

Aim Your Life I Resolve

We are in a season of sifting (Luke 22:31-32). Satan desires for the sifting to bring wide-spread devastation to our faith in Jesus. But God wants to use this season to make us stronger, to rid us of anything that is keeping us from our destiny. The determining factor is: *how we respond to the sifting*. Are we responding to the sifting by being offended at God and/or others, or are we learning to rely on God and to aim our lives towards His glory?

GETTING STARTED

What is your perspective on the previous year and the COVID season we have been in? Looking back at 2020, what has shaped your heart and outlook most apart from the pandemic and politics?

GO DEEPER

1. In Luke 22:31-32, Satan asks to sift Simon and the disciples. What is Jesus' response, and why is it significant for us? Why doesn't God prevent the sifting?
2. According to 2 Corinthians 1:8-9, what does Paul experience as a follower of Jesus, and what did it produce in him? What can our sifting or suffering produce in us (positive or negative)?
3. According to Ephesians 4:26-27, we are called to be angry but not sin. What does righteous anger look like in this season? In contrast, what does sinful anger look like, and how does it give opportunity to the devil?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Do you personally agree that we are in a season of sifting? If so, how are you personally being sifted right now, and how has that sifting affected your family or community? If not, why?
2. Has your sifting created offense in you? If so, who is your offense directed towards? What do you think God wants you to do about that offense?
3. How has your season of sifting affected your view of God's goodness?

PRACTICE IT NOW

Take time as a group to purposefully pray that God would work in you in this season of sifting. Ask Him for an increased ability and capacity to rely on Him, to live for His glory and fame. Ask God to rid you of any offense (towards Him or others) so that you may become more like Jesus. And ask Him to give you an increased love and heart for those around you who are also experiencing sifting and hardship.

BLESS

Who is God highlighting to you right now in your immediate sphere of influence that you can begin to pray for? Pray that He would begin to change their hearts and perspectives, so that they would turn fully to Jesus in surrender. Ask Him to begin to open doors for connection and relationship with those He highlights to you.