



## WEEKLY REFLECTION & CHALLENGE SHEET

"FINDING PURPOSE IN DISAPPOINTMENT" | December 13, 2020

### ICE BREAKERS:

What is the greatest letdown you have ever experienced? Who was responsible for it?

Were their people who let down or even attacked Mary and Joseph as they welcomed Jesus into their family? Who comes to your mind who let Jesus down throughout his life?

**Reflect:** In his message today, Pastor Terry said: "If my walk with God (aka relationship) is my greatest treasure, then what makes a relationship (with others) worthwhile is that it brings me closer to God."

- How have you had relationships bring you closer/farther to/from God in **good** ways?
- How have you had relationships bring you closer/farther to/from to God through **conflict**?

**Review how we need to G.R.O.W. through your challenges in life:** (last week - can anyone remember the acronym without being reminded?) GRIEVE IT: RELEASE IT: OBEY HIS WORD: WORSHIP IN GRATITUDE:

How can we keep **GROWING** even with our personal / relational conflicts in life?

**INTROSPECTION:** *how can you take a good look inside yourself? (Ps. 139:23-24; James 1:19-20)*

**NO CONTROL:** *recognize you can't control others - all you can control is YOU! (2 Timothy 1:7 **ESV**)*

**GUARD YOUR CHARACTER & MISSION:** *Who and what are you living for? (1 Timothy 1:5-6)*

**This week's challenge:** Embrace each challenge and setback in life by considering how Jesus might want to use this circumstance for HIS GLORY. Make a list of each challenge throughout your day - at the end of the week, see how God has stretched you.

## Quotes from Gary Thomas' book "When to Walk Away"

"Instead of trying to make toxic people happy or satisfied (which is a waste of time), live to help reliable people serve and worship God. Rather than living to make toxic people feel good about us, let's live to make reliable people excited about God."

"We become toxic ourselves when we employ rash judgment, almost with glee, immediately jumping to the conclusion that someone is in the wrong."

"I can't control a toxic person. I can't change a toxic person. I can't understand a toxic person. We only can control our own efforts to be as loving, true, gentle, and kind as our God calls us to be as we live with healthy, God-ordained priorities."

"Life is richest when you give each moment of each day to God with the prayer, "Let me receive your love and pour it out on these people so that I can represent you every minute of the day."

MORE QUOTES CAN BE FOUND AT:

<https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/69016198-when-to-walk-away-finding-freedom-from-toxic-people>



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