/groups of 2-3)**

**(2) CARE - As a HC, identify urgent needs (among people in your immediate world) - food needs, people who are staying alone, marriage challenges, financial needs, business/career/employment needs, emotional needs etc.). How can we meet those needs?**

**(3) DISCIPLESHIP - Equip HC in Basic Doctrine (Water Baptism /Tongues /Serving /Giving /Honour /Vision)**

**(4) EVANGELISM - Equip HC in Reaching Their World (Build Relationship With Oikos/Identify Man Of Peace/Share Your Verbal Witness/Invite To Church & HC)**

**NB\* When there are First Time Visitors - ALTARCALL - The main reason for having homecell is to get people saved! #WinTheLostAtAnyCost**