



Discussion Guide

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Divine Difficulty

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Main Idea

This series will encourage and challenge us to encounter the fullness of God's favor and how generosity and stewardship establish a legacy of favor in our lives. Today Pastor Daniel is sharing about how the Bible says that in this life you will have various trials (John 16:33), but take heart because Jesus has overcome the world.

Anchor Scripture (James 1:2-4, NLT)

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

There are 3 types of trials:

1. Demonic Attack
2. Natural Struggles
3. Divine Difficulty - MAIN FOCUS

Point 1 - His Best Often Involves a Test

As believers, maybe you've heard this before, but everything belongs to God.

Which means that God can give you anything He sees fit from His storehouse, and that every good thing in your life comes from Him.

But His best involves a test... and what is this test?

Pastor Daniel shared the story of Noah... can you relate to this story?

How do you react when a “test” arises?

Scripture References: Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

Point 2 - There's Help When LIFE Gets Hard

But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you.

How do you relate to the Holy Spirit as a spotter?

How do you relate to the Holy Spirit as a friend?

Scripture References: John 14:26 (AMP)

Point 3 - You Still Get A Redo

You still get a re-do. Another chance to bow your heart, your head, and your knee to God's plan for your life. And y'all, we serve a big God...

We have our directive. Trust God, seek His plan, tune your ear to His voice, cast off anything that seeks to destroy or distract you from His will, and stand tall, knowing that the Favor of the Father rests on you...

Do you trust that God is your provider?

Have you ever put your plans in front of Gods?

Scripture References: Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT), Psalm 103:11-13 (ESV)

SUMMARY

It is important that we know the difference between these challenges of life, and how to respond to them. Because chances are, we're running towards things we should be fleeing from. Fleeing from things we should be enduring, and simply enduring things we should be pursuing.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Remember the last time you were challenged in life? How did God come through?
2. Look for ways to rejoice in God's goodness this week and thank Him for overcoming your last trial.
3. Take some time to examine areas in your life that you have not fully yielded to God.
4. Look for opportunities to pray into these areas and ask the Holy Spirit to comfort and guide you.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: How's Yours

Pick one person to be "It" and send them from the room.

With the people remaining, select a common thing: hair, articles of clothing, or body parts all work.

When the person returns, they'll ask someone, "How's yours?" That person should then give a one-word adjective to describe theirs. Repeat until the person asking guesses the attribute being discussed.

Example: The item picked is a shirt. When asked "How's yours" they can answer: tight, pretty, red, itchy etc.