

**November 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>**

**Faith in the Wild pt. 11: Don't Quit in the Wild**

In this lesson you will learn three ways to persevere in the Wild.

**Intro:** The enemy comes to distract, deplete, and discourage you so that he can ultimately defeat you. Jesus came that you might have life and experience life more abundantly. If there is breath in your lungs, then God is not finished with you yet. Joshua did not conquer Jericho until he was in his sixties. Abraham and Sarah did not have one child until they were very old senior citizens. David did not step into kingship over Israel until 20 years after the promise. Keep the faith. Don't quit or give up until you see the breakthrough.

**I. Keep the Right Perspective**

- A. This season, these wild times, this storm won't last forever. Don't get hung up on one part of your life that doesn't make sense. God never promised us that we would never experience; pain, setbacks, heart-ache, or losses. He did promise that He would work it all together for our own good. Keep an eternal perspective that Jesus is going to help you get through this, and that there is purpose in all of your painful seasons. Just like a gemstone going through the process of purification, our faith will be tested in the furnace of affliction (Isa 48:10).

**II. Turn your Pain into Purpose**

- A. God is not the one who sends trouble, setbacks, or tragedies into our lives, but He will use them for our good. You can come out of the storms of life either bitter or better. You get to choose which one. 10% of life is what happens to you, and 90% is how you respond to it. You can come out with more confidence in His goodness and grace or come out insecure about your future and God. There is an old adage that says, "no pain no gain". Don't complain about the pain. It is developing you and cultivating a heart for God and complete dependence upon Him. These storms of life can help us to persevere (2 Pet 1:4-6).

**III. His Grace is Sufficient for You**

- A. God's grace is bigger than your past, your shortcomings, and even your failures. Failure does not have the final word in your life, God does. Though a righteous man may fall, he will rise again (Prov 24:16). The enemy wants you to feel like you're finished and your best days are behind you. The blood of Jesus still speaks today saying you are; valuable, forgiven, healed, and restored. God is our redeemer and His purposes and plans for our lives will prevail. Don't let discouragement, bad breaks, or criticism keep you down in the doldrums of life. Choose to get back up in hope, faith, and trust knowing that God has your best days right in front of you.

**Discussion Questions**

1. How do you respond to the rainy seasons of life?
2. Do you ever try to rush through your current season to get onto the next?
3. Do you have a hard time relying on God's grace?