

ROYALS- GLORIOUS INHERITANCE

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

To kick things off, go around the circle, and answer the following statement:

What was the best/worst surprise you ever received?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

Welcome to our second week in our series, Royals. In this series, we are talking about having everything you need to overcome whatever life throws at you. As Royals you never have to feel stuck, you can always move forward, you can always be kinged, and you're never backed into a corner.

Before we jump into this week's discussion let's take a few minutes to catch up with one another and check how we are doing spiritually.

How did you feed your soul this week?

How did you feed your flesh this week?

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COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

This week Josh taught us that in every situation of life, no matter what we're going through, we can always be kinged. Being kinged is remembering that God is always in control of the outcome. He who is Lord over your life is working and He is able to help you in every situation. During this season there may be many things keeping you from feeling kinged. Maybe you feel stressed about the upcoming Holiday season. Maybe you have lost loved ones and the holidays are a yearly reminder of that. Maybe 2020 has just been a long, tough year and you are ready for it to be over. The situations you are going through in this season can keep you from feeling like God is working. Keep you from feeling like He is in control. Keep you from feeling like you are kinged.

What situation are you walking through that is tough in this season?

In your current season of life, do you believe that God is in control of your current situation?

Read 1 Peter 1:4-7

In this passage, Peter reminds us that we are not promised a perfect and easy life as Christ-followers. We will face trials. It is inevitable. However, even in the toughest season, it is God who is in control as Peter says in verse 5 and it is His power that will help us to get through. Peter uses the image of gold being refined in a furnace. The process Peter is referring to is the process of burning off the imperfections of the gold to leave behind a pure and usable substance. Peter compares the trials we go through to this process.



Maybe there are areas of our faith that are still focused on our own abilities or on our strength and not God's. Tough seasons, trials, and troubles that we go through all give the opportunity to burn off the impurities of our faith so that it may be purely focused on God. These trials help us to not place our faith in our own strength in the situation but rather to place our faith in God.

What is the impurity in your faith that maybe God is trying to burn off through your trial, so that your faith and trust in God is further refined like gold?

Read Daniel 3:1-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego found themselves in an almost impossible situation: bow down and worship the statue of Nebuchadnezzar and live, or stay faithful and devoted to their God and potentially die. Talk about being backed into a corner in which there didn't seem to be a clear way out! They knew their God had the ability to save them, but they also understood that He may have a bigger plan and purpose in them dying as well.

Just like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, in our current situation we have a choice. We could choose to worry, stress, and be anxious over the situations that come up in life, or we could trust God with the outcome.

Time and time again in scripture we see people in sticky situations where they finally had to come to the realization that they had to put more of their trust in God. Meaning, no matter what happens in their situation they could be okay with the outcome.



Are you currently experiencing a difficult situation, and if so what is it?

Are you okay with whatever outcome in the situation you're going through?

This can be a difficult truth that every Christ-follower will have to learn to accept. God is our heavenly Father and He is in control of all things. He can handle the situation you are going through the way you want it to be handled, and sometimes he does. However, other times he will handle the situation in a way you don't want him to. Spiritual maturity grows when you become okay with both, because you know God has an eternal perspective on your situation.

DEVOTE DAILY

Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego we are called to stay faithful and focused on God. We are called to place our complete trust in Him, knowing that He is for us in every situation, and he cares about what we're going through. Romans 8:38 says, "And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." Since we are God's glorious inheritance, we can be confident that God is going to keep us for eternity.

We all face tough seasons in our life. Seasons when we just can't escape our anxiety or we feel as if life is throwing one thing after another at us. The crazy thing about those seasons in our life is that we have a choice of how we respond. This week find one area of your life you feel has taken over your heart's devotion and attention this season and begin to trust God with the outcome.



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Pray:

This week pray as a group that you would be reminded even in the toughest seasons that God is in control. Pray that you would begin to trust God, even when the outcome may not be what you had hoped for.

Memorize:

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. 18 But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." – Daniel 3:17-18