



SUMMERFEST

Week 9

BREAKING THE ICE

As the summer starts winding down is there any summer activity you still want to do?

Last week Annie F. Downs talked about how we can pray for Nashville and the people moving here. How have you and how can you continue to pray for all the people moving to Nashville?

MAIN CONTENT

This week we heard from our friend Josh Turner. He asked a pivotal question at the beginning of the message.

1. What do you do when God doesn't show up like you think He should?

There will be moments in life where God doesn't do what you think He should. This is not something new to anyone. We see times in the Bible where people thought God was going to show up differently.

2. Have you had an experience where God turned up differently? Did it draw you closer to God or further away?

Sometimes in the midst of pain it's hard to hear what God wants to speak into you. Josh gave us three things that we need to do when God doesn't show up like we thought he should. When God doesn't do what you think he should do, you need to remember what He has done. The Bible is clear that we serve a God that doesn't change based on our circumstances.

Read Psalm 77

3. Where have you seen God be faithful in your past? How can you remember that experience to help you know He is still good in the midst of your circumstances?

Josh challenged us to make a list of how God has been faithful in the past and to keep it with us so we can remember what God has done. The second thing we need to do is to accept what God is doing. We may not always understand what God is doing and that's OK.

We get stuck asking God "why" but we need to ask God, "What do you want me to do with this?"

4. What is an area on your life right now that you need to ask God, "What do you want me to do with this?"

So many of us get stuck in the why and try to figure out the purposes of a holy God in a broken world. But when we ask, "what do you want me to do with this" He shows us so much more.

The last thing we need to do is trust what God will do. Sometimes we have trouble trusting God because we make our emotions bigger than God. Our emotions change, they are a good indicator but a terrible dictator. God and His word is the absolute truth but our emotions are not. We can't sit in our emotions and expect them to save us from our circumstance.

Read Matthew 6:34, Romans 8:28, and Psalm 40:1-3

5. How do these verses give you hope? Is there another scripture that gives you hope? Share with the group.

6. Where do you need to let your emotions ride but not drive in your life?

7. Which of these three steps do you need to work on: Remember what God has done for you, Accept what He is doing, Trust what He will do?

CLOSING PRAYER

God, we know through you all things are possible. Will you show us where we have forgotten what you have done, where we need to accept what you are currently doing or trusting what you will do in our situation? Will you help us put our trust in you? Surround us with others who can help us know you intimately and challenge us to be better and like you. Amen

ACTION STEP

- + This week take inventory of your life and ask God what you need to work on: Remember what God has done for you, Accept what He is doing, Trust what He will do?
- + Write down stories of where God has answered your prayers and was faithful to you. Carry it with you as a reminder.
- + Ask God, "What do you want me to do with this situation" instead of "why". Be mindful of what He is asking, pray and ask Him to help you with the situation.
- + Ask God to show you where you are letting your emotions drive instead of trusting in Him. Give those emotions to Him and let Him lead you.

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