

Chosen to be Carried

Part 8

When we learn more about who God is, we learn more about who we are

We cannot be separated from our creator
he has imprinted himself onto us

God cannot be contained

John 4:24

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Jeremiah 23-24

“Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

Ephesians 3:20

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

God is faithful

Lamentations 3: 22 -24

Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”

Take a note card and write down something real quick that you are waiting on God to do.

-God doesn’t forget to be faithful, but we can often forget that he is

-Waiting is hard!!

God is loving

He is responsive:

Jacob wrestled with God (Genesis 32) until he received the blessing he desired

He refused to let his past mistakes define him!

-He still sought after the relationship/blessing with God

He chooses us

1 Peter 9:10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10
Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

You were Chosen to be Carried:

Stop Fighting It!!

God who chooses us - we need to stop fighting Him!!

We need to let go of the idea that we are in control

-Allow ourselves to be carried!

GOD IS FAITHFUL!!

The Old Testament shows a pattern of behavior in God's people

-They disobey

-They deal with the consequences

-They are given another chance

Jacob - his name means deceiver

God literally wrestled with Jacob to bring him back into alignment with Himself

With that changed life came a new name!

-Israel: He who wrestles with God//God prevails

Moses - Had anger issues - killed someone and fled Egypt

-God called Moses back to the plan he had for him

David - Called to be the king of God's people - Committed adultery and then murder to cover up the adultery

David repented and God forgave him

-Called a man after God's own heart - through his lineage Jesus was born

-They disobeyed

-They dealt with the consequences

-They were given another chance

When they stopped fighting God

They postured themselves to be Carried by the one and only God Almighty!

There is suffering that is put on us - then there is suffering we pick up

I have found that the latter is far more common in my life than the former

-I disobey

-I deal with the consequences

then because God is trustworthy and faithful

-I am given another chance

There is freedom in owning our junk!!

Only when you own it can you really decide to get rid of it

I AM HE - Jesus is the son of God, and he came to be our savior

John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

YOU were chosen to be carried by God!

-Your sins, mistakes, burdens, all your junk

-It's not too heavy for God to handle

Christ has ALREADY paid for your redemption!!

We just need to choose Him.... GOD IS RESPONSIVE to us!!

God is not to be contained

-There is no limit to what he can do in our lives

He knows us better than we often know ourselves!

-We can be completely honest with him

God is still in the business of doing Miracles today!

Because..

- God cannot be contained
- God is faithful to do what he said he will do
- God is responsive to us
- God is loving

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