



"Conquer the Chaos"

For the week of October 8 - 14, 2017

Warm Up:

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Open in Prayer

Main Thought:

Without Christ, there is something wrong with us. We are dead in our sins and experience its consequences. But because of God's love, we are offered the gift of life. When we choose to receive the gift of life, God fills our lives with purpose and meaning to make a difference in others. In Christ, we become part of a spiritual family, we discover purpose in our past pain, and we are given meaningful work to do. We are not saved by good works, but for good works. No matter what we face in life, we can always hold on to this truth: Christ on the inside is greater than the chaos on the outside.

Main Passages:

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:1-10)

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Romans 8:37)

Scripture Explanation:

- Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How does this verse describe who we are without Christ? What did God do for us through Christ?
- Read Romans 8:37. What does "more than conquerors" mean to you?

Personal Reflection:

- Christ on the inside is greater than the chaos on the outside. What chaotic experience have you seen Christ show up in your life? How does this give you confidence to trust Him in the future?
- We are not saved by good works, but for good works. What good work have you seen God do through you so far? Given your personality and your gift mix, what good work do you think God has for your future?

Active Application:

- To have a big impact in the world, it starts with one life. Who is one person in chaos that you can share Christ with? How will you consistently connect with them?

Close in Prayer:

- Pray for one another to continue to find meaning and purpose in God.
- Pray for healing and spiritual breakthrough in our church, state, and nation. Especially pray for those in Las Vegas.
- Pray for those by name that you are sharing your faith with and believing will come to know God.

Communications:

Seek Week: October 24 - 26

We believe in the power of prayer and fasting. As a church, we will embark on three days of dynamic intercession, where we pause to seek God as He leads us forward with His mission. We encourage Grace Groups to turn into prayer groups on October 24 - 26 from 6:30pm-7:30pm at our Main Campus, or on October 24 from 7:00pm-8:00pm at Windward Community College. To see our prayer targets, go to pearlside.org/seekweek or check out our Pearlside App.

