

# NOMAD

A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR *Wilderness* SEASONS

THE 10-WEEK  
*Devotional Journey*

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## HOW TO DO THIS DEVO THING.

Hey There,  
We are about to spend 10-weeks together; I promise not to make things weird.

Firstly, you may want to read my book, NOMAD. It's on Amazon and everywhere books are sold. You don't have to as the devo can totally stand on its own, but it would help you get to know me and the "why" behind the journal.

You can do this journal a few ways, here are my suggestions.

### **OPTION A: THE INTROVERT**

Read the book, do the devo, be alone with Jesus. This sounds like a win to me and there is no judgement here.

### **OPTION B: THE BOOK CLUB**

Read the book, grab a few of your homies, meet weekly, make a cheese board, maybe have a nice glass of wine and talk about Jesus together. That way you can have accountability to work out the goals.

### **OPTION C: CHURCH SMALL GROUP**

It's kind of like Option B, but without the ~~wine~~ and cheeseboard.

### **OPTION D: DO YOU, BOO**

Do whatever you want. I'm not the Devo police! I still love you.

Okay, finally - I made videos to go along with each week. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO WATCH THEM**, but I figured it would be cool if I could join your group. You can watch them at [IcryInCorners.com/Nomad10Weeks](http://IcryInCorners.com/Nomad10Weeks)

Hope this devo helps you.  
Love you, mean it.

x Chari

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# WEEK 01

## WHY THE WILDERNESS

### BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: LUKE 4: 1-14 (*The Voice*)

When Jesus returned from the Jordan River, He was full of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit led Him away *from the cities and towns* and out into the desert.

<sup>2</sup> For 40 days, the Spirit led Him from place to place in the desert, and while there, the devil tempted Jesus. Jesus was fasting, eating nothing during this time, and at the end, He was terribly hungry. <sup>3</sup> At that point, the devil came to Him.

**Devil:** Since You're the Son of God, you don't need to be hungry. Just tell this stone to transform itself into bread.

**Jesus:** <sup>4</sup> It is written *in the Hebrew Scriptures*, "People need more than bread to live."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil gave Jesus a vision. It was as if He traveled around the world in an instant and saw all the kingdoms of the world at once.

**Devil:** <sup>6</sup> All these kingdoms, all their glory, I'll give to You. They're mine to give because this whole world has been handed over to me. <sup>7</sup> If You just worship me, then everything You see will all be Yours. All Yours!

**Jesus:** <sup>8</sup> [Get out of My face, Satan!]<sup>[b]</sup> The Hebrew Scriptures say, "Worship and serve the Eternal One your God—only Him—and nobody else."<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil led Jesus to Jerusalem, and he transported Jesus to stand upon the pinnacle of the temple.

**Devil:** Since You're the Son of God, just jump. Just throw Yourself into the air. <sup>10</sup> *You keep quoting the Hebrew Scriptures.* They themselves say,

He will put His heavenly messengers in charge of You,  
to keep You safe in every way.

<sup>11</sup> And,

They will hold You up in their hands  
so that You do not smash Your foot against a stone.<sup>[6]</sup>

**Jesus:** <sup>12</sup> *Yes, but the Hebrew Scriptures also say, “You will not presume on God; you will not test the Lord, the one True God.”*<sup>[6]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> The devil had no more temptations to offer *that day*, so he left Jesus, preparing to return at some other opportune time.

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit, and soon people across the region had heard news of Him.



## **"THE WORLD WORSHIPS *WHAT* PROVIDES, BUT IN THE KINGDOM WE WORSHIP *WHO* PROVIDES"**



### *Weekly Goal* WALK WITH UNDERSTANDING

The enemy attacked Jesus in three ways, and his tricks haven't changed. He attacked his hunger, his provision, and his significance. This week let's evaluate those spaces in our lives and see if we are guarded or open to attack.

**HUNGER | WHAT ARE YOU INGESTING DAILY THAT EFFECTS YOUR WALK?**

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PROVISION | WHAT ARE YOU PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN?

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SIGNIFICANCE | WHAT ARE YOU ALLOWING TO DEFINE YOU?

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*What You'll Gain*

**POWER**

If you understand what kind of attacks and schemes await you in the wilderness then the trek won't be that big of a deal. The wilderness problems won't be met with fear or anxiety but instead peace and power! This week, my hope is that you gain a new view of the wilderness and how to thrive there.

Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit and walked out in the power of the Holy Spirit. Whatever you are walking through today, know that God is with you, he's not surprised you are there, and he has all the love and patience and peace you need to walk it out with power.



## Prayer

*Lord, you are what I need in every way, Your words, your life, and your living water. Fill me up with all the amazing things you are so my hunger has no room to be attacked.*

*Lord, I trust you. I trust that you know what is coming and know what I need every day. Thank you for being my provision, teach me today and everyday how to look to you for every decision and how to steward what you have placed in my hands to guide and multiply.*

*Lord, I am yours. All the good, the bad, and the awkward. You are what makes me successful and significant and you love me as I am. Teach me how to see myself through your loving mirror.*

*And when all else fails, remind me of who YOU are so I can walk out in strength everything you've called ME to be.*

Amen.

## Extra Resources

**Message:** The Struggle is Real <https://youtu.be/BMww-bFAEcI>



# WEEK 02

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR SEASON

### BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: MATTHEW 16:21-28 (*The Voice*)

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus began to tell the disciples *about what would happen to Him*. He said He would have to go to Jerusalem. There the elders, chief priests, and scribes would meet Him; He would suffer at their hands; and He would be killed. But three days later, He would be raised *to new life*.

<sup>22</sup> As Jesus spoke of the things to come, Peter took Him aside. Sad and confused, and maybe a little bit prideful, Peter chastised Jesus.

**Peter:** No, Lord! Never! These things that You are saying—they will never happen to You!

**Jesus (turning to Peter):** <sup>23</sup> Get away from Me, Satan!

This is the very thing He said to the devil during those wilderness temptations.

You are a stumbling block before Me! You are not thinking about God's story; you are thinking about *some distorted story of fallen, broken* people. <sup>24</sup> (to His disciples) If you want to follow Me, you must deny yourself *the things you think you want*. You must pick up your cross and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> The person who wants to save his life must lose it, and she who loses her life for Me will find it. <sup>26</sup> Look, does it make sense to truly become successful, but then to hand over your very soul? What is your soul really worth? <sup>27</sup> The Son of Man will come in His Father's glory, with His heavenly messengers, and then He will reward each person for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> I tell you this: some of you standing here, you will see the Son of Man come into His kingdom before you taste death.



**"LISTENING ISN'T AN EAR THING, IT'S A HEART THING"**



There is nothing more awkward than finding yourself in a situation where you put your foot in your mouth, or you aren't properly dressed, or even worse, you weren't invited!

If you don't understand WHERE you are or have the wisdom to navigate the WHERE of the wilderness you will say and do the wrong thing. And the wrong thing in the wilderness isn't just detrimental to YOU but also to OTHERS.

## *Weekly Goal* DON'T TALK, JUST LISTEN

Sometimes the best thing we can do when we don't know what to do or where we are is just stop and listen. Jesus walked with a kingdom understanding and seemed to always know exactly what was about to happen and what needed to happen. But Peter as usual did not. Jesus understood the season and the situation because Jesus was always listening to the Father, and as a result his purpose and God's plans for his life were always clear.

In the wilderness seasons of life listening isn't just an option, it's *the* only option. It is imperative not only to survival, but also to learning how to thrive within the midst of wilderness seasons. This week let's spend some time quieting ourselves and the world around us, and let's lean into God's plans and purpose for our life! Learning how to be still and simply listen is a valuable lesson that will be a powerful in each season of life.

**WHO IS THE LOUDEST VOICE SPEAKING INTO YOUR LIFE?**

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**WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM HEARING GOD CLEARLY?**

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WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN QUIET OUTSIDE VOICES?

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## *What You'll Gain*

### CLARITY

Clarity is a gamechanger, especially when it comes to hearing. When you can't hear God's voice clearly and miss out on his direction when navigating the wilderness, you will find yourself potentially:

- alone talking to a weirdo like Eve
- getting a really bad haircut like Samson
- on a rooftop getting an eye full like David
- being called SATAN like Peter

This week let's quiet everything else that would have the chance to speak into our purpose and our season. Let's listen.

## Prayer

*Lord, teach me how to listen. Help me to remove the voices that are louder than yours and fill me with your peace. There is no voice I want to hear more than yours, so show me how to hear it, follow it and find it when I can't seem to turn down the volume of the world I'm living in.*

*Let my words be filtered through your love and patience and may they be saturated with your presence, so others also feel encouraged to listen to you.*

*Amen*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners – Episode 044: Savage

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# WEEK 03

## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S TIMING

### BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: MATTHEW 16:13-17 (*The Voice*)

<sup>13</sup> Jesus then went to Caesarea Philippi.

**Jesus** (*to His disciples*): Who do people say the Son of Man is?

**Disciples:** <sup>14</sup> Some say John the Baptist. And some say Elijah. And some say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.

**Jesus:** <sup>15</sup> And you? Who do you say that I am?

**Peter:** <sup>16</sup> You are the Anointed One. You are the Son of the living God.

**Jesus:** <sup>17</sup> Simon, son of Jonah, your knowledge is a mark of blessing. For you didn't learn this truth from your friends or from teachers or from sages you've met on the way. You learned it from My Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> This is why I have called you Peter (*rock*): for on this rock I will build My church. The church will reign triumphant even at the gates of hell. <sup>19</sup> Peter, I give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

With Peter's confession that Jesus is the Anointed One, the foundation of the church is laid. In the days ahead, the church will storm the gates of hell and nothing will be able to stop it. No darkness, no doubt, no deception—not even death will be able to stand against it.



**"GOD'S TIMING IS NOT EASTERN STANDARD TIME, IT'S KINGDOM, IT'S HEAVENLY."**





In the kingdom and in the wilderness finding *who* we are is important but learning *whose* we are is even more important.

## *Weekly Goal* TAKE THE TIME

The secret is out. Jesus is the Messiah. But instead of allowing Peter to share it and blast it on the ancient social media waves he tells them to tell no one. He does this several times in the Bible as he knows that they need:

- time to mature emotionally
- time to mature spiritually
- time to understand his purpose

The disciples would have just posted, shared, and tagged every bit of Jesus being the Messiah if he would not have stopped them. The truth is people weren't ready to hear the truth and Jesus had so much more to do! See, in the wilderness seasons immaturity will derail you and cause you to jump the gun on things you need to wait on. Immaturity will also cause you to overstep God's processes and purpose. And finally, if you're not careful, immaturity will tell you you're ready when you're not.

### IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU NEED TO MATURE EMOTIONALLY?

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### IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU NEED TO MATURE SPIRITUALLY?

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WHAT IS EATING UP ALL YOUR TIME?

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Take the time this week to focus on what doesn't shift in the storms of life and in wilderness seasons (Hint: The answer is Jesus!). Take time in His presence, with his people, and fulfilling his purpose - *and do it without telling everyone about it.*

## *What You'll Gain*

### MATURITY

Bill Johnson, the Pastor at Bethel said that *"Gifts are free, but maturity is expensive."* So be okay with the cost and commit to the time it's going to take to get you where you need to be. If you want God to use your life, then give it the time it needs to grow and be okay with God asking you to wait before sharing things prematurely.

## Prayer

*Lord, you are what I need in every way. Your words, your life, and your living water. Fill me up with all the amazing things you are so my hunger has no room to be attacked.*

*Lord, I trust you. I trust that you know what is coming and what I need every day. Thank you for being my provision, teach me today and everyday how to look to you for every decision and how to steward what you have placed in my hands to guide and multiply for Your glory.*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners – Episode 038: Waiting is a thing

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# WEEK 04

## UNDERSTANDING EXILE

### BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: JEREMIAH 24 (*The Voice*)

24 *The day came* when King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon took Jeconiah (son of Jehoiakim), king of Judah, into exile along with the princes of Judah and the artisans and skilled laborers from Jerusalem. *Sometime after* they arrived in Babylon, the Eternal showed me *a vision: I looked and saw* two baskets of figs placed in front of His temple. <sup>2</sup> One basket was filled with very good figs, freshly ripened, while the other was filled with very bad figs, too rotten to eat.

In 597 b.c. the dreaded King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon has Jehoiachin, king of Judah, deported to Babylon. Along with the king, he takes many skilled laborers and craftsmen to help with the great building projects of his empire. While the loss of powerful and talented men is a tragedy, it will not be the end of Judah's troubles. The prevailing thought of those who remain in Jerusalem is that they have indeed avoided God's judgment while those in exile are being punished. This shortsighted perspective is corrected by a vision given to Jeremiah.

**Eternal One:** <sup>3</sup> Jeremiah, what do you see?

**Jeremiah:** Figs, both good and bad. The good ones are very good, but the bad ones are so rotten they cannot be eaten.

<sup>4</sup> At this, the word of the Eternal came to me.

**Eternal One:** <sup>5</sup> This is what the Eternal God of Israel says: "These good figs are like those who have been taken into exile from Judah, the ones I have sent to Chaldea. <sup>6</sup> *And even though they are in captivity*, I will watch over them. I will look out for their good. And *one day*, I will bring them home. Then I will rebuild them and not tear them down; I will plant them *anew* and not uproot them. <sup>7</sup> I will give them a *new*, intense desire to know Me because I am the Eternal One. They will be My people, and I will be their God because they will return to Me completely.

<sup>8</sup> "But the bad figs that are so rotten they cannot be eaten are like King Zedekiah of Judah, his leaders, and the citizens of Jerusalem—those who are left behind in Judah and those *who escaped* to Egypt. So I, the Eternal One, will deal with them *like the rotten figs they are*.<sup>9</sup> I will make them a horror to the watching world, a disgrace and a lesson *for all to learn*, an object of scorn

and cursing wherever I scatter them. <sup>10</sup> I will send war, famine, and disease against them until they are *completely* destroyed in the very land I gave to them and their ancestors.”

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**“EXILE IS LONELY AND IMMINENT, BUT  
GOD’S VOICE IN THE MIDST OF THESE  
MOMENTS IS CONSTANT, COMFORTING AND  
SUFFICIENT.”**

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## *Weekly Goal* EMBRACE IT

Exile isn’t sexy or glamorous. It is usually brought on by some kind of take-over and us having to leave what is comfortable. But if we could just embrace the journey and blessings that exile brings, then life would be so much easier and meaningful! In Jeremiah 24 it’s the good figs that God sent into exile. It was for their safety and for their character building and the exile eventually drew them back to God.

This week let’s not complain about life’s struggles and changes but instead embrace them with the knowledge that *all things work together for good*, even the things that are uncomfortable, and the things that seem unfair. Bad things happen, but God is always with us. In seasons where perspective is difficult to find, go back to what God has already done and will do again. Keep God’s Spirit of his faithfulness fresh on your mind.

**WHAT ARE A FEW WAYS GOD HAS SHOWN HIMSELF FAITHFUL TO YOU  
IN EXILE SEASONS?**



## Prayer

*Lord, thank you for choosing me and calling me yours. Help me cultivate joy and the fruits of Your Spirit in difficult times.*

*This week help me embrace this season, your purposes, and your plan.*

*Give me strength to keep walking,*

*give me perseverance to see it through,*

*and surround me with your presence that brings me peace.*

*Thank you for your beautiful captivity that is drawing me closer to you. I know I don't always see the WHY behind what you are doing, but I do see YOU in it, and for that I am thankful.*

*Amen.*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners - Episode 035: Struggle is a thing  
[https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch\\_icyincorners/episodes/035-struggle-is-a-thing](https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch_icyincorners/episodes/035-struggle-is-a-thing)





# WEEK 05

## UNDERSTANDING THE ESSENTIALS

### BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: MATTHEW 3:13-17 (*The Voice*)

<sup>13</sup> And then, *the One of whom John spoke—the all-powerful Jesus*—came to the Jordan from Galilee to be washed by John. <sup>14</sup> At first, John demurred.

**John:** I need to be cleansed by You. Why do You come to me?

**Jesus:** <sup>15</sup> It will be right, true, and faithful to God's chosen path for you to cleanse Me *with your hands in the Jordan River*.

John agreed, and he ritually cleansed Jesus, *dousing Him in the waters of the Jordan*. <sup>16</sup> Jesus emerged from His baptism; and at that moment heaven was opened, and Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him, *alighting on His very body*.

**Voice from Heaven:** <sup>17</sup> This is My Son, whom I love; *this is the Apple of My eye*; with Him I am well pleased.



**“THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT ONLY A  
NECESSITY FOR YOUR DAILY WALK, BUT  
IT’S WHAT HELPS YOU SEE THE  
BROKENNESS IN OTHERS.”**



## *Weekly Goal* LIVE THAT DOVE LIFE

Jesus has been signed, sealed and delivered and now everywhere he goes the fact that heaven opened on his behalf and in public is felt. It's felt in his words, in his actions, and ultimately in his sacrifice. In seasons of exile, you will need a few essentials to get you through, but the Holy Spirit is the only non-negotiable.

Not having the Holy Spirit in an exile season is the equivalent of being doused in chum and being thrown into the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of California with no cage or boat, or anything. Just you and all the great white sharks! It won't be pretty, and you won't survive. So, this week and EVERY WEEK let's make living the DOVE LIFE a priority.

**WHAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM SPENDING TIME IN HIS WORD?**

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**WHAT IS KEEPING YOU FROM SPENDING TIME IN PRAYER?**

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**HONEST MOMENT:** Is your DOVE LIFE felt in your words, in your actions, and in the way you love people?



## Prayer

*Lord, I need you.*

*I need your spirit; I need your presence.*

*I just need you. And I want you.*

*That's really it.*

*Amen*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners – Episode 011: The Main Thing

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# WEEK 06

## UNDERSTANDING THE TRENCHES

### BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: MATTHEW 19:16-28 (*The Voice*)

<sup>16</sup> Then a *young* man came up to Jesus.

**Young Man:** Teacher, what good deed can I do to assure myself eternal life?

**Jesus:** <sup>17</sup> Strange that you should ask Me what is good. There is only One who is good. If you want to participate in His *divine* life, obey the Commandments.

**Young Man:** <sup>18</sup> Which Commandments *in particular*?

**Jesus:** *Well, to begin with*, do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, <sup>19</sup> honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself.<sup>[a]</sup>

**Young Man:** <sup>20</sup> I've kept those Commandments faithfully. What else do I need to do?

Jesus can see the man wants to know how to participate in God's reality, and He knows his shoulders will sag under the weight of the next hard instruction.

**Jesus:** <sup>21</sup> If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give all your money to the poor; then you will have treasure in heaven. And then come, follow Me.

<sup>22</sup> The young man went away sad because he was very wealthy indeed.

**Jesus:** <sup>23</sup> This is the truth: it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Yes, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

<sup>25</sup> The disciples, hearing this, were stunned.

**Disciples:** Who then can be saved?

**Jesus:** <sup>26</sup> People cannot save themselves. But with God, all things are possible.

**Peter:** <sup>27</sup> *You just told that man to leave everything and follow You.* Well, all of us have done just that. So what should we be expecting?

**Jesus:** <sup>28</sup> I tell you this. When *creation is consummated and* all things are renewed, when the Son of Man sits on His throne in glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on thrones. There will be twelve thrones, and you will sit and judge the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> You who have left your house and your fields, or your brothers and sisters, or your father and mother, or even your children in order to follow Me, *at that time when all is renewed, you will receive so much more:* you will receive 100 times what you gave up. You will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup> Many of those who are the first will be last, and those who are the last will be first.



**“GOD DOESN’T NEED ME TO BE PERFECT,  
HE NEEDS ME OBEDIENT.”**



## *Weekly Goal* SURRENDER “STUFF”

Everyone seems to think success is accomplished on mountain tops accompanied by all the things you’ve attained, but true success is usually experienced in the trenches and alongside people you barely know. This is why God wants you to walk through life with an awareness of trenches because **LOVING PEOPLE** in the trenches of life and showing them the **LOVE OF JESUS** is your one job! That’s right, I said *one* job. Being a follower of Jesus really boils down to this: Love God. Love people. Who would have thought it could be this easy?

The rich young ruler couldn’t see past his things, so what can we learn from this? Don’t let stuff become your downfall. There are people walking alongside you on this journey, people awaiting you on the other side of exile seasons...don’t let stuff or things get in the way.





## PEACE

I say a lot that peace is not a feeling but the person of Jesus Christ, and when you let go of all your stuff and hang-ups and pickup Jesus you get the most amazing peace. The (only!) kind of peace that surpasses all of our understanding and the (only!) kind of peace that changes everything.

## Prayer

*Lord, you are what I need in every way. Your words, your life, and your living water. Fill me up with all the amazing things you are so my hunger has no room to be attacked.*

*Lord, I trust you. I trust that you know what is coming and what I need every day. Thank you for being my provision, teach me today and everyday how to look to you for every decision and how to steward what you have placed in my hands to guide and multiply.*

*Amen*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners – Episode 040: Peace is a thing  
[https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch\\_icryincorners/episodes/peace-is-a-thing](https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch_icryincorners/episodes/peace-is-a-thing)



# WEEK 07

## UNDERSTANDING THE WEAPONS

**BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: JOHN 20: 24-29** (*The Voice* )

<sup>24</sup> All of the eleven were present with the exception of Thomas. <sup>25</sup> He heard the accounts of each brother's interaction with the Lord.

**The Other Disciples:** We have seen the Lord!

**Thomas:** Until I see His hands, feel the wounds of the nails, and put my hand to His side, I won't believe what you are saying.

<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, they gathered again behind locked doors; and Jesus reappeared. This time Thomas was with them.

**Jesus:** May each one of you be at peace.

<sup>27</sup> He drew close to Thomas.

**Jesus:** Reach out and touch Me. See the punctures in My hands; reach out your hand, and put it to My side; leave behind your faithlessness, and believe.

**Thomas** (*filled with emotion*): <sup>28</sup> You are the one True God and Lord of my life.

**Jesus:** <sup>29</sup> Thomas, you have faith because you have seen Me. Blessed are all those who never see Me and yet they still believe.



**"ONE DAY WE WILL BE ALL GONE,  
AND ALL YOU WILL HAVE IS EACH  
OTHER."**

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## *Weekly Goal* FIND YOUR SQUAD

Every wilderness season is different, but in every season, you will need your weapons, your crew, and the people in your corner that remind you that Jesus totally has and will show up! You will need the type of people that remind you of Jesus' miracles and awesomeness and those that help build your faith.

I've never understood how Thomas would not believe that the others had seen Jesus especially after walking with Jesus and seeing all the miraculous things he'd already done! But what I love is that they all gathered together and that's when Jesus then appeared to Thomas. There is something about gathering with your crew that draws in His presence. There is something that being together brings that being alone never will.

So this week, gather with your crew. Have lunch with friends you haven't seen in a while. Make some actual phone calls. Connect with real people - not your social media "friends!"

**WHO IS IN YOUR SQUAD?** ( for clarity - these are the people who FILL you up, and push you towards Jesus. Not the crew you drink margaritas with and talk smack about your co-workers with.)

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**WHO NEEDS TO BE IN YOUR SQUAD AND WHO DO YOU MAYBE NEED TO WALK AWAY FROM?**

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## What You'll Gain

### STRENGTH

I would not be where I am today in my life or my faith journey if it wasn't for the shoulders that have been offered to me. I wouldn't have the confidence I have if it wasn't for those giants that actively speak into my life. It has brought strength to me in moments where I feel weary. Choose this week to be strengthened and to be a strength to others.

## Prayer

*Lord, you are my strength and my prayer this week is to be a strength to others.*

*Surround me with the right people, the right family, the right weapons.*

*Give me the wisdom to steward these relationships with love and patience and please show me if there are people in my circle that I may need to walk away from.*

*I invite you to walk into the room, let your presence be the fire that we gather around and help me never forget that you should be what brings us all together.*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners - Episode 014: The Ride or Dies  
[https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch\\_icyincorners/episodes/014-the-ride-or-dies](https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch_icyincorners/episodes/014-the-ride-or-dies)



# WEEK 08

## UNDERSTANDING THE QUICKSAND

**BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: MATTHEW 26: 48-50** (*The Voice*)

<sup>48</sup> *And Judas, the one who intended to betray Him, had said to the elders and the chief priests that he would give them a sign.*

**Judas Iscariot:** *I'll greet Him with a kiss. And you will know that the one I kiss is the one you should arrest.*

<sup>49</sup> So at once, he went up to Jesus.

**Judas Iscariot:** Greetings, Teacher (he kisses Him).

**Jesus:** <sup>50</sup> *My friend, do what you have come to do.*



**“IMMATURITY LOOKS FORWARD TO  
OTHERS GETTING WHAT THEY DESERVE,  
MATURITY ALLOWS LOVE TO LEAD THE  
WAY.”**





# *Weekly Goal* LET LOVE LEAD

In the wilderness seasons of life, quicksand is a real thing! And by quicksand, I mean offense. Offense will drown you with a quickness if and only if you don't lead with love.

Jesus led with love when he greeted Judas. He called him friend, comrade, brother in arms.

The way he responded to Judas was not with an attitude that cut people's ears off (i.e. Peter), it was with an attitude of love. This week choose to love and choose to let love lead your conversations, your heart, and everything in between.

**IN WHAT WAYS CAN YOU LET LOVE LEAD?**

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**ARE YOU DROWNING IN OFFENSE? IF SO, WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS WEEK TO TAKE STEPS TOWARDS FORGIVENESS?**

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# What You'll Gain

## WHOLENESS

Wholeness is not a destination but instead a road you walk on daily. When you choose to let love lead, it will lead you on the road to wholeness. It's like the yellow brick road that leads you somewhere cool but without all the scary stuff. When you relinquish bitterness and offense the walk no longer feels like an uphill hike that you never signed up for, it feels like a stroll in your favorite place and God is glorified through it!

## Prayer

*Lord, help me to be a person who loves without conditions and help me to forgive those I may be offended by.*

*Keep me on the road to wholeness, because if I remain on the road I can help others.*

*Mature my heart*

*Mature my words*

*Mature my vision*

*Help me to love, see, and speak to people the way do, so I can represent your love.*

*Amen.*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners – Episode 034: Love is a thing  
[https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch\\_icyincorners/episodes/034-love-is-a-thing](https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch_icyincorners/episodes/034-love-is-a-thing)

**Message:** Conflict Management <https://youtu.be/BEHLfVTSiEU>



# WEEK 09

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR LOCATIONS

**BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK:** LUKE 10: 38-41 (*The Voice*)

<sup>38</sup> Jesus continued from there *toward Jerusalem* and came to another village. Martha, a resident of that village, welcomed Jesus into her home. <sup>39</sup> Her sister, Mary, went and sat at Jesus' feet, listening to Him teach. <sup>40</sup> Meanwhile Martha was anxious about all the hospitality arrangements.

**Martha** (*interrupting Jesus*): Lord, why don't You care that my sister is leaving me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to get over here and help me.

**Jesus:** <sup>41</sup> Oh Martha, Martha, you are so anxious and concerned about a million details, <sup>42</sup> but really, only one thing matters. Mary has chosen that one thing, and I won't take it away from her.

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**“THE TEMPORAL IS FULL OF LIFE  
BLESSINGS AND BROKEN PEOPLE THAT  
NEED YOU TO GET GOOD AT THE *HERE* SO  
YOU CAN IMPACT THE *THERE*.”**

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## Weekly Goal BE PRESENT

I'm the worst at never truly being present in the moment. If I'm eating breakfast, I'm planning lunch. If I'm in a meeting, I'm thinking of the email I just received and so on and so forth. But in the wilderness you have to live with a present state of mind or you'll miss the people and lessons the Lord has for you there.

This week, be HERE, be present.

Turn off your phone, make eye contact, have in-depth conversations. Pretend it's 1993 and you have no internet, and you have to actually talk to people and leave your worries and anxiousness at the door!

### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST WORRY?

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### HAVE YOU GIVEN IT TO GOD OR ARE YOU JUST AWKWARDLY CARRYING IT AROUND?

\_\_\_ Yup, winning! I've given it to God

\_\_\_ Well sort of, I may need to give a little more time (*cricket noises*)

\_\_\_ What?! Oh sorry, I was scrolling through my Instagram.

### WHAT IS THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO?

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Whatever you wrote above, I will tell you that God is always with you even in the wilderness and the worst-case scenarios. Whatever the WORST-CASE SCENARIO is, Jesus already covered it on the cross. Trust that he who laid down his life for you is already working on your behalf.

*“So do not worry about tomorrow. Let tomorrow worry about itself. Living faithfully is a large enough task for today.” Matthew 6:34*

## *What You'll Gain*

### **SPIRITUAL CARDIO**

As a person with no cardio, my lack of cardio keeps me from awesome stuff. Like hiking and that one time, I made my whole family go to a cool cave in northern California, and then I had a major asthma attack in the middle of it because I have no cardio!

Spiritual cardio is the same thing, if you don't have it you'll miss out on treks and adventures the Lord wants for you and the ones you love. And the thing that will keep you from this spiritual cardio is worry. Especially the kind of worry and anxiousness that doesn't allow you to embrace the here and now. That kind of worry will weigh you down in more ways, and no one has time for that.

## Prayer

*Lord, teach me how to be here and how to run this race with grace and peace.*

*Lord, teach me how to lay my cares on you so worry doesn't reign over my life. Teach me how to be like Mary, focused on the most important thing in the room!*

*Lord, if I find myself in a Martha moment, show me.*

*I want to be present, and I want to be here.*

*Amen.*

## Extra Resources

**Podcast:** I Cry In Corners – Episode 048: Seeker

[https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch\\_icryincorners/episodes/048-seeker](https://shows.acast.com/crtvchurch_icryincorners/episodes/048-seeker)





# WEEK 10

## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PROCESS

### BIBLE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK: MATTHEW 14:15-21 (*The Voice*)

<sup>15</sup> At evening-time, Jesus' disciples came to Him.

**Disciples:** We're in a fairly remote place, and it is getting late; *the crowds will get hungry for supper*. Send them away so they have time to get back to the villages and get something to eat.

**Jesus:** <sup>16</sup> They don't need to go back to the villages in order to eat supper. Give them something to eat here.

**Disciples:** <sup>17</sup> *But we don't have enough food*. We only have five rounds of flatbread and two fish.

**Jesus:** <sup>18</sup> Bring the bread and the fish to Me.

*So the disciples brought Him the five rounds of flatbread and the two fish,* <sup>19</sup> and Jesus told the people to sit down on the grass. He took the bread and the fish, He looked up to heaven, He gave thanks, and then He broke the bread. Jesus gave the bread to the disciples, and the disciples gave the bread to the people; <sup>20</sup> everyone ate and was satisfied. *When everyone had eaten,* the disciples picked up 12 baskets of *crusts and broken pieces of bread and crumbs.* <sup>21</sup> There were 5,000 men there, not to mention all the women and children.



**"JESUS TOOK THE BREAD, THANKED GOD FOR IT, BROKE IT AND THEN GAVE IT AWAY."**

# THERE IS ALWAYS A BREAKING BEFORE YOU ARE DEPLOYED. IN THE KINGDOM THAT BREAKING FEELS LIKE PRUNING."



## *Weekly Goal* DEPLOYMENT

Jesus never did anything the way the disciples, his family or the religious elite expected. He hung out with misfits, outcast women, sinners and everyone else he wasn't supposed to. And when I look at the life of Jesus, I find that whether he was weaving a whip in a corner or breaking bread for 5000 I will never be able to wrap my mind around his ways. So instead of getting frustrated with his process I choose to swim with his current instead of against it.

If he is the vine and we are the branches then why do we question how the vine is cared for, where it's planted and what fruit is grown? Our job is to just grow and embrace the pruning.

### GROW & EMBRACE THE PRUNING

And if we do this well, we will become like the bread that he thanked God for, broke and passed out to the masses. The bread that was a miracle.

This week allow God to prune and deploy you to love, serve and be Jesus in every area of your world. You may be the only Jesus that people see, so choose to represent Him well.

**WHAT DO YOU FEEL GOD IS PRUNING OFF OF YOUR LIFE IN THIS SEASON?**

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WHERE DO YOU FEEL GOD IS DEPLOYING YOU?

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## *What You'll Gain*

### GRATITUDE

Wherever God sends you, whatever he prunes away from your life, be thankful!

Gratitude propels you in the wilderness seasons. It keeps your perspective on Jesus, and it keeps you out of the quicksand of life. Be thankful for the breaking, be thankful for the deployment, be thankful for the weird people (because don't worry, you are probably a weirdo to someone else!), the struggles and all the other stuff the wilderness seasons of life brings our way. At the end, it's all for God's glory.

## Prayer

*Lord, thank you for loving me so much that you choose to prune my life.*

*Thank you for the breaking, for sending me out.*

*Thank you for letting me be a part of your story.*

*Thank you for allowing me opportunities to represent you in the wilderness.*

*Lord, thank you, for all of it.*

*Amen.*

## Extra Resources

Message: Pruning <https://youtu.be/8bpAS-j--4>

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