

Message: Our Personal Pivot – Part 3 | Toby Slough | May 3, 2020

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Last week we discussed how the key to pivoting is not deny the pain but regularly focusing on God's provision and faithfulness during difficult times.

1. What is one thing you are especially grateful for during these days?
 2. What are 1-2 keys for you to daily grow your own life and attitude of gratitude and thanksgiving?
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Philippians 2:1-5 (The Passion Translation) Look at how much encouragement you have found in your relationship with the Anointed One! You are filled to overflowing with his comforting love. You have experienced a deepening friendship with the Holy Spirit and have felt his tender affection and mercy. So I'm asking you, my friends, that you be joined together in perfect unity—with one heart, one passion, and united in one love. Walk together with one harmonious purpose and you will fill my heart with unbounded joy. Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don't allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves. Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests. And consider the example that Jesus, the Anointed One, has set before us. Let his mindset become your motivation.

Our job is to persevere (Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus) and God's job is to preserve (Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.)

1. How have you seen God's preserving nature demonstrated in your life and family?
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God's purpose for us has not changed. To continually grow in His likeness. To be like Christ. (Philippians 3:7-8 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ). I must determine in my heart that I want to know Him better.

2. How have I used this unique time to press in, to know Christ in a deeper and more intimate way?
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Paul encourages us to forget what lies behind us (Philippians 3:13) and be anxious for nothing but pray and receive the peace of God to guard our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-7).

3. How is God using these days to release what lies behind us?
4. When we pray instead of worry, we choose to give power to the only one that has the power to control my future. The peace of God is an incredible promise for those who pray. What is God calling you pray about?

“This is our moment! When we distinguish ourselves as followers of Jesus. Not because we are better but because of who we have living on the inside.” – Toby