



WEEK # 6: WHEN IT'S SAFE TO OPEN THE DOOR.

INTRODUCTION

When you want the W in life, you gotta know the playbook. You gotta study the film. You gotta put in the work off the field. So when your number is called, you're at 100%! It's not just about doing the right thing when your in it. It's about knowing why! That's why this we're getting coached up!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?
2. Have you ever experienced a relationship with a toxic person? Have you ever been the toxic person in a relationship? Is it easy or difficult for you to distinguish the difference between forgiveness and restoration?
3. When we experience a relationship with a toxic person, we might be prone to desire revenge or perhaps rush the restoration process and create a repentance story for the toxic person. As you think about the relationships you've experienced, are you quick to forgive and want to restore, or do you find yourself getting stuck and feeling as if you can't move on until you get even?
4. Have you ever had to protect yourself, or help some else protect themselves, from your own emotions to make the best decisions regarding the relationship with a toxic person?
5. As much as we desire reconciliation, we need a plan to go forward with our lives if toxic people don't change. Have you ever had to move on from a relationship because the other person wouldn't change?
6. Take some time to pray for the individuals in your lives that might be toxic people.

TAKEAWAYS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Matthew 7:6 / Genesis 37: 18-27, 37:23-27, 42:6-9, 11-24, 43:8-10, 29-31, 44:14-34, 45:1-11

QUOTES:

"There is a difference between forgiveness and restoration, but we often see them as the same. Forgiveness is tearing up the invoice. Restoration is reinstatement: letting someone again have access to our lives."

"In your life you got pearls and pigs. Identify them and keep them apart!"