

Henry Cloud & John Townsend, *Boundaries*

1. Because problems problems. Genesis 12:10

It is better to have a little with godliness, than to have riches without righteousness. Proverbs 16:8

If we judged ourselves properly, then we would not come under judgment. 1 Corinthians 11:31-32

Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4

2. Because the problem is in more than in you. Genesis 12:11-13

Run from the desires that trap the immature. Instead, pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. 2 Timothy 2:22

3. Because my problems are creating problems. Gen 12:14-16

No test has overtaken you except what is common to everyone. Yet God is faithful; He will not let you be tested beyond what you can bear. But when you are tested, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Does your personal Balance Sheet really show a profit if you have acquired the whole world, but lost your soul? Matthew 16:26

4. Because my problems are responsibility. Genesis 12:17-20

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:11

We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials. This is because we know they help us... Romans 5:3-5

My prayer focus for this week

For personal reflection or group discussion

1. When have you lost something special, only to find it was replaced by something better?
2. When faced with a severe famine in the Promised Land, Abram and Sarai fled to Egypt. Why do believers not get blessings when we are in God's place doing so many of God's things? Should they have stayed in the Promised Land or left?
3. What was wrong with Abram's plan to tell everyone that he and Sarai were brother and sister?
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:22. List the things we are to pursue. How can we pursue them?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What does a way out of testing look like?
6. Read Hebrews 12:11. Explain the harvest of discipline in words that a non-church person could understand. What does this training involve?

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