



BREAKING THE ICE

What is the last award you won and why did you win it?

If you could do anything to make a living, what would you do?

MAIN CONTENT

After spending the last month praying for the ones around us, we took this week to hear from Jeff Henderson about what it looks like to be “For the One.”

1. What was the most impactful thing that happened in the last month while you were praying and fasting for others during Awaken?
2. What is one thing you can do for one of the people you have been praying for during the last month?

At the beginning of the message this week we heard a funny story about one of the Darwin Award Winners, Larry Walters. As crazy as his story was, we can learn from what Larry said, “A man can’t just sit around.”

3. Do you have a hard time sitting around? Do you feel the need to be busy or would you prefer to be quiet and conservative with your time?

We should always take time to rest and replenish but there’s also a time to step out and do things that invest into others.

Pastor Jeff spoke about how when we serve others, it creates compound interest. He described compound interest as, interest you earn on interest. When we discover that compound interest is a kingdom principle we realize that our investment in someone can multiply to many other people.

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4. Describe a time in your life where someone's interest in helping you made a lasting significance in your life.

If we were to sit and talk about our stories and how they've affected us, we may be quick to say that God can't use them. We tend to excuse our trials and pain as what they are, not seeing that the trials and pain we go through can help someone else through their own trials because these trials are something that God will explain later.

Our stories of trial and pain may be the one thing that will help one person get through something similar. If we ask God to use purpose through our pain we will have the opportunity to help someone.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:1-5

5. Have you been able to share your story of trials with someone else to help them through a situation?

6. Whose story of trials has impacted you for the good? How did it impact you?

Pain + Purpose = Peace

Each of us have a personal ministry to share what God has done in our lives. When we share what God has done, it gives opportunity for God to work through you to help others.

There's a reason we say, "Everyone's Welcome, Because Nobody's Perfect and with Jesus, Anything's Possible." We believe it. We believe that anyone can walk into the church and experience Jesus if they are open to it. But as Pastor Jeff said, "You'll never experience what the church can do for you, until you experience what the church can do through you."

7. Where have you let your experience and stories help others at Cross Point? If you haven't helped others at Cross Point by serving, what has kept you from it?

God can use our failures for His glory if we allow Him to work through us for the good of others. It's up to each one of us to use our story to help serve someone else that needs to hear how God has shown up in our lives in the most difficult times. Whether it's serving in Kids, Students, Guest Experience, creatively, or even being a group leader, God can use your story to help someone else.

PRAYER

Father God, will you help us see where our stories, whether difficult or easy, can be something that can help serve others at Cross Point? Will you reveal to us where you want to use us and our stories for your glory? Give us peace through the pain and purpose of our lives, help us use our pain and purpose for your glory, In Jesus name. Amen.

ACTION STEP

Ask your group if they are currently serving in any of Cross Point's ministries. If not, take some time to discuss where each group member can serve. You can find out more about the ministries by visiting:

<http://crosspoint.tv/everyoneswelcome/>

Once you decide where you should serve, text **SERVE** to **615-270-2428**