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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Chets Chicks
Mentoring
Coffee

February 21st
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
February 28th
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fresh Start
LifeGroup Begins
February 21st • 9:45 a.m.
Room 232

Campus Baptism
February 28th

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Ministries House
Needs
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Men's Bible
Studies
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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Job"

FOCUS: to examine the sufferings of Job and be challenged to live a life of hope even in the midst of trials.

"Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." Job 1:8 (NIV)

- What were the characteristics of Job's life? (Job 1:8)
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- Search the following passages and record the sufferings of Job:
 - (Job 1:14-15, b. (v. 16), c. (v. 17), d. (vs. 18-19), e. (2:7)
 - (9), g. (7:13-14), h. (19:20), i. (21:6), j. (30:27)
- What is the biggest trial you have ever endured?
- How did you come out of that experience?
- Suffering is a fact of life. What do the following passages teach about suffering?
 - (Hebrews 1:2-4)
 - (James 1:2-4)
 - (Matthew 5:11-16)
 - (2 Corinthians 1:3-7)
 - (John 9:1-3)
- Do you believe in a literal Satan? See (Revelation 12:7-12)
- What are some of Satan's characteristics and/or methods?
 - (Job 1:7)
 - (2 Corinthians 11:3)
 - (1 Peter 5:8-9)
 - (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)
- Read (Luke 22:31-32). What in this passage gives you hope?
- What was the main reason for Satan's attacks on Job which is also the theme of the Book of Job?
- How well do you handle the trials of life? How can the lesson of Job help you in the future?

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

Feb	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
14	Exodus 31:1-32:35	Matthew 26:26-50	22:6-10	5:7-8
15	Exodus 33:1-34:35	Matthew 26:51-75	22:11-15	5:9-10
16	Exodus 35:1-36:19	Matthew 27:1-23	22:16-21	5:11-14
17	Exodus 36:20-37:29	Matthew 27:24-44	22:22-26	5:15-17
18	Exodus 38:1-39:31	Matthew 27:45-66	22:27-31	5:18-20
19	Exodus 39:32-40:38	Matthew 28:1-20	23:1-6	5:21-23
20	Leviticus 1:1-3:17	Mark 1:1-20	24:1-10	6:1-3
21	Leviticus 4:1-5:19	Mark 1:21-45	25:1-7	6:4-5

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Rahab - John 4:22

To examine the faith of an unlikely hero, Rahab, and be challenged to live a life of influence in the coming week.

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 15, 2010

Read Joshua 2:1-7

1 Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. "Go, look over the land," he said, "especially Jericho." So they went and entered the house of a prostitute [a] named Rahab and stayed there. 2 The king of Jericho was told, "Look! Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land." 3 So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: "Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land." 4 But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, "Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. 5 At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don't know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them." 6 (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) 7 So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

- Who did the spies meet when they went to Jericho? (Vs1)
- What message did the king send to Rahab?
- What did Rahab report to the king? What did she really do? (vs. 4-6)
- Rahab risked her life to save these men – For what would you risk your life?

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Read Joshua 2:8-11

8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof 9 and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11 When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

- What two things does Rahab tell to the two men? (vs. 9)
- What Jewish victories had Rahab and the people of Jericho heard about?(vs. 10)
- Describe the response the people of Jericho had to the reports of these victories?
- Read Exodus 23:27 and Deuteronomy 2:25 to see what the Lord told Moses years before and now Rahab is stating. What confidence would something like this give you to follow Christ?

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WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Read Joshua 2:12-24

12 Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign 13 that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death." 14 "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land." 15 So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. 16 Now she had said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way." 17 The men said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us 18 unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. 19 If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. 20 But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear." 21 "Agreed," she replied. "Let it be as you say." So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window. 22 When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them. 23 Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. 24 They said to Joshua, "The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us."

- Who did Rahab ask the men to spare when they invaded Jericho? (Vs. 12-13)
- Describe the deal that Rahab and the two men made. (vs. 17-21)
- How would those taking Jericho know to spare Rahab?
- Why would Rahab have confidence in the two spies and their plan?

THURSDAY - FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Read Joshua 6:15-25

15 On the seventh day, they got up at daybreak and marched around the city seven times in the same manner, except that on that day they circled the city seven times. 16 The seventh time around, when the priests sounded the trumpet blast, Joshua commanded the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city! 17 The city and all that is in it are to be devoted [a] to the LORD. Only Rahab the prostitute [b] and all who are with her in her house shall be spared, because she hid the spies we sent. 18 But keep away from the devoted things, so that you will not bring about your own destruction by taking any of them. Otherwise you will make the camp of Israel liable to destruction and bring trouble on it. 19 All the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron are sacred to the LORD and must go into his treasury." 20 When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city. 21 They devoted the city to the LORD and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys. 22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her." 23 So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel. 24 Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD's house. 25 But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

- What actions are the Israelites taking in verses 15-16?
- What are the instructions in verse 17-19?
- What was outcome of the Israelites plan at Jericho? (vs. 20-26)
- What did the two spies do to Rahab and her family? (vs. 22-23)
- How has your life been spared because of faith in the Lord?

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 19, 2010

Read Joshua 2:1-21, John 4:22, Matthew 1:4-5, and Luke 3:32

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- Salvation came to Rahab by whom? Who does that represent?
- Who in your life do you have influence with?
- Have you used that influence to share your salvation story?
- What steps and actions will you take, starting now, to move toward the life that Christ is calling you to?