

CELEBRATION IN A SEASON OF SUFFERING

MESSAGE 1: DEALING WITH A SEASON OF PAIN, LUKE 2:36-38

THESIS

There are many people who are paralyzed in the present because of not _____ pain from the past.

AN EXPERIENTIAL EXEGESIS OF SUFFERING FROM SEASONAL PAIN

1. Pain from your past will pop up at certain seasons for _____
2. When you get over the initial impact there are _____
3. Something you thought you were over is threatening to _____

Biblically Processing Pain

- A. Take a _____ of the event that impacted you
- B. Put your pain _____ of Bible language, events and emotional responses
- C. Find yourself _____, and then just keep reading
- D. _____ when a season presses on the painful spot again

HOW TO OVERCOME PAIN IN A SEASON OF CHANGE

1. Jesus is the only gift that will _____, so you can get over what happened to you

KEY PASSAGES

Luke 2:36-38

Luke 2:36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

Luke 2:37 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

Luke 2:38 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

Isa 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

John 6:9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

OUTLINE LUKE 2:36-38

- I. PROCLAMATION OF FELLOWSHIP, 1-2
 - A. A Tangible Means, 1
 - B. A Transmitted Manifestation, 2
- II. PURPOSE OF FELLOWSHIP, 3-4
 - A. Vertical Good Fellowship, 3
 - B. Horizontal Glad Fullness, 4

The World's 3 P's

- Pandemic
- Protests
- Politics

The Devil's 3 P's

- People
- Pain
- Problems

God's 3 P's

- **Purpose** – Christlikeness in Christless people
- **Proclamation** – the gospel of his grace
- **Process** – every-member ministry running on the rails of our relationships to make disciples of Jesus

HOW TO OVERCOME PAIN IN A SEASON OF CHANGE

2. If a situation becomes a dead end to you, God is so good, he can transform it into a _____
3. Turn to God not from God, and he will use your misery to open a _____
4. Put yourself in _____ so you can get what God has for you at the right time

TODAY'S MAJOR POINTS

1 We are doing a new thing this New Year with Mission Focus 2021, because if you _____ where you are this year, you won't get where God wants to take you.

2 In God's economy, blessing comes through breaking, and breaking enables _____.

3 Making space for _____ is the way to create space for the _____ in the heart of someone who is lost.

CELEBRATION IN A SEASON OF SUFFERING

Dec 13	How to Hold Your Hope, <i>Luke 2:8-20</i>
Dec 20	Handling Heartbreak During Holidays, <i>Matt 1:18-25</i>
Dec 24	An Extraordinary Message on an Ordinary Night, <i>Luke 2:8-20</i>
Dec 27	Mission Focus 2021 Sunday, Monday, Wednesday Nights

THREE ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TODAY

PRAY || DONATE || DELIVER: Our HarvestKids are calling us to deliver Love Packages to HBC members who are not attending in-person by members who are, and join them in a chain-link ministry to love and serve. Sign up online at bit.ly/harvestchristmas2020 then donate by NEXT SUNDAY, and we will deliver the weekend of Dec. 18-20.

FURTHER DEVELOP YOUR LIFESTYLE OF FAITH: Whether you are new to the Bible or have been in the Word for years, we have a place for you to grow and people willing to help your spiritual growth.

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| > Discipleship | bit.ly/harvestdiscipleship | > Living Faith Bible Institute | bit.ly/hbclfb |
| > Adult Classes | bit.ly/hbcadults | > HarvestKids & Youth | bit.ly/hbckids |
| > Baptism | bit.ly/hbcbsbaptism | > Giving | bit.ly/harvestgiving |