

if God...

What if God's love > my present circumstance

Discussion Questions

1. Author Gary Chapman once wrote about five love languages: [1] Words of Affirmation [2] Acts of Service [3] Gifts [4] Quality Time [5] and Physical Touch. Which one of these describes the way you best give and/or receive expressions of love? Bonus round (if they are present in the room): Which one of these best describes your spouse or best friend?
2. Share a memory of receiving a gift that made you feel loved. Was there anything specific about the gift or the experience that made you feel loved?
3. Can you think of a time where you had the exact opposite experience? Perhaps there was a time when not getting a gift (or not getting the exact gift you wanted) made you feel a little less loved, or even unloved.
4. Read Romans 8:35. What do you sense the Lord saying to you here through Paul's conviction regarding the love of God? Do these words challenge anything in you in some way?
5. In what ways does not receiving an answer from God for something you are praying for feel like not getting the exact gift you were wanting? Or to put it another way: do you struggle to feel God's love for you when He doesn't seem to be responding to your prayer?
6. Read Genesis 39:19-23. What stands out most about Joseph's situation and God's response?
7. In the sermon, Pastor Silverio talked about how not receiving the "gift" we are asking God for in prayer can so easily lead to us questioning God's love for us which can then easily lead to us opening the door for shame. Does that resonate with you? If so, what do you feel the Lord is saying to you in these Scripture passages? If there's a specific situation for which these passages are helpful, share it with the group if you feel comfortable doing so.

Next Steps 2023

- What next steps of faith are you working on?
- When you complete your next step using the campus QR code below.

Prayer

- Share praises and prayer requests with one another.
- Guided prayer: God, nothing is impossible for you. Though there may be darkness, you are here. Though there may be some doubts, you are here. Through we may stumble and fall, you are here. We want to believe you love us no matter our present circumstance. Help us to believe. Fill our mind with your truth, and our hearts with your assurance.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Did you take a next step?

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