

Check out these upcoming events:

DISCOVER 101 | Discover if Rock Family Church is a match for you and your family by learning more about our vision, history, core beliefs, doctrine, finances, culture, church government, and leadership.

- Woodmen- the *FIRST SUNDAY* of each month from 10-11 AM in the Vail Room
- South- the next Discover class will be held on December 2

GROW 201 | Are you interested in taking your walk with God to the next level? The GROW 201 class will answer all of your questions about Thrive discipleship and get you plugged into a group. Ready to take the next step?

- Woodmen- the *SECOND SUNDAY* of each month from 10-11am in the Vail Room
- South- second *TUESDAY* of each month from 7-8pm

BELONG 301 | In this class, you will learn more about becoming an official team member and joining a team to actively use your gifts to assist with the RFC vision. Get in the game and help us reach our city ONE life at a time.

- Woodmen- the *THIRD SUNDAY* of each month from 10-11am in the Vail Room
- South- the next Belong class will be held on December 2

my story

Part 1: TURNING MY MESS INTO MY MESSAGE 11|25|18

1. When we see an obstacle, God sees an _____.

- Obstacles: Something that _____ progress or achievement.
- Opportunity: A good chance for advancement or progress.

2. God will turn our pain into another person's _____.

- God won't waste a wound or a hurt.
- EMPATHY: The capacity to understand what another person is experiencing from within the other person's frame of reference. i.e.- the capacity to place oneself in another's shoes.
- We are called to the cause because we are connected to the _____!

3. The mess is part of the process that leads to our _____.

Luke 22:31-34 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. ³² But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."

³³ Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you." ³⁴ But Jesus said, "Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

1 John 5:4-5 For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. ⁵ And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

John 16:33 "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

4. We turn our focus from the mess to the _____.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

5. Start acting like the _____ instead of the victim.

1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

- The story of Joseph: Genesis - Chapters 37-50

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

- "In God's hands intended evil becomes eventual good." Max Lucado

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

6. Our _____ will often become our ministry!

2 Corinthians 1:3b-7 God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴ He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. ⁵ For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. ⁶ Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. ⁷ We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.

7. Never be afraid to share your messy _____ to point others to the Messiah.

HOMEWORK THIS WEEK:

1. QUESTION: "Why should I listen to you or believe in your God? What has he ever done for you?"
2. ANSWER: Write your story of how your faith in God helped you through a mess in life.
3. REACH: Ask God to send people across your path that are in a mess you have walked through.

*All scripture is the NLT unless otherwise noted.