



Let's Talk About It

NAME OF MESSAGE: Didn't See That Coming

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START IT

Life often has a funny way of throwing us off and back onto the path that God desires for us to be on... go around your Group and share some life changing events that may have happened in your life that you didn't see coming.

REVIEW IT

Pastor Jackson takes a look at the life of Abraham, as he walked through many experiences in life that he most likely wasn't expecting to go through. He shared that throughout his life, Abraham had to walk through things where he often didn't know the answer to "why" God was allowing him to walk through it, but Abraham was able to shift to asking the question "how" God was going to use it. Jackson showed us, through the story of Abraham, that every obstacle we face has the potential to make us stronger and wiser.

PERSONALIZE IT

- Jackson shared that "we have the ability to change our stories no matter how we feel about the future". What does this mean for you? How can we find hope in the fact that our future is not tied to our past?
- Faith is like a muscle. When you exercise it, it will become stronger. Start off each day this week by claiming this over your life: "God, I'm choosing to ask 'how' even deep down I want to ask 'why' because I know you are good and there is hope tied to how."
- Jackson prompted us to ask the question, what do you do when the plan in your head doesn't come close to the way it's playing out in real life? What would your honest answer to this be? How has this view possibly changed after hearing this weekend's message?

PRAY ABOUT IT

God's word teaches us that we can have the faith to confidently say, I am going to trust your word, your will, and your time. Take time to pray as a Group today and throughout the week that God would give you the strength and courage to trust in His word and to trust in His will for your life. That even though there may be some time before you see or understand what God has for the specific situation, that you would remain strong in having faith rather than living by sight.

DO IT

Jackson shared that we must pivot in our life from asking the question "why" to asking "how". Take time this week to be intentional in shifting your mindset from asking God, why is this happening, to God, how are you going to use this in and through me.

What does all of this mean for you? What is the small piece of the puzzle that might be seeing at this current moment? Spend some time talking about this with your Group and how we each can find hope in clinging to that one piece.

RESOURCES

Check out our Weekend Worship songs on the Cypress Church app.