

# PANDEMIC PROOF FAITH

Wk 2

11 This is what the Lord says to me with his strong hand upon me,  
warning me not to follow the way of this people:  
12 “Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy;  
do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it.  
13 The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy,  
he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread.  
15 Many will stumble; fall and be broken, be snared and captured.”  
17 I will wait for the Lord...I will put my trust in him.

Hebrew 8:11-17

## OPENING THOUGHTS

USING A NUMBER BETWEEN 1-10 ON YOUR BEST DAYS OVER THE THE PAST 6 MONTHS...

HOW IN CONTROL DID YOU FEEL OVER YOUR LIFE? \_\_\_\_\_ WHY?

HOW STRONG WAS YOUR FAITH? \_\_\_\_\_ WHY?

HOW CONVINCED WERE YOU OF GOD’S PLAN FOR YOU? \_\_\_\_\_ WHY?

USING A NUMBER BETWEEN 1-10 ON YOUR WORST DAYS OVER THE THE PAST 6 MONTHS...

HOW FRUSTRATED WERE YOU WITH OTHER PEOPLE? \_\_\_\_\_ WHY?

HOW MUCH DID YOU FEEL YOU COULDN’T TRUST OTHERS? \_\_\_\_\_ WHY?

HOW MUCH DID YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SITUATION? \_\_\_\_\_ WHY?

## WEEK TWO: WHICH ONE OF THESE IS NOT LIKE THE OTHER?

### Discussion Part I

### A square is a rhombus, but...

Last Week

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**Self-actualization**  
desire to become the most that one can be

**Esteem**  
respect, self-esteem, status, recognition, strength, freedom

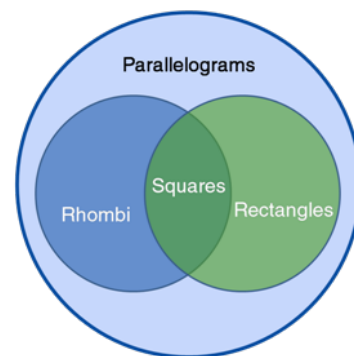
**Love and belonging**  
friendship, intimacy, family, sense of connection

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**Safety needs**  
personal security, employment, resources, health, property

**Physiological needs**  
air, water, food, shelter, sleep, clothing, reproduction

C \_\_\_\_\_  
is critical if you are to  
reach your full  
P \_\_\_\_\_ for God.



“A discerning person keeps wisdom in view,  
but a fool’s eyes wander to the ends of the earth.” Proverbs 17:24

<b>We WANT structured reward systems</b>		<b>We REACT to non-structured reward systems</b>
<b>Liner Thinking and Action</b> “a,b then c”	versus	<b>Non-linear Thinking and Action</b> “a, z, f, q, then... “
<b>Cause and Effect Reward</b> “a then b”	versus	<b>Random Rewards</b> “b” for them, none to you
<b>Pre-Action Explanation</b> “here’s what I’m going to do...”	versus	<b>Simultaneous/Post Action Explanation</b> “I’ll explain it after (or maybe during) or never”

My thoughts...

## Discussion Part II

It's in every one of us...

Sin came into the world through one person, and death came through sin.  
So death spread to everyone, because everyone sinned.

**Romans 5:12**

Suffering is now a part of the N\_\_\_\_\_ order

My thoughts...

## Discussion Part III

Which one of these is not like the other?

19 For it is commendable  
if someone bears up  
under the pain of unjust suffering  
because they are conscious of God.

**20 But how is it to your credit  
if you receive a beating  
for doing wrong and endure it?**

**But if you suffer for doing good  
and you endure it,  
this is commendable before God.**

21 To this you were called,  
because Christ suffered for you,  
leaving you an example, that you should  
follow in his steps.

22 "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23  
When they hurled their insults  
at him, he did not retaliate;  
when he suffered, he made no threats.

Instead, he entrusted himself  
to Him who judges justly...  
24 ...so that we might die to sins  
and live for righteousness

**1 Peter 2:19-24**

Humility is understanding that suffering can be:

D\_\_\_\_\_

or  
U\_\_\_\_\_

My thoughts...

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

### FROM DISCUSSION 1- A SQUARE IS A RHOMBUS

HOW HARD HAS IT BEEN TO BE DISCERNING OVER THE LAST 6 MONTHS?  
HOW HAS THAT AFFECTED ME?

### FROM DISCUSSION 2- IT'S IN EVERYONE OF US

HOW HAVE I GROWN WEARY THAT SUFFERING IS EVERYWHERE OVER THE LAST 6 MONTHS?  
HOW HAS THAT AFFECTED ME?

### FROM DISCUSSION 3- WHICH ONE OF THESE IS NOT LIKE THE OTHER

WHERE ARE PLACES THAT I (OR OTHERS) HAVE CONFUSED UNDESERVED SUFFERING  
(THIS ISN'T FAIR THAT IT'S HAPPENING TO ME) WITH DESERVED SUFFERING (OOPS...I MADE A  
MISTAKE HERE AND IT IMPACTS MY LIFE) OR THE OPPOSITE OVER THE LAST 6 MONTHS?  
HOW HAS TRYING TO FIND THE RIGHT REASON FOR MY SUFFERING AFFECTED ME?

## CLOSING PRAYER

Father, give me clarity, to recognize my struggle with suffering.  
Allow me to endure it when it appears in my life- while bringing honor and glory to Your Name. Amen.