



Key References:

Jeremiah 31:27–30 (NLT) - ²⁷ “The day is coming,” says the LORD, “when I will greatly increase the human population and the number of animals here in Israel and Judah. ²⁸ In the past I deliberately uprooted and tore down this nation. I overthrew it, destroyed it, and brought disaster upon it. But in the future I will just as deliberately plant it and build it up. I, the LORD, have spoken! ²⁹ “The people will no longer quote this proverb: ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, but their children’s mouths pucker at the taste.’ ³⁰ All people will die for their own sins—those who eat the sour grapes will be the ones whose mouths will pucker.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV84) - ¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

James 1:5–6 (ESV) - ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Ephesians 4:11–14 (ESV) - ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love...

1 – SOUR GRAPES VS NEW HEARTS

Wes read from Jeremiah 31:27-30 in talking about how the enemy would like to trip us up after a powerful ministry time like last week. **What are the sour grapes in this scripture and what was Wes trying to point out?** [Read NLT if clarity needed]

Wes also mentioned Ezekiel 36:26-27. **How would the enemy like to disrupt this from happening and what strategies are used?**

Wes said: “*the enemy is always trying to tie us to our past,*” and mentioned a comment from his Connect Group where someone said: “*When I mess up I like to beat myself up.*” **Do you recognize this?**

2 – REGARD NO ONE FROM THE FLESH

The enemy tries to remind us of our flesh to condemn us. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-16 and reflect on the challenge that Wes mentioned about how we can be the “voice of the enemy” to those around us.**

How also can we be the voice of the enemy to ourselves?

3 – DRIVEN & TOSSED IN THE WAVES

Read James 1:2-8. **Why does doubt have such a harsh outcome in v8? Do any of us feel “driven & tossed by the wind” right now? How can we obtain the steadfastness in v3-4 & what does it produce?** [2 Peter 1:3-9]

Ephesians 4:11-14 also talks about believers being tossed around. **How does this passage line up with James 1?**

4 – MATURING INTO HIM

What does the Ephesians passage say why God gave us the people in v11? In what way do you think God is maturing you right now?

Wes said special ministry times we have with visiting speakers often feel like a pinnacle experience. But the point is that they are a foundation and not a ceiling. **What do you think he was getting at in regards to our maturing?**

Why did Wes mention the Dead Sea & the Sea of Galilee? Reading Eph 4:15-16 how is God revealing how you can pour into others?