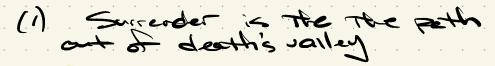
ntroduction 1. Death Valley - Heading into the sallay SLIDE 1 SLIDE Z - Temperature "I'm not hot" 2. Christians are not afraid to die - Goonics SLIDE 3

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**Psalm 23:4,6** - Even 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. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...

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What really satisfies, comes through a surrendured

I. Fear is the energy of surrender (V32:1-21) 1. You cannot control your fears (1- 7a)

**Genesis 27:41** - Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

surface us. root Desires - (c.g. belonging, security, significance, touch) the object of our perceived happiness; formed by the most compelling narrative or experience  $(\prime)$ Tells you. what really matters to 1. Controlled by surplanting you them with a more competing narratise or experience Estates of being (peaceful, restless, hopeful, hupeles) - the current perception of our trajectory in relationship to air desires (2) Tells you how you think it 1. Controlled by charge of really go gesspective. Emotions - our internal (3)response to how we perceise Trying to our environment, relationships & experiences affect our desires tell you his to ravisate Corret be contrated; only icos from them; or your decises 2. Inforced by them.

2. your Fears can control you (70-21) When you're afraid (control) you'll try everything (1) Fear makes your posture guarded (170-8) ALL 1. We don't Fully trust impaired 2. Quarded of others 3. Europe is a potential threat 4. Control environment feel. (2) Feer makes your interactions manipulaties (113-21) pul contro 1. Neutralize the potential threat people are to what you wont No 2. Deceptions, Flatter 1, 4 Ment (3) Fear makes your Faith shallow 1. " you goid ... 1. your faith is about fears **2 Timothy 1** - for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 4. But fear also catelyzes in feas is 1 something clee, very important to christian purishment

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I. Struggle is the engagement of surrender (v 32:22-30) Feer catelyzes struggle w/our faith, a reessore component of grath and eventual surrender what does this Kird of struggling bok like ? 1. Struggle :s personal (122-24a) (1) You alone must do the struggling (2) No more drafting; no are can do it for your. (3) Deal w/ your own Fears L. Struggle is prolonged (~ 240) (1) you need to be prepared for this to be a long -term process (h) No short-arts (3) Christian struggle is the process of recording the fears we feel, about the doils we have, with the provises God's made A. Struggle is paintin (125-30) Prophet (1) when you won't surrender, God allows pain as a last rosert chakira to death GI some of you will walk up a limp

III. Weakness is the evidence of surrender (v32:31-35:11) 1. We know we've surrendered then we let others see us weak (132:31-32) (1) Unherability in community is widence of surrender Tired Conpionise (2) Present tense; unconquered 1. We know we've surrendered then use let go of control (v33:1-3) (1) Orientated to the well being of others (not leverage) (2) Process over outcome; Jacob doesn't Knew that will happen 3. We know seve surrendered when we let God be enough (333.4-11) (1) vII - "I have erough " (1) Do you ?

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10** - So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. [8] Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. [9] But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. [10] For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Conclusion 1. From getting to giving (1) Jacob wanted God's blessing his whole life. us perfect aspects (complete) Imperfect (in progress) SLIDE 4 He doesn't want a blessing for authority. but one of authority. SUPE 5 shde 6 He doesn't want a blacking that entitles him to earthly pocsessions, but Heavenly riches SLIDE7 SLIDE 8 He doesn't want a blessing to be the favored son of France, but to be the redeemed son of Yahuch. (2) Ard now, here at the end, he wants nothing more than to give it away. (3) Jacob has raised the white Flag on his heart

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1. Today is the day for some of you Dearth Valley (1) your Fears are the energy of mirrorder because you are letting them control you (2) These are areas of your life that trese Foors are resealing you need to begin wreating with Red. 1. Personally; prolorged; printed (3) Jail Know are you're wrrendered 1. You'll let others see you weak (not vidin) 2. you'l let go at control 3. Janes will be erough (give besig