THERE IS MORE

"Going Further: The Power of Loss"

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail." Lamentations 3:22 (NIV)

Watch



Recap

- All of us have experienced loss in our lives, in one way or another. Going through seasons of loss, we can find it hard to see them as positive. But Ps Brian explains that, even during times of deep loss, God's plans of "more" are still being worked out!
- When we commit to going further, even through seasons of loss, God enfuses our heartache, disappointment, and rejection with Kingdom purpose! Just think of Jesus' crucifixion. Without the death of Jesus, we wouldn't be able to understand as completely God's resurrection power.

Engage

- Ps Brian explained that, ironically, we often find God in seasons of loss. Discuss a tough season or experience in which you experienced the closeness of God.
- Read <u>Job 1:22</u>. Job lost everything: his family, wealth, you name it! During times of loss, it's easy to blame God for what we experience. Still, how could doing this hurt your relationship with Him? How do we maintain an untarnished intimacy with God during times of loss?
- After experiencing loss, we're well-equipped to encourage others who experience similar situations. Have you ever experience this sort of situation? What did it teach you about turning loss towards some purpose?
- Read <u>Lamentations 3:19-24</u>. In this lament, Jeremiah recalls a time of loss and general faithlessness, but corrects his thinking so that he's not consumed by feelings of bitterness and shame.
 - What's an area of your thought life that could use some correction?
 - Jeremiah's course correction couldn't have been easy. How can we follow his example practically, and see loss as opportunity to go further?
 - In verse 24, Jeremiah sees God as "his portion," and vows to wait on Him. What does it mean to see God as our portion? How could this mindset help when we encounter loss?
 - What does this passage seem to teach us about the power of our confession?

Pray

- For the perspective to see loss as a source of potential power
- For the women attending, volunteers serving, and team leading Colour Conference beginning next week

Announce

- It's not too late to register for Colour Conference 2018! Click <u>here</u> to find out
- Ps Brian's new book *There Is More!* is out now. Be sure to pick up a copy!
- Hillsong Worship's new album There Is More will be released April 6!

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