

WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO FOR YOU

Ryland Walter | November 26-27, 2022

Week 7: Weathering A Financial Storm

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Principles of Peace in a Financial Storm

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WEATHERING A FINANCIAL STORM Talk-it-Over Notes | November 26-27, 2022

REVIEW IT

A financial storm is upon us. We don't always understand what causes it, but God can use storms to guide us back to him and have us rely on him more deeply. Using the story of the Prodigal Son, we learn how we become consumed with financial stress and how we can be freed from it. Just like the Prodigal, we are stressed when: we engage in self-destructive behavior, when we are consumed with having more, when we want everything now, when we spend everything we have. We are left unprepared for storms.

In Isaiah 9:6 Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. Lord and peace go hand in hand. Where he is Lord in life, then you will have peace. The Prince of Peace has principles of peace. Contentment, dependence, integrity, generosity, trust. When we repent and turn back to our Father just as the Prodigal Son chose to do, we can experience peace.

Spend some time in the word... **Read 1 Timothy chapter 6**

TALK ABOUT IT

- Can you relate to any of the financial stressors in the first half of the sermon? Please explain.
- After hearing the message, what do you feel is the remedy?
- Do you think that the battle for financial peace in our current culture is more difficult? Why or why not? What can we do to ensure the Word of God is setting our standard and not culture?
- Is there a principle of peace that you used to struggle with but is now a lifestyle for you? Can you describe your life before putting it into practice and then after? What steps did you take to implement this principle?

ACT ON IT

Which of the five points in the message did you need to hear most? Where do you need to grow?

PRAY ABOUT IT

Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week. Then, close praying for one another.