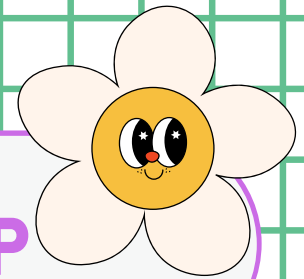




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CHODAE COMMUNITY CHURCH

SEED FAMILY WORSHIP

Connecting Parent and Child Generation through a Spiritual Conversation

STANDING STRONG IN THE MIDST OF WILDERNESS

READ HEBREWS 12:2, COLOSSIANS 4:2

GOD, YOU ARE MY GOD,
I SEEK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.
WITH ALL MY STRENGTH I THIRST FOR YOU
IN THIS DRY DESERT
WHERE THERE ISN'T ANY WATER
(PSALM 63:1)

FAMILY ACTIVITY "THE POWER OF ROOT"

Prepare: Paper cups or any cups, Rice, chopstick, spoon with post-it attached which is written 'Word of God', Tree cut out, A paper fan or hair dryer (or anything you can use to make wind), glue or scotch tape

1. hand out two tree cut outs to each group. Have team members write down some of 'suffering' or difficult things they face everyday on each tree cut out. Children can also write down temptations or sinful thoughts/decisions.
2. Glue the tree cut outs to chopsticks using glue or scotch tape.
3. Place two paper cups filled with rice on table. Stick two chopsticks with tree cut outs in each cup.
4. For one cup, bang the spoon onto the chopstick many times and say the Word of God builds the root of our faith as the chopstick digs deep into the rice. For the other cup, bang it very lightly just once. When we don't read His word much, our root becomes shallow.
5. Using the paper fan or hair dryer, blow unto the trees. See which one falls easily.

Connection: We all face hardships and difficulties everyday. The Word of God does the job of growing the root of faith in our hearts each time we face hardship. When the Word of God is rooted in us deep enough, we can face any hardship and will stand strong!

Jesus is the author of our lives, and commander of our faith. Our lives may be full of different events and happenings, but God puts them together to write a beautiful story of our faith, and of His promises.

In today's story we share, Paul Miller and his wife were gifted with a very special child who had a disability since birth. The baby had many different kinds of problems, such as lung issues and weak muscles. They were told that it could have been caused by the mistakes made by doctors. This was complete opposite of what they prayed to God during pregnancy. The mom always had prayed that God will keep the baby healthy and safe. But the result was not. For Paul and his wife, it took a great while until they realized God's purpose for their lives. After much time of growth, they came to understand the reason of God bringing a time of wilderness in their lives.

1) We all have a time of wilderness in our lives.

It is painful and it is miserable. It feels like we are placed in an endless tunnel without exit. It is hard to understand why God had brought you to that place.

2) In fact, God brought you to that place because He loves you very much. God intended us to feel powerless and hopeless so that only God himself can be our power and hope in this time. He wanted us to recognize that He is the only one we can depend on.

3) As Paul Miller and his wife walked through this time of wilderness, God challenged them to create an organization named World Harvest Mission. The wife came to create so many helpful educational resources for children with special needs. They realized their child in fact brought so much more blessings in their lives as it bore beautiful fruits in their lives. Paul was also thankful because his pride and arrogance have been shaped by God's hands through this time.

When we overcome each and every struggle that we face in our lives with the help of God, our faith strengthens and our heart deepens for God. It is like the root of the tree. When the root grows deep, it helps the tree stand strong against all kinds of harsh weathers of life. Our heart also grows deep understanding for the ways God works in our lives and thus it strengthens the muscles of our faith. It helps us to stand strong against many different challenges of life we face everyday!

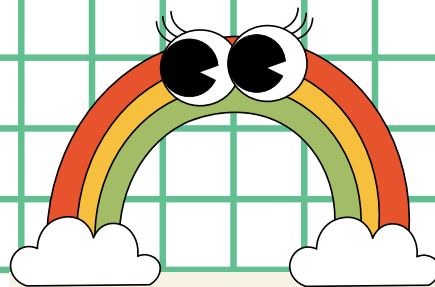
TALK



1. Were there any situations you faced that felt like 'wilderness' to you?
2. Try summarizing what you learned today in one sentence
3. Share with each other what your wilderness is in your present life, and pray for each other so that we overcome and grow stronger through it.

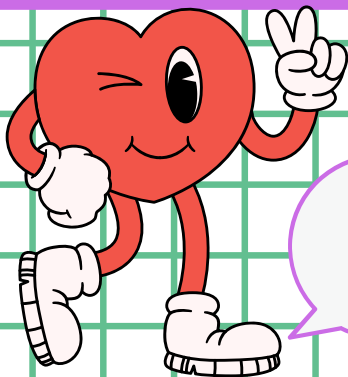
CONCLUSION

We all have big and small events in our lives that bring pain and sadness. Sometimes it also comes in a form of temptation to sin. Painful circumstances can come as a result of our sin, but at a lot of times, it happens because God allows it in our lives with His purpose and plan. He plans to shape and mold us through these circumstances. Word of God plants us and grounds us deep and strong in the root of faith in this time, so that when other struggles and trials come visit us again, we will not shake. In fact, these experiences of 'wilderness' is what makes us look upon the Lord, and depend on Him alone. This is the place where we grow strong in faith so we must treasure our time in the wilderness!



ENDING PRAYER

Dear God, help us look to you and dwell upon Your Word when we are placed in the wilderness. We know that you have a wonderful plan and purpose for our lives. Come shape and mold our hearts so that we will be more and more like you. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen!



Seed Worship Training meeting takes place every last Sunday of the Month after 3rd Service Worship (12:50-1:20PM) at PJM Room, Education Building (Snack provided). All of our curriculum and video resources can be downloaded at Chodae Church website!

