



How to Rebuild After a Season of Division

November 24, 2024

Series Summary:

1. How to Think During Seasons of Division
2. How David Thought During a Season of Division
3. Ladies Only Sunday (Your Best Life is a Blessed Life)

- **How to Rebuild After a Season of Division**

Hint: December 1st "What do we do now"

Big Question and Link to the annual theme: How do you protect the future?

Answer: Learn how to think during seasons of division

I. People Who Had to Re-Build After Various Seasons of Division and Challenge

1. **Moses had to rebuild after forty years of division** (He focused on the future not his failure or the grievances of the past)
 - (Exodus 2-14).
2. **Elijah had to rebuild after managing divisions from Jezebel** (He lost focus and eventually retired after his divisive encounter with Jezebel)
 - (1 Kings 18-19).
3. **Job had to rebuild after being tempted to feel divided or separated from God's favor** (He had to focus on trusting God during a profoundly confusing and hard to explain series of tragedies and disappointments).
 - (Job 1:18-19, Job 1-42).
4. **Jeremiah had to rebuild after watching his nation enslaved** (He had to focus after watching his nation lose their freedom)
 - (Jeremiah 29-31).
5. **St. Paul had to fight through a racially divided culture** (He had to focus on God's plan to expose the racial divide and cultural and gender insensitivities)
 - (Acts 1:17-18, Acts 9-28).



Conclusion:

- Our nation has and is going through a great divide. The good part is that we can now clearly see it. We must focus and rise above it.
- Are you busy judging someone else's biases and ignoring your own?
- Jesus said we all lose if we are divided, we cannot win divided (Matthew 12:25)

II. What I Learned During This Season

1. **How easy it is to divide** and live at war with each other
2. How easy it is to assume that the reaping and sowing principle doesn't apply to me
3. How easy it is to accept strife and the threat of violence
4. How easy it is for Christians to assume they are right without apology

Next Time: Theme: December: What Do We Do Now?

Hint:

December 1, 2024

1. **We Should Stop:** And process what we just went through (Acts 1... and process season)

December 8, 2024

2. **We Should Learn:** Do we learn from the pain of the past season and build? (Acts 2... Peter's sermon)

December 15, 2024

3. **We Should Unite:** Do we ban together and fight our real problems (Acts 10-15.... Stopping racial divides)

Christmas

December 22, 2024

4. **We Should Re-Start:** December 22, 2024: Born to Re-start the Clock (Matthew 1, Luke, the birth of Christ)

December 29, 2024 (Youth Emphasis)

5. **We Should Repent:** December 29, 2024: Embracing a new start (Acts 2:38, John 3:1-6 "You can be born again) "Say you are sorry" What it means to repent. Starting over without repenting means nothing

6. **We Should Start Over:** New Years Eve: How do you start over? "Do your first works over"