

DEATH TO F.O.M.O

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“God’s Story” Series

LG Notes



This morning we start a new sermon series “God’s story” – how God’s story changes me. We kick off the series with Pastor Carol and her story of salvation. Going from a person who could relate to the Samaritan woman at the well to now a pastor and church planter. Like Ps. Carol, we all have Bible characters we can relate to that remind us of who we once were.

DISCUSS: Which Bible character can you most relate to and why?

The great thing about God and the characters we see in the Bible, is that God never leaves anyone the same. When you come into close contact with God’s Spirit, you’ll know it and no one can convince you otherwise. It is this conviction that produces real heart change and transformation. As God changes you, you will be surprised that many of the things you used to like to do change. Your friends change, your focus changes. Things you didn’t want to miss out on are now things you don’t care about anymore! This is what we call: DEATH TO FOMO!

READ: Psalm 23

God assures us that He will take care of us. We may think we’ve arrived and are too smart but at the end of the day, we are just sheep, the sheep of His pasture who need to be guided. The only way my story and God’s story became our story is when I totally surrendered and let Him guide me. I loved my friends and family, but they were my biggest hindrance to my growth. I had to die to FOMO and making the decision to align myself to God’s will.

DISCUSS: What is hindering your growth that you need to step away from?

God changes us 180 degrees to the opposite direction when we fully come to Him. But for God to do a great work in us, we need to stop being concerned about other people’s opinions. Their opinions and keeping up with the Jones’ will not take you anywhere, but far, very far from God and Your purpose. Unfortunately, we want the blessings without going through what it takes. We want the triumph without going through the trial and the testing. You will only know the details of something if you go through it. We just want to pop into church on Sunday and miss out on God’s character throughout the week but hope to grow close to God. Spiritual growth doesn’t come cheap; it comes at a price!

In order to grow, we must be alone with God and listen to His voice. How will you ever hear from God if you’re always found running with the crowds, pleasing man and not sitting and listening to God’s direction and vision for your life? Let us look at the things that are unseen for they are eternal. Your friends, your family, your feelings, your job will not be here forever. Let’s not focus on the now, being near-sighted, people pleasing, etc. But on God and His purpose for our lives!

PRAYER: PSALM 23. Pray through Psalm 23 as you close – Allowing God to take the lead in your all of your life stories.