

## Get Your Passion Back Week 2 - Reframe

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### **Connect with us - Next Steps Form**

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### **Together Sunday**

- Sign up to join a together home group for March 20th

### **GIVING TIME:**

- **4 WAYS TO GIVE**
- ONLINE: <https://theelement.churchcenter.com/give>
- APP: Give Tile
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### **INTRO - GET YOUR PASSION BACK**

- Memes - Cotton Candy girl

### **YES There are Real Problems!**

- People sick
- People dying
- Jobs Vanishing
- Economies Struggling
- Our Nation divided
- War in Eastern Europe
- Brink of WW3?
  - Anxiety - Overwhelm
  - Easily angered
  - Easily discouraged

**I am feeling passion & unshakably optimistic about the future!**

**Romans 8:28**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

All else being equal, one thing I know for certain...  
A negative outlook never leads to a positive life.

Last week - Optimites (Optimism)

Tragedy - Stages

- Acceptance/Survival
- Re-Enter
- Re-Cover
- Re-Frame

This week - Reframe

**One of the best Biblical Examples of this: David at Ziklag**

**(1 Samuel 30)**

- History of story
- Bankrupt, House burned, family kidnapped, neighborhood gone, all that are left want to kill him = unbearable day

**ILL. Pastor = Front Row for Unbearable** - Been on the front row for people slipping off into eternity. People losing children. People having the worst days of their lives. People dealing with the unbearable.

(BRIDGE)

**Unbearable (Ziklag)**

- We Re-Enter
- We Re-Cover
- We Re-Frame
- David wrote Psalm 23 (most believe later in his life because of the maturity & fullness of the concepts)

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me...

- “Though I walk” (don’t stop there)
- “Your rod and staff they comfort me” (God is our comfort)

**We are active!**

(don’t stop keep going/moving)

**We look to God as THE source of comfort!**

**When everything around us is the “valley of the shadow of death”  
we actively look to God for comfort.**

## **WE REFRAME OUR VISION**

### **Reframe:**

1. place (a picture or photograph) in a new frame.
2. frame or express (words or a concept or plan) differently.

### **What does David do next at Ziklag?**

- He Re-orientes Himself to a NEW Vision - Reframes
  - He gets a God inspired alternative vision for his future
- He keeps moving & looks to God for comfort

## 3 Ways We Reframe to get our passion back

### 1.) We Encourage Ourselves in the Lord

1 Samuel 30:6 (KJV) And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

“David encouraged himself in the Lord”

### **ILL. Phone Call with a friend (Cullen)**

- Cullen “it is odd wording”.
- Me “It is intentional, forceful... almost militant.”
- I WILL encourage myself in the Lord
  - You have to be like that to get your passion back sometimes

### **How to encourage yourself in the Lord:**

#### **A.) Decide to Worship**

- David - Praise/Worship (he played a harp)
- We don't have Biblical record of what David did to encourage himself here, but we do have record of what he did in a tough situation 2 years earlier...
  - Psalm 34 - two years earlier when God delivered him from Abimelech - King of another enemy nation
  - **Psalm 34:1-2** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.
    - Intentional, forceful, almost militant. Sometimes IN THE FACE OF the circumstances

## Praise is the language of faith - Brian Zahnd

### **Hebrews 13:15**

For here we do not have a permanent city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. 15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that confess His name.

Psalm 8:2

Through the praise of children and infants you... have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

Worship is warfare

We decide to worship

### **B.) Define what you Magnify**

(David continues the Psalm...)

**Psalm 34: 3-4** Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

### **ILL. Magnifying Glasses don't change objects, just perspective**

- Screenshot link:  
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3Dv1ZfYN1zDRWVMOE1vNnlvZmM>
- When we magnify an **object it doesn't change**
- We **change our perception** of it.
- You **can't change or increase omnipotence or omnipresence** but you can change your perspective on it - you can magnify it.
- We all have a figurative magnifying glass:
  - Do we magnify our trouble or our God?

- Perspective has everything to do with whether you are discouraged or encouraged. - Brian Zahnd

Valley of the shadow of death  
Encourage ourselves in the Lord  
We must define what we magnify

### **C.) Declare the unbearable a difficulty not a final destination**

“Don’t let your personal tragedy or failure [define you]... Failure and loss are events, but they don’t have to become an identity. Failure and loss are things that happen to you, but failure and loss are not who you are. Your identity is defined in Christ. In your union with Christ you share in His death, burial, and resurrection... Faith needs no other justification than the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection of the Son of God is the cornerstone for every hope of recovery.” - Brian Zahnd

### **2.) We choose joy In the midst of sorrow**

- You MUST recover your Joy

#### **Hebrews 12:2**

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **ILL. Chris Valloton**

- Nervous breakdown. Freedom. Tell anyone I will kill you. Does the Devil hate you? Yes. Why didn’t he kill you when you were saved? He can’t. He can’t kill you, He can only talk you into doing it yourself - he can take your hope & joy.
- Fight for Joy.

- The devil will steal your joy because the setback moment might not finish you, but hopelessness might.
- **ILL. Choose Joy - Value**
  - The Joy of the Lord is my strength (nehemiah)
  - With Joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation (Is.)
  - James 1- Count it all joy when you fall into various trials and temptations. Produces patience. Lack nothing
- **James 1:2-4**
- My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.
  - Count it all JOY?

### Song of Songs 2:11-13

11 See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. 12 Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. 13 The fig tree **forms its early fruit**; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

Choosing Joy starts small & grows - form early fruits (small)

ILL. Gratitude in the morning before I get out of bed?

- Early fruit
- Fragrance invites to us to Joy
- Arise, come with Him

OR

ILL. Chocolate Milk - Stir it up?

- Fruit of the Spirit - from God
  - We simply bear it

Choose Joy

### 3.) We pursue a Word from God

- When David was going to war he would call for Joab, when he needed to meet with God he would call Abiathar
- **1 Samuel 30:7-8** Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, “Bring me the ephod.” Abiathar brought it to him, 8 and David inquired of the Lord, “Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?” “Pursue them,” he answered. “You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue.”
- **ILL. Linen Ephod vs. King clothes (his ability vs. God speaking)**
  - David laid down his King clothes (his ability & knowledge) and took up the linen ephod (the Priestly garment)
  - David inquired of the Lord
  - **Desperation**
- **ILL. Need to Breathe Story**
  - When you pursue me like that you will find me.
- “Shall I Pursue?” (He is talking about an enemy army, but he is pursuing God in that moment.)
- Picture David seeking God for a period of time
- God spoke 10 words (in original language) took 5 seconds to speak

“When you are in trouble you need faith, it’s that plain and simple.” Brian Zahnd

### Greek - “Word” Rhema

- Screenshot link here:  
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3Dv1ZfYN1zDeVNVTU4xWW5ZWHM>



- 70 times in the new testament
- Specific word for a specific moment
- Greek Rhema: “That which is or has been uttered by the living voice.”

Time - Kronos (time measurement) Chronological ordinary time (logos)

**Time - Kyros (present time) Special time (rhema)**

- Jesus & Peter (walk on the water)
- Greek Word Kyros

**Matthew 14:28-29**

And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

**Rhema words in Kyros moments = Thunder in your spirit - Brian Zahnd**

Specific words for specific times

**Faith comes by hearing**

Hearing and hearing - repetition & repetitiveness (meditation)

**Romans 10:17**

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Greek - God word is “Christos” (Resurrection)**

- Screenshot link here:
- <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3Dv1ZfYN1zDZXpuTWg2N1pTQXc>

Not a vague impression in our mind. **A conviction in your spirit.**

ILL. You have to pick what you are going to build. (age 24)

ILL. If not you who, if not now when? (29)

ILL. What if the reward is being in the middle of the Master's field? (34)

ILL. Stand. (age 32)

- Year 3 of Oasis
- Financial position where we couldn't continue
- God has spoken to me about a church in East Lansing Michigan - discouragement was real.
- Opportunity to go market & sell Ginger Ale. Great job.
- On my face - Deep in my Spirit... show you where I was in the living room, the chair I was behind... "God what do you want me to do?..."
- Ephesians 6:14 "Stand" (stand therefore)
- There is nothing inherently revelatory about the word "stand"
- We read it in books - maybe even verses in the Bible
- We stand on ladders
- We stand in lines
- **Rhema & Kyros - GOD SAID, "Stand" - and that changes everything**
- TT parents - "I feel like we are on the edge of the promised land... we have to stand." - they told me later they questioned that decision.
- We had a several thousand dollar turn around in the midnight hour.
- We are still here, doing this.
- "Stand"

ILL. (I have others that are so personal I have not shared them publicly)

**When your world has fallen and you don't know what to do**

**God has a Word for you**

(get away with Him)

(wait)

(listen)

(reorient)

- God to David - “Pursue... and Recover All”

### **Reframe our vision?**

We encourage ourselves in the Lord  
We choose joy in the midst of sorrow  
We pursue a Word from God

(ENCOUNTER)

### **SALVATION PRAYER:**

**God, I need new vision**

- Hope: a God inspired alternative vision for your future

### **ENCOUNTER TIME:**

**Encourage ourselves in the Lord**  
**Choose Joy in the midst of sorrow**  
**Pursue a Word from God**

- Hope: discover a God inspired alternative vision for your future