

For when you are trying to make sense of it all...

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

Isaiah 30: 21 Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you, a voice will say, "This is the way you should go," whether to the right or the left.

Big Idea: "An _____ changes everything."

A God Encounter...

✓ Our greatest _____ can be a _____ for our greatest _____.

— Isaiah 6:1-4 NLT

✓ When we _____ clearly, we _____ clearly.

— Isaiah 6:5 NLT

✓ He removes _____ so He can redeem _____.

— Isaiah 6:6-8 NLT

Isaiah's Words of Encouragement

1. "God wants to _____ of Himself to you.

— Isaiah 55:6 NLT

— Jeremiah 29:13 NLT

Key: _____!

2. "God wants to _____."

— Isaiah 1:18-19 NLT

— 1 Peter 2:2-3 NLT

Key: _____!

3. "God has an _____ for you."

— Isaiah 60:1-3 NLT

— Ephesians 2:10 NLT

Key: _____!

Isaiah:

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Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate meaningful conversations. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. Talk about a time when you encountered God at a low point in your life. Share how you saw Him turn that painful moment into an opportunity for gain in your life.
 2. Discuss what Pastor meant when he said God wants to remove our past so that He can redeem our future. What did it take (or would it take) to go "all in" with God so that you could move into the redeemed future that He has for you?
 3. None of us have reached the maximum possible growth in our relationship with God, which means we each have a next step to take. What is your next step in your journey with Him?
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Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me just the way I am - and that you love me too much to let me stay as I am. I submit my pain to you and ask you to reveal yourself to me in a powerful way during it.

God, help me to release my past to you so I can receive your forgiveness and walk in the future that you have for me.

In Jesus' name, Amen

At Manna, We Believe

Upon trusting Jesus as God and Savior, a person's life begins to change as God works in him and as he continues to submit to Him. The Christian life is marked by obedience to the Lord and the Bible. Believers should increasingly bear the fruit of the Spirit as listed in *Galatians 5:22-23* and demonstrate faith through good works according to the gifts, talents, and abilities the Lord has provided.