

SESSION 5:
LEARN HUMBLY

Text: John 10:1-18

Plain Truth:

We are more _____ when we
_____ to God.

1. An _____ rooted in _____
enables _____.
2. _____ focuses on your _____.
3. _____ coaches our losses into _____.

One Year Bible Readings

May 26: 2 Samuel 9:1-11:27, John 15:1-27, Psalm 119:49-64, Proverbs 16:1-3
May 27: 2 Samuel 12:1-31, John 16:1-33, Psalm 119:65-80, Proverbs 16:4-5
May 28: 2 Samuel 13:1-39, John 17:1-26, Psalm 119:81-96, Proverbs 16:6-7
May 29: 2 Samuel 14:1-15:22, John 18:1-24, Psalm 119:97-112, Proverbs 16:8-9
May 30: 2 Samuel 15:23-16:23, John 18:25-19:22, Psalm 119:113-128, Prov. 16:10-11
May 31: 2 Samuel 17:1-29, John 19:23-42, Psalm 119:129-152, Proverbs 16:12-13
June 1: 2 Samuel 18:1-19:10, John 20:1-31, Psalm 119:153-176, Proverbs 16:14-15

May 25 & 26, 2019

Life Group Lesson

40 Days to Live • Week of May 26

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“But the weather changed abruptly, and a wind of typhoon strength (called a “northeaster”) burst across the island and blew us out to sea. The sailors couldn’t turn the ship into the wind, so they gave up and let it run before the gale. We sailed along the sheltered side of a small island named Cauda, where with great difficulty we hoisted aboard the lifeboat being towed behind us. Then the sailors bound ropes around the hull of the ship to strengthen it. They were afraid of being driven across the sandbars of Syrtis off the African coast, so they lowered the sea anchor to slow the ship and were driven before the wind. The next day, as gale-force winds continued to batter the ship, the crew began throwing the cargo overboard. The following day they even took some of the ships gear and threw it overboard. The terrible storm raged for many days, blotting out the sun and the stars, until at last all hope was gone.” - Acts 27:14-20

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Our friend, John Maxwell, tells about a time when his plane was coming in on approach to land at the Atlanta airport. Right before the plane was ready to touch down, a wind shear hit the plane and the pilot pulled up the plane to a nearly 45-degree lift. The Pilot brought the “attitude” back into a level position and circled the airport. When the control tower said it was clear, the pilot safely landed the plane. John Maxwell could not resist and asked the pilot, “When did you know to pull the plane up due to the wind shear?” The pilot promptly responded, “Fifteen years ago in flight training! You have to train for moments like this for they can be life and death situations.”

The Book of Acts teaches us today that there were life and death situations for the Apostle Paul. He was shipwrecked, beaten, mocked, whipped and left for dead for the cause of Christ. Paul’s focus never failed. He prepared spiritually for moments of attack on his character, for times when he would be betrayed and for God-moments when the Holy Spirit moved in unexplainable ways.

What are you doing now to prepare for crisis? Speak among your group now the vital importance of daily bible study, prayer, and Christian service to strangers and our neighbors which prepare us for emergencies. Who we are and what we have become in Christ is what emerges in times of crisis. If you found out you had only 40 days to live—how would that knowledge shape your next few weeks? What would suddenly become important and what would suddenly dim in comparison of family, friends, spouse, and extended family or church family? You may be in the calm now but God may be preparing to both prepare and grow you in the next challenge or crisis you are facing.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 | What is the biggest storm that you have experienced in your life?
- 2 | How did God grow your character in the midst or aftermath of that storm?
- 3 | Who is someone in your life that has been an example for you on how to respond to the storms of life? How did they respond to their storm or storms?
- 4 | How was Paul able to stay calm in the midst of the storm in Acts 27?
- 5 | In Acts 27:29 it says, “...they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight.” Paul anchored his life with God’s presence. How can we make sure we anchor our lives with God’s presence and prepare ourselves for the coming storm?

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’” - Jeremiah 29:11