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Part 2 ~ The Space Between Ending Well

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The _____ with endings

How to _____ well

- ◆ Define what's ending
- ◆ Treat the _____ with respect

Galatians 3:23-25 (NLT)

Matthew 5:17 (NLT)

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Thought Provoking:

Erma Bombeck wrote the book, If Life is a Bowl of Cherries -What am I Doing in the Pits? What would be the title of the book about your life?

What is an event in your life that ended painfully but turned into a pleasant new adventure?

What about one that ended badly?

Ever had one of those never-ending stories of transition?

God's way is turning bad into good. How has this happened for you?

Digging Deeper:

1. Discuss the book of Ruth. What was the ending found in chapter 1? What was Ruth's choice of transition? What is the ending that came out of that transition? What can we apply to our own transitions from this story?
2. Read Romans 8:28 ~ Discuss what good can come out of destruction, death or tragedy.
3. Read Psalm 30:5 ~ Share how organizations like Bridget's Gift, Relay for Life, and Rachel's Run turns weeping for a loved one into joy.
4. Pastor Tom spoke on Galatians 3:23-25, Old Covenant vs. New Covenant. What do we learn about Jesus, the law, and faith from Galatians 3:23-25 and Matthew 5:17? What did Jesus' fulfilling the law accomplish (John 17:4 and John 19:30)? A great place to end would be at the finish line. What is that finish line for a believer (2 Timothy 4:7)?

Prayer:

Father, thank you for revealing the truth of Your Word to us. Thank you for the mysteries in my life; the way that many of our lives come together to share, to rejoice, to grieve and to worship You in all of our endings. Help us to endure and be glorious finishers. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Application:

1. Identify the loss
2. Allow yourself to grieve
3. Treat the past with respect
4. Look for the next beginning
5. Search ways to move forward



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