THE RESILIENT HEART

The heart of the warrior learns to keep a <u>resilient heart</u> by knowing <u>where</u> they are, <u>what's going on</u>, pulling from the deep well within them, and <u>holding on</u>.

Are we really <u>back to normal</u>, or are we just back at <u>calm</u>?

He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain, 'and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot, 'and it is. <u>Hypocrites!</u> You know how to interpret the <u>appearance of the earth and the sky</u>. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this <u>present time?</u> - Luke 12.54-56

As you get your <u>bearings</u> to find where you are and what's going on, what is the <u>lens</u> you look to find the answer?

- The <u>Political</u> Narrative: We just need to get the right people in <u>power.</u>
- The <u>Social</u> Narrative: The issue is <u>injustice</u>, therefore we need <u>justice</u>.
- The <u>Economic</u> Narrative: We need new <u>prosperity</u>.
- The <u>God</u> Narrative: We need to hear what <u>God</u> is telling us and obey.

The Story of God is Still the Story of The World

You must not only know where you are and what's going on you, you must be <u>faithful to your role</u>.

Round One Questions

The resilient heart of the warrior finds his strength from <u>deep within</u> <u>himself</u>.

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There is a difference in finding the strength <u>deep within yourself</u> and the strength <u>being yourself</u>.

Every human is a deep well.

"Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name." - Psalm 103.1

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your <u>inner being</u>" - Ephesians 3.16

Where do we find ourselves gathering our strength? The <u>Shallows</u> - The <u>Midlands</u> - The <u>Depths</u>

When we actually tape into <u>God's presence</u> within us, we are able to receive the <u>strength that prevails</u>.

Finding God begins by Loving God.

Round Two Questions

The Resilient warrior continues to hold on.

All change feels like a <u>loss</u> on some level.

"Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears." - Hosea 6.4

"Remember Lot's Wife" - Luke 17.32

We carry with us a posture of not <u>looking back</u>, not having <u>divided</u> <u>hearts</u>, not having <u>divided</u> allegiances.

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"But we do not belong to those who shrink <u>back</u> and are <u>destroyed</u>, but to those who have <u>faith</u> and are <u>saved</u>." - Hebrews 10.39

We must desire <u>Jesus</u> over everything else and hold fast to him. Beneath the surface of our busy and besieged lives, our Eden hearts are always searching for home.

We rearrange our lives to center around God, so that we might take hold of the strength that prevails.

Jesus' resilience will not fail us.

Round three questions