



Key References:

John 15:1–2 (ESV)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

2 Corinthians 12:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Ephesians 4:17–24 (ESV)

¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous & have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹ assuming that you have heard about him & were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ & to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 6:14–18 (ESV)

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

1 – FAULT LINES

Andy compared an earthquake to our current situation in the way that it has made hidden faults visible on the surface. Andy shared realizations arising in his parenting and marriage. **What fault-lines have these unique past two months exposed in your life?**

2 – PRUNING

Read John 15:1-2. **When these faults become visible in a stressful environment how do you think this verse could be relevant?**

Would you say that God has been pruning in these times? What did God’s pruning look like normally pre-coronavirus?

3 – STRONG IN WEAKNESS

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. **How is God’s power made perfect in our weaknesses? Do we have to let God in for this to work? Is there an area in your life where this has happened?**

Why does Paul say he boasts in his weaknesses? How does this passage produce contentment in us?

3 – THE NEW SELF & WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

Read Ephesians 4:17-24. **Is putting off the old self more of a spiritual or a physical matter (reference Eph 4:25-6:20)? What does verse 23 mean? How can we put on the new self?**

Read Ephesians 6:10-18. **Of the six pieces of armor which stands out most to you? Why does Paul say we need the whole thing? Which do you think you may be weakest in?**

4 – FRUIT

Andy said; “I’m excited for the fruit that will come in the aftermath of coronavirus. We don’t know what it is yet. But we know God is building new strength, new vision, new priority into through our discomfort right now.” **What do you think the fruit for you individually & for us as a church will be at the end of all this?**