

DEALING WITH DISCOURAGEMENT

Message 4: Living with Uncertainty

Matthew 28:16-20

Main Point: If we are aligned to Jesus, we can live through uncertainty and fulfill our destiny.

How do we live with uncertainty without deterring from our destiny?

Matthew 28:16–20 (NIV)

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

How Uncertainty Affects Us

- **Some had seen Jesus, some hadn't and were at a place of uncertainty.**
- The thing about uncertainty is that you are in a **place of figuring things out** in your head, you are either replaying and revising, or you are considering your options for the future.
- In a place of uncertainty, **we wrestle with doubts. To doubt is to be human.**
- It in this place of uncertainty, **we need guidance.**
- **While the disciples were processing in uncertainty, Jesus was transitioning them into their destiny.**
- **Jesus words loosen the grip of their uncertainty and commissions them in their destiny.**

What to Do With Our Uncertainty - *How do we Align ourselves to Jesus?*

1. Remember Who is in Charge!

- ***The choices of humanity empower chaos, suffering, oppression, and spiritual captivity.***
- But Jesus is the name that is above all names Jesus has the the last word. (Philippians 2:6–11)

Daniel 7:13–14 (NIV) - ¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every

language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

2. Discern your part in God's Mission.

- Jesus says... "therefore go and make disciples... He takes them out a place of aimless uncertainty about what's next, by giving them the mission so they can align with the mission.
- Whatever the uncertainty is with your life, if you discern and identify your part in God's mission right now, you will be able to live through the uncertainty and live out your identity in Christ.
 - Upwards – loving God and remaining in His love
 - Inwards – loving one another
 - Outwards – love our neighbour, city, and world.

3. Be strengthened by His partnership.

- We align with the reality of His presence by the Holy Spirit.
- Our partnership is with a crucified and resurrection Messiah, the fellowship of sharing in his suffering and the power of His resurrection.

Isaiah 53:2–6 (The Message)

²⁻⁶ *The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was our pains he carried—our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him, on him.*

Don't allow uncertainty to deter you from your destiny.