

Summer Playlist

Part 1 | Anxiety & Curiosity

- **Post where you are joining from**
- **Connect with us - Next Steps Form**
 - Text “Element” to 97000
 - link to next steps form: <https://tinyurl.com/yd3buyt9>
- **APP**
- **Social Summer**
 - Relationships
 - Social Media build
- **YouTube, fb, instagram, google - like, subscribe, share, review**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheelementChurch5/live>
- **Abey Dewey Release Party**
 - FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 AT 6:30 PM
 - Journey Life Church Holt
- **June 12th Youth and families (Hayes)?**
- **Giving - Several conversations w/ people in past week about giving:**
 - [We know many of you already are Giving Online](#) - Planning Center Online
 - Many of you have [automated](#) giving - THANK YOU!
 - theelement.church/give
 - <https://theelement.churchcenter.com/giving>
 - Frequency - Recurring
 - Text amount (in body text) to 84321
 - PO Box 52 East Lansing MI 48826
 - **Give | Facility Offering**
 - <https://theelement.churchcenter.com/giving/to/facility>

THIS WEEK - Summer Playlist

- A playlist has a similar feel, but different songs
 - Social Summer
 - New Wine
 - New Soil
 - Deeper work

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Q: What if that was true?

- God is restoring us, we just don't see it?
 - Visible & Invisible

Q: What if we don't SEE it?

- **Ignore** it - just progressively can't see but pretend
- **Modify** it - glasses
- **Fix** it - Lasik eye surgery: reshape the eye in places it has degraded over time in order that it could function properly again...

ILL. Lasik eye surgery starts with cutting the eye open

- cut a flap in the cornea
- surgeon folds back hinged flap
- reshape underlying cornea with laser
- replace the cornea flap and let heal
- **PROCESS**
 - A doing
 - An undoing
 - A reshaping/restoration/healing

- Construction: a “doing”
- Deconstruction: an “undoing”
- Reconstruction: a “re-doing”

3 Phases of God working in our lives:

Pattern:

Construction, Deconstruction, Reconstruction

- A doing, an undoing, a re-doing
- Life, Death, Resurrection
- Dream, Pit/Potipher/Prison, Palace

- Summer/Fall, Winter, Spring
- Lion King: Circle of Life

- **This CYCLE exists**
 - in the physical
 - illustrates a cycle spiritually

This is what happens in Trauma

This is what happened in the pandemic

As Christians we handle it differently = **with humility & hope**

1 Thessalonians 4:13, 18

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope... 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

If the process isn't good, its not over!

Matthew 9:17 NIV

“Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins...”

Romans 8:28 NKJV

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

SOAP!!

Matthew 14: 22-33

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

29 “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

#1.) Construction: doing something

- Get in the BOAT and go to the other side
- NORMAL DAY??
- Construction in life JUST HAPPENS
 - We “figure it out”
 - How we “survive”
- I just want to make life work and stay safe
- An illusion of control

PROBLEM: In the “building” lots of different idols are asking to get built too.

- 1st-3rd commandment are about

Galatians 4:8

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods.

Romans 1 NKJV

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

We will ALWAYS BUILD CORRUPTIBLE CONTAINERS - we aren't God

GOD ALLOWS THEM TO DECONSTRUCT (as an act of Grace)

- (sometimes He deconstructs them)
- When He knows we can SURVIVE IT
- God PURIFIES what has been built

“at some point your program of control will be shattered.” - Adam Paulson

The Boat Eventually HITS a STORM

#2.) Deconstruction: an “undoing” of something

- **When we are in the BOAT - The storm hits!**
- **This JUST HAPPENS TOO**
 - The idea of DEATH
 - The idea of CRUSHING
 - The idea of UNDOING

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JESUS ON THE CROSS:

Matt. 27:46 - “My God, My God why have you forsaken me?”

- He is in immense spiritual, emotional & physical pain
- **Quoting Psalm 22!**
 - Did he forget it and want to remind Himself?
- **NO! IN HIS PAIN HE IS POINTING US TO THE ANSWER FOR OURS**

PS. 22:1-2

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? 2 My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest

PS. 22: 24

For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

Quoting Psalm 22 FOR US!

ILL. Two Thieves next to Jesus on the cross - two responses to pain

- Same situation - different responses
 - “If you are really God, get us down from here.”
 - “It isn’t His fault, He is blameless, we are robbers, we brought this on ourselves... Jesus remember me in your Kingdom”

In deconstruction

one’s heart became *hardened toward* God

one’s heart became *drawn toward* God

- Q: What is our response when we experience pain - during deconstruction?
 - To God or away from Him?

WHAT DO WE DO IN THE DECONSTRUCTION?

A.) We stand on what He has ALREADY said...

Jesus said, get in the boat and go to the other side,
not get in the boat and die in the middle of the lake.

Never doubt in the dark what God said in the light

- **The Bible = Words He has spoken**

- Reading plans online
- SOAP

- **Prayer = a time for recalibration**

- Daily time
- How to Pray - Peter Grieg
- 21 Days of Prayer

- B.) We pursue His voice

We are intentional to pursue what we can see of God
while we wait for what we cannot yet see of Him

What can you do to pursue Jesus that are simple & obvious?

- Bible & Prayer
- Church & Relationships - “The BODY of Christ”
- Worship = Church is NOT closed

- C.) We look for what God is up to

- ILL. Enterprise Boll Weevil
- The death of cotton cleared the way for 3x better peanuts


**Jesus’ eternal resurrection was possible only
because of his physical death & grave.**

#3.) Reconstruction: a “re-doing” of something

there is no pain or confusion that Jesus cannot REDEEM

God doesn't waste anything

ILL. Phil Hansen - Tremor in his hand - neurologist said “embrace the change”.

- In art school, Phil Hansen developed an unruly tremor in his hand that kept him from creating the pointillist drawings he loved. Hansen was devastated, floating without a sense of purpose. Until a neurologist made a simple suggestion: embrace this limitation ... and transcend it.
- “Artist finds new way to create art despite irreversible nerve damage”
 - Screenshot:  phil hansen 1.jpeg
 - The art after the shake was better
 - Grammy Nominated

Walking on water with His voice is better than being in the boat!

Mary & Jesus' Resurrection

- Jesus died and went into the grave:
- Mary goes to the tomb,
- Stone is gone but she is convinced someone stole his body.
- Bursts home and freaks out -
 - not “He is Risen”
 - “they have taken him out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him.”...
 - Paraphrase add.: “**they probably going to come get us next.**”
- Where do I go? Who can I trust? Chaos all around.
- **Mary goes back to the tomb**
 - Angels ask a question: “woman, why are you crying.”

- Angels are obviously men - only men would ask like that.
- She isn't sure where Jesus' body has been taken

MARY deconstructed a political messiah and found an eternal savior

PETER deconstructed the control of the boat and found the ability to walk on water

1.) Do things we couldn't do before

2.) Know God in a way that wasn't possible before

Some of us have walked away from what God is doing in our lives because our experience didn't match our perception

The man at the pool of Bethesda had been lame 38 years and because of HIS DECONSTRUCTION couldn't see that the SON OF GOD was standing in front of him asking if he WANTED TO BE HEALED?

IF WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A FUTURE WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, EMBRACE AND ENGAGE THIS PROCESS

- construction
- deconstruction
- reconstruction

Anxiety & Curiosity

PRAYER

Pray to hear His voice & see the new ways He is calling you

BELIEVERS ALTER CALL

- God speak to each heart what they needed to hear today
 - What did you hear?
 - What do you need to do this week because of it?
- Seal your words in our hearts

SALVATION ALTAR CALL

Raise Hand
Celebrate

RESPONSE TIME - CALL TO ACTION (EH)

- Celebrate Salvation
- Prayed that Prayer or New Here - Next Steps Form
- Connect with us - Next Steps Form
 - Ecamm Screen QR Code
 - Text "Element" to 97000
 - link to next steps form: <https://tinyurl.com/yd3buyt9>

 - Prayer Teams - fb message us
 - Commitment to Jesus
 - Text Element to 97000
 - link, form
 - Commitment Box (email next steps - alpha)
 - BAPTISM box on form