



Welcome

Message: Grace for the Grind
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PRAYER: Everlasting God, we thank You that our current limitations and restrictions can never confine Your greater purpose for our lives. Forgive us for the times we focus more on our prisons than on Your presence and grant us the faith to see how You are working even in seasons of waiting. Strengthen us to boldly declare Your truth and sow seeds of hope right where we are, trusting that our faithfulness today is building a legacy for tomorrow. Empower us to look past our immediate boundaries, relying on Your strength to achieve meaningful victories that bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: If you could instantly become an expert in any skill or hobby overnight without having to practice, what would you choose?

INTRODUCTION: External limitations, systemic restrictions, and seasons of "captivity" cannot halt God's long-term purposes or prevent us from building a meaningful legacy. Jehoiachin lost his freedom and his kingdom to Babylon, yet his faithfulness to cultivate what remained even in captivity preserved a lineage that eventually birthed the restoration of Jerusalem and the ultimate hope of the Messiah. Shift your focus from what has been lost to what can still be actively nurtured, in so doing you lay the groundwork for a future breakthrough you may not even live to see.

BIBLE STUDY: Read 1 Chronicles 3:17–18 (NLT): The sons of Jehoiachin, who was taken prisoner by the Babylonians, were Shealtiel, Malkiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **What was your biggest takeaway from the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message? What points did you find most insightful?
2. **A "Prison-Born" Legacy:** Jehoiachin was a captive king in a foreign land, stripped of his throne, freedom, and homeland. Yet, even in captivity, his family line didn't stop—his lineage survived to eventually produce Zerubbabel (who rebuilt the Temple) and ultimately birth Jesus. When you find yourself in a season of "captivity" (e.g., a dead-end job, physical limitations, financial strain, or a restrictive environment), how do you keep your vision alive? How can we shift our focus from our immediate confinement to the long-term legacy we are still building?
3. **Redefining Productivity Under Restriction:** Jehoiachin couldn't rule a kingdom anymore, but he could still raise a family. He adjusted his expectations of what "success" looked like based on his new reality, focusing on what was *possible* rather than what was lost. Think of a time when your original plans were completely derailed by circumstances outside your control. How did you redefine what "achievement" meant in that restricted space? What is one small, meaningful thing you can cultivate right now despite your current limitations?
4. **The Power of Names in Dark Places:** Names in ancient Israel carried deep prophetic meaning. For example, Shealtiel means "*I have asked of God*," and Pedaiah means "*The Lord has ransomed*." Naming children these powerful truths while living as prisoners in Babylon was a bold act of faith and defiance.

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How do we maintain our identity and "speak life" into our situations when our surrounding environment feels oppressive or discouraging? What are the "names" or truths we need to declare over our current restrictions?

5. **Setting Up the Next Generation:** Jehoiachin never got to see Jerusalem again, but his sons and grandsons did. His endurance during his time of restriction laid the physical and spiritual groundwork for the generation that would eventually return and rebuild. Sometimes, the fruit of our endurance under trial isn't for us, but for those who follow us. How does it change your perspective on your current hardships to think that your faithfulness today might be clearing a path for someone else's breakthrough tomorrow?

CHALLENGE: Identify one restriction currently holding you back, and commit to taking one small, meaningful action within it today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also "find, follow and like" our Facebook page at facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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NOTICE: As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472

EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: care@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)

EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177

EMAIL: care@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000

EMAIL: emergencyassistance@myspbc.org.

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*GPS is a study guide based on the weekend message. The purpose of this guide is to assist small groups in study.
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Small Group Leader Guide

Would you like to START or JOIN a Small Group at Saint Paul's?

Most existing groups are open to new group members, and new groups begin on a regular basis. If you have friends in a small group, ask about joining their group. If you are new to Saint Paul's and are looking for a place to connect, please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to help you find the right group.

Leader Tips:

The GPS document is a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you must use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through while others will be over in a few seconds!

1. Don't teach the lesson. The lesson was taught on the weekend. Just ask questions and let everyone else talk.
2. Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!
3. Have fun. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our small groups. So, have fun with the people in your group.

Agenda for a Small Group Gathering

Gathering Time

Take 5-10 minutes to welcome everyone, catch up and if planned, share some food!

Discussion Time

Here's a suggested format:

1. **Ice Breaker** – Lighthearted icebreaker question (5-10 min.)
2. **Discussion** - Discussion time, Bible study, application challenge (30-40 min.)
3. **Prayer** – Prayer requests and praying for one another (10-20 min.)
4. **Planning** – Remind the group of how we serve together (e.g. usher, sing, greet, pray, etc.)