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The Chaos We Encounter

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Acts 27

Listen to the right voice.

Proverbs 1:7

Jude 1:18-19

Discouragement is a choice.

Psalm 62:1-8

2 Corinthians 5:7

Don't give up the ship.

Job 42:5-6

James 1:2-4 Psalm 30:5

Don't quit.

2 Chronicles 15:7

Galatians 6:9

Human emotions play important roles in our lives. This is natural and may be quite wholesome. But we all realize that sometimes emotions cloud people's thinking, so they do all the things they should not. Emotions can be confusing, uncertain, and even dangerous.

Give your definition of chaos. Think about a recent chaotic time in your life. What emotions are associated with that chaos?

Now read:

1 Corinthians 14:33

John 14:27

1 Corinthians 14:40

Proverbs 11:14

Philippians 4:6&7

James 3:17

What emotions do these scriptures produce?

Sometimes in chaos we feel God is far off, not a part of our situation. In fact, many times, when we are in chaos, we don't pursue the Lord. What keeps people from seeking God in the midst of chaos?

Why is it important to stay close to God even when we don't feel like it?

Read Proverbs 1:7

What does it take to seek the Lord in chaos and what this say about a person's options/

Read James 1:5

James talks about wisdom.

What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?

It has been said that knowledge can exist without wisdom but not the other way around.

How do you find that to be true in life? Are there examples

you can cite?

One can be knowledgeable without being wise. God wants us to have both. Knowledge is knowing how to use a gun; wisdom is knowing when to use it and when to keep it holstered. We can learn knowledge but wisdom is a gift we must ask for. It is a God given ability.

Define Biblical wisdom.

When we are going thru chaos others around us all have opinions and like to give advice.

In the midst of chaos we must be careful whose council we seek.

Last week Pastor Rick talked about our need to have accountability. What attributes must an accountability partner have?

Read Proverbs 13:20

We all need those in our life who will stick close, listen, care and help when needed in good times and in times of chaos and crisis.

All of us will experience or have experienced chaos in our life. What steps can we take now to prepare for these times?

Read:

2 Peter 3:18 2 Timothy 3:16 Romans 12:2

James 4:7 Hebrews 4:12

Studying and recognizing God's nature in the calm, "good" times will help us recognize Him in the midst of turmoil. It will help us stand firm and know we are not alone.

Though it can be difficult to admit and share our struggles, the word of our testimony can encourage others in similar circumstances. Share a time when you experienced God's presence in a chaotic time in your life.