

2023 GraceLife Conference (Session 10)

Men's Session

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Scripture References:

- Romans 8:28
- Jeremiah 29:11, *NIV*
- James 1:2-4, *NIV*
- Revelation 12:11

Summary:

*Transparency, empathy, and vulnerability are powerful tools that we don't always extend to each other as men. God often puts us in situations and circumstances to give us opportunities to bless others; this is intentional because we tend to hide behind shields instead of being open and transparent with others. When trouble shows up in our lives, instead of shying away from it, we must be willing to persevere and go through it; this enables us to be the individuals God called us to be. However, we can't do this without leaning on God to learn His will for our lives instead of trying to control the situation ourselves through fear and anxiety. We can't succeed by operating in panic mode. Putting our faith on trial in tough times and letting God guide us allows Him to use us in powerful ways.*

Notes:

1. When life throws trouble at us, we mustn't avoid it; enduring painful times requires faith.
2. Adversity and opposition are beautiful things because we never know who they can impact; when it shows up in our lives, we must go through it.
3. Perspective is important. When we go through something, we mustn't be selfish thinking it's for our own sake; we can use it to develop a personal testimony to encourage others going through the same thing.

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