

LIFE LESSONS – Making it Live

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Tested and Trusted

How much does the Lord desire for us to trust Him? Trust is a huge word in our relationship with God. Read the whole chapter of Proverbs 3 and then come back to verses 5 and 6. Share the words that are used to describe this level of trust. What are the other character qualities that this chapter includes as related to trust? *Discuss* what you think people would need to change to move toward developing this level of trust in the Lord. A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted.

Standing Still

Are there some times you have “stood still” in your life...what were they? Were these times that God asked you to stand still? When circumstances in life become difficult and our faith is tested, sometimes standing still is exactly what God wants us to do. Standing still is often seen as a negative kind of position in our lives. Discuss why this is usually looked at in a negative way. Read Psalm 46 and pay special attention to verse 10. Look up the words to the hymn “Be Still My Soul” and share the truths of this great hymn.

Worry

In looking at today’s newspaper, or seeing today’s news headlines...how many of them could cause us to worry? Worry is sin. That chosen action says that God doesn’t know, or that He doesn’t care, or that He can’t provide. *Discuss* where and when do we learn to “WORRY.” What parts of our economy are focused on “helping us to be free from worry” or provide protection from some possible danger? Share how we can be encouraged by God’s Word in Matthew 6:25-34.

Prayer

What are some of the reasons we might struggle with prayer? There are over 500 verses of scripture in the Bible that refer to pray, prayer, and praying so this seems to be a very important act to God. Many people find prayer difficult. *Discuss* some reasons for praying and for not praying. Some people don’t have answers because they haven’t prayed. Share some scriptures that would help gain perspective. How about starting with a few of these: Luke 18:1; 21:36, Romans 12:12, Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; I Peter 4:7, and 1Thessalonians 5:17.

New Beginning

What do you do when you know you have disobeyed God? When we disobey God, the only right thing to do is to go back to the place where we left Him and make a new beginning. Humility is a character quality that is often one that is looked at with disdain. *Discuss* why you think this is often true. Many in our society would say that an act is disobedience only when one is “caught”. What perspective does God’s word have on disobedience? Read some of the related references: Luke 12:34; Isa 6:9, Matthew 5:28; 12:34-35; 13:15; and 15:18. Where does it say disobedience is centered? Discuss the result of going back and making a new beginning according to Luke 8:15.

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