

Masterpiece: 3/13/22

Pastor Rick: Walking through the wall

Message Summary:

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

If you had the ability, what would you erase from your children's lives?

- Would you remove all the walls that would cause them pain and suffering?
- Would it enable your children to grow into the best versions of themselves?

Romans 5:2-5 NLT

James 1:2-4 NIV

"Sooner or later, the world breaks everyone, and those who are broken are strongest in the broken places." -Ernest Hemmingway

1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

The Bible does not promise that God won't give you more than you can handle!

But what it does teach is that you will never be placed in a situation that God can't handle!

- Adversity (walls) can lead to growth
- Highest levels of growth cannot be achieved without adversity (walls)

How does God use the walls in our lives?

1. Walls reveal abilities hidden with you that otherwise would remain unknown.

Suffering/growth is a major theme of Scripture

Story of Joseph

"The Lord was with Joseph"

"God was not at work producing the circumstances that Joseph wanted. God was at work in the horrific circumstances producing the "Joseph" he wanted!"

God is not at work producing the circumstances you want, God is at work in difficult circumstances producing the you he wants—his masterpiece!

2. Walls help you to see more clearly in life.

Loss is not simply something to be recovered from

3. Walls lead us to a Hope beyond ourselves and circumstances.

Your opportunity to trust Him when trusting is not easy, is wide open when you hit the Wall!

James 1:2-4 MSG

Waiting is the hardest part but the most essential part of growth.

Psalms 27:14

Is God enough?

Will I trust Him and surrender my will to Him, to be what he wants for my life?

Isaiah 46:3-4

Where do you need to be sustained going through a wall?

Discussion Questions:

Feel free to choose the questions that will best suit your group. Not all of them need to be used.

1. ICEBREAKER: Share something that brings you joy and something that worries or concerns you.
2. How does God use the walls in our lives? Review the story of Joseph and the three points from the message.
3. Looking back over your life, in what ways has God used adversity?
4. Pastor Rick said, "Waiting is the hardest part but the most essential part of growth." Do you agree or disagree? What have you found helps you in waiting well?
5. Do you know someone going through a lot of adversity? What are helpful and unhelpful ways to come alongside them?
6. Where do you need to be sustained going through a wall? How can your small group or others in your life help you?
7. Share a take-away from this "Masterpiece" message series.