

### ***Warming Up***

Where was your “safe place” when you were a child? Why there? Where is your safe place now?

Obadiah speaks of a time of devastation coming for the people of Edom. Is there a day in your past that stands out as a “day of disaster”? What happened that day? Looking back, have you been able to see some good that God may have been bringing through it?

### ***Digging Deeper***

Esau “sold the farm” for a bowl of stew. He lost his “birthright”. Has there been a time when your emotions got the better of you and led to a costly decision?

Edom was in a place where they felt indestructible and yet it was an illusion of security. On what “rock-like” structures might you be basing your security.

**Read Hebrews 12:4-17.** The author makes a reference to Esau’s godlessness. What does this have to do with a God who disciplines us?

The sin of pride is a huge problem for apprentices of Jesus. Many times a prideful person can’t see their own pride. What role does “community” play in helping get this weed out by its root?

Our pride can be revealed when we are presented with a need that might cost us something—a few extra dollars...late for an appointment...losing our spot in line—or maybe even put us in a place of great discomfort. (these are rather minor) How do you typically respond when you see a need?

How do you respond when disaster befalls someone you know?

- Avoidance
- Rescue
- Comfort
- Work to ensure the disaster never happens again.
- Give an example

### ***Bringing it Home***

We are not called to respond to “every” need, but we are called to respond to some needs around us. How do we know what needs to respond to?

Take some time to pray for Abundant Life Church in Guinope, Honduras. Pray for Pastor Esdras, his wife Jackie, their leaders, their church family and the community of Guinope. Pray for GP’s relationship to these brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray about your involvement in this relationship.

Pray for one another.