



part 3, *Beauty From Ashes*

Pastor Tom Kang

**Icebreaker:** What are you doing this Saturday, Sept 27th? Join us for an informative and super helpful seminar on the topic of Faith & Finance!! Visit [newstorychurch.com/events](https://newstorychurch.com/events) for more information.

*Faith & Finance Seminar*

Sept 27 (Sat) | 10am - 2pm

Speaker: Pastor Dave Briggs

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- 1) The sermon mentions how our culture avoids discomfort through apps, filters, and services. How do you see this playing out in your own life? What “comfort zones” might God be calling you to step out of?
- 2) Review the Bible passages that were shared in the sermon, namely Hebrews 2:10 and James 1:2-4. What do these passages teach us about our struggles? How have you brought up your struggles to God?
- 3) The sermon contrasts “hurt people hurt people” with “healed people heal people.” Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. How can you tell the difference between someone sharing from a place of healing versus someone sharing from unprocessed pain?
- 4) Jesus showed His scars to Thomas rather than hiding them. Henri Nouwen wrote about being “wounded healers.” What’s one area of past pain in your life that God might want to transform into ministry to others? What keeps you from sharing that story?
- 5) Pastor Tom mentioned how “Isolation is disorientation’s best friend. Community is re-orientation’s fuel.” Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. How has community helped or hindered your ability to process difficult seasons? What makes it hard to stay connected when you’re struggling?
- 6) The coal-to-diamond metaphor suggests pressure creates transformation. John Ortberg said, “The life of faith is lived in the space between promise and fulfillment.” How do you distinguish between pressure that God is using for growth versus pressure that you should seek to change or escape?
- 7) Reflect back on this sermon series, which covered the topics of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation. What kinds of new thoughts or reminders have you discovered through this series?