



# GOD IN THE CHAOS

## Overview:

Americans have grown comfortable in the modern age, and the Coronavirus pandemic has rocked our world. But God has used chaos through the ages for his greater purposes.

## Lessons:

1. Where Is God in the Chaos?
2. How God Uses Chaos
3. How to Grieve in Chaos
4. How Chaos Can Drive Us to Faith
5. A World Without Chaos



# WHERE IS GOD IN THE CHAOS?

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### TALKING POINTS

*Even in the midst of chaos, we should live with great expectation. God is here, and he's actively working for good. **1 Peter 1:3,6***

- God is here through his \_\_\_\_\_. Expect to see God's power on display in a personal way. **1 Peter 1:2,5**
- God is here through his \_\_\_\_\_. Expect to \_\_\_\_\_ the church even when you can't \_\_\_\_\_ to church. **1 Peter 2:5, 9-10**
- God is here through his \_\_\_\_\_. Expect the Good News to have the \_\_\_\_\_ word, no matter what the news brings tomorrow. **1 Peter 1:24-25**

### DISCUSSION

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1. What are you expecting to happen in the coming months? How do you think this pandemic will end?
2. How have you seen God's power in a personal way? Share a recent example.
3. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. How can you show the goodness of God to people inside the church? How can you show it to people on the outside?
4. Who shared the Good News with you? How did it impact your life?
5. Read Romans 3:22. Is there someone in your life who needs to hear this verse right now? Make plans to share it.



# HOW GOD USES CHAOS

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### TALKING POINTS

*In times of chaos we can learn to give up control and surrender to God. Only then can we experience His clarity and peace. **Romans 8:28***

- God uses chaos to get our \_\_\_\_\_. He wants to reveal our \_\_\_\_\_ for him.  
**Genesis 11:4-5, 7-8**
- God uses chaos to expose our \_\_\_\_\_. He wants us to focus on what really matters.  
**Mark 12:30-31, Matthew 6:33**
- God uses chaos to help us \_\_\_\_\_. He wants us to experience His complete \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Proverbs 16:9, John 14:27**

### DISCUSSION

1. What feels chaotic about your life right now? What are you learning about yourself through it?
2. Read Genesis 11:4-5, 7-8. What have you tried to build in your own strength? How is God getting your attention right now?
3. Read Mark 12:30-31. Name an activity that once pushed God down a notch in your life. How has chaos helped you put things back in order?
4. Read Proverbs 16:9 and John 14:27. What part of your life needs to be surrendered? What's keeping you from doing it?



# HOW TO GRIEVE IN CHAOS

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### TALKING POINTS

*In troubling times, we all suffer different kinds of loss. But Christians grieve differently than others around us because God is with us.*

- Take it straight to \_\_\_\_\_. Talk to God about what you're \_\_\_\_\_, and try reading the Psalms. **Psalm 119:28, Psalm 34:18**
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ it. Allow yourself to feel and express your emotions. **2 Samuel 18:33**
- Engage with \_\_\_\_\_. Let friends help you with \_\_\_\_\_ needs, and talk it out with someone who cares. **Romans 12:15**
- Get some \_\_\_\_\_. Give yourself permission to slow down and experience \_\_\_\_\_.

### DISCUSSION

1. What losses have you suffered from the recent pandemic - great or small?
2. Read 2 Samuel 18:33 and Psalm 119:28. How did King David respond to his loss?
3. Read Romans 12:15 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13. Why is it important to connect with other people in times of grief? How have you experienced hope in the midst of grief?
4. Read Revelation 21:4. What is the most important lesson you can share with someone else who is suffering grief and loss?



# HOW CHAOS CAN DRIVE US TO FAITH

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### TALKING POINTS

*Chaos is a time to see God at work, commit to him, and trust in him as your hope.*

- God's at work in a world of \_\_\_\_\_. All suffering is a result of human \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Lamentations 1:1,5**
- A time of chaos is a time for \_\_\_\_\_. Search for where you need to \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Lamentations 3:38-40.**
- In chaos, we need a \_\_\_\_\_ view of God. God is our only source of \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Lamentations 3:22-26.**

### DISCUSSION

1. Share your overall feelings during this time of pandemic. What's scared you most?
2. Read Lamentations 1:1,5. Why do you think God has used suffering throughout history? What do you think Americans are learning through this time?
3. Read Lamentations 3:38-40. How has your faith been impacted during the last few months? What have you found yourself relying on most?
4. Read Lamentations 3:22-26. Share the new insights you've gained about God and his character through this time of suffering. What more will you do to cling to God in this time?





# A WORLD WITHOUT CHAOS

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### TALKING POINTS

*The story of the Bible is bookended by order - with chaos reigning everywhere in between.*

- God created all matter out of nothing and then arranged it into the \_\_\_\_\_ world we live in. He created humans to partner with him in establishing and maintaining order. **Isaiah 45:18**
- The first humans \_\_\_\_\_ against God's well-ordered plan. \_\_\_\_\_ has ruled ever since. **Genesis 3:6, Isaiah 45:9**
- The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ with a picture of a world without chaos, similar to the Garden of Eden. In heaven there will be no more \_\_\_\_\_ physically, emotionally, relationally, or spiritually. **Revelation 21:1-4, 2 Corinthians 4:6**

### DISCUSSION

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1. *Share an event you attended that was well-planned and executed. What were some benefits that came from it?*
2. *Read Isaiah 45:18. Identify all the key elements that this verse speaks to about God and his creation. How do those insights impact your view of the current state of our world?*
3. *Read Genesis 3:1-6. How did the serpent entice and deceive Eve? How have you been guilty of elevating your feelings over God's wisdom?*
4. *Read Revelation 21:1-4. Describe what you think heaven will be like. What do you look forward to most about heaven?*

