

ROYALS- GREATNESS OF YOUR POWER

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

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

What are you most excited about for 2021? What are you most fearful of?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

Welcome to the last week in our series, Royals. In this series, we have talked about having everything you need to overcome the storms that life throws at you. As Royals, 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 Craig taught us that you are God's masterpiece. You don't have to fix yourself up to become a masterpiece, you already are His masterpiece.

During this season there may be many things keeping you from feeling like a masterpiece. Maybe past events make you feel far from perfect. Maybe you compare yourself to others and you see your lack of ability compared to theirs and you think, "Look, I'm not good enough. I'm not pretty enough. I'm not a good enough mom or dad." Maybe people have told you that you are dumb so many times that you have started to believe it. Maybe your mom or dad walked out when you were younger and told you that you weren't good enough.

Even still, God calls you his masterpiece. Because of this, there is this tension between what you believe and the truth of God's word. Everything in you tells you to continue believing what you've always believed about yourself. The question you need to answer is:

Where do you feel like you're not a 'masterpiece'? Why?

2 Corinthians 12:9-11

The Apostle Paul knew that he had a weakness that he just couldn't overcome. It certainly was something that made him fully aware that there was a brokenness in him. At times it had him feeling like he wasn't much of a masterpiece. He begged three times for God to remove this thorn in his flesh, because there were times when this "thorn" had him feeling stuck or backed into a corner.



When focused on his weakness, he felt “less than,” but when focused on who God made him to be, he was able to see that he was God’s masterpiece, that God’s grace and power were sufficient to help him move forward in any situation. It was about believing who he was in Jesus, not in his weakness. It was about him realizing that no matter his weakness, he was Royal.

Do you believe God could turn your weaknesses into strengths? Why or why not?

How have you allowed God into your area of weakness to let him make it into a strength?

Judges 7:14-22

In this passage, Gideon was fearful that he did not have a big enough army to accomplish the job. He was fearful that they would be easily defeated by the much larger Midianite army. Gideon is even ready to give up until he is reminded in verse 14 that it is the Lord who has given the Midianite army over into his hands. It was not about Gideon becoming great enough or having a big enough army to feel like a masterpiece.

Gideon is reminded that he is God’s masterpiece. He has been given everything that he needs to accomplish what God had called him to. He did not need to be anything more than what he was: a royal and a masterpiece.

In your life, is there a “Midianite Army,” standing before you that makes you feel like you need more than what you have in order to be victorious?



DEVOTE DAILY

We all walk through storms in life. In these seasons, our response often depends on whether or not we remember our identity: a royal. A masterpiece. Maybe in this season for you, you need to be reminded of your identity. Ask your group this week to commit to reminding one another of the truth of your identity in the midst of life's storms.

How to remind each other: Text each other, call each other, pray together.

If you are interested in learning about Craig Walker's Class, Truly a Masterpiece, text "Masterpiece" to 940-90, and we'll have Craig reach out to you!

Pray:

This week pray as a group that you would be reminded or begin to see that you are a masterpiece created by God. Ask God to begin to mold you to fulfill the purpose he has for you.

Memorize:

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."
Ephesians 2:10