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“FACING THE IMPOSSIBLE AND CHASING THE MIRACULOUS”

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Week 1 | Exodus 3:7-12***

1. Traps, snares, pits, taskmasters, and tormentors are the tools of captivity.  
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2. Falling into bondage is simple in that bondage is deceptive in what it does.  
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3. Bondage is progressively intense.  
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4. Humiliation is a close relative to bondage.  
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5. Captivity benefits people who choose to not see captivity for what it is.  
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6. All bondage provides diminishing rewards as well as greater restriction and pain.  
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7. Inherent in being held captive is increasing resistance to escape.  
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8. When a someone views their circumstance as acceptable, living with pain becomes normal.  
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9. Surrender often is not necessary, but happens in response to fear.  
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10. Jesus came to conquer oppressors and set free the captive.  
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11. He often works through unlikely people to do impossible things.  
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12. There is a magnetism to bondage that competes with responsibility caused by freedom.  
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13. The first step to freedom is the desire to escape.  
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***Week 2 | Ruth 1:1-5***

1. Disappointment is part of the human experience.  
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2. We cannot control the flow of events in our lives.  
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3. There are fundamental characteristics about who we are that have to be accepted and resolved.  
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4. You are involved in a story, possibly several stories, that make your life what it is.  
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5. There are moments when faith requires looking beyond common beliefs.  
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6. Relational commitments open doors that create change when nothing else could.  
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7. Very often the things that create intense pain also create opportunities that could come no other way.  
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8. When we have done all we can, Jesus creates moments that miraculously compliment our lives and our future.  
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9. The Lord is circumstance-neutral, He can use anything to gain the glory He deserves.  
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10. Your future is not controlled by your past.  
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11. Your whole story is a tool that can find a place to radically change the lives of people you may never meet this side of heaven.  
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12. After tomorrow gets here, yesterday begins to find its proper place.  
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***Week 3 | 1 Samuel 17:37 & 46-51***

1. Giants often come into our lives as a result of neglect.  
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2. Giants don't sneak into our lives, they thunder into our lives.  
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3. Little giants lead us to the battlefield of massive victories.  
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4. Giants are often less powerful and more vulnerable than they appear.  
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5. Giants gain confidence through the failure of others.  
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6. When a giant falls he destroys the enemy's perspective.  
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7. Giant-slaying is the beginning of delayed victories.  
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8. There are other giants waiting to conquer or be conquered.  
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9. With Jesus the only thing you can't do is fail.  
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10. Every giant, regardless of what he says to you, is just one moment away from being insignificant.  
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***Week 4 | Nehemiah 1:1-4***

1. The relationship between preparation and our calling is often not obvious.  
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2. We often don't realize how much we love some things in our lives.  
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3. Challenges are often interpreted as insurmountable realities.  
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4. Nothing is so broken that Jesus can't restore it.  
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5. Passion and favor create opportunity.  
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6. Many things are not broken, they are just pre-restored.  
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7. Jesus uses people who don't accept the excuses of others.  
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8. What we restore today may be connected to a much larger story.  
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9. Broken is not hopeless, worthless, or replaceable — broken still matters.  
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10. Restoration is only part of the story.  
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***Because we don't know the future, our default thoughts are to assume that the present will continue as it is into the future.***

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***Week 5 | Matthew 26:69-75***

1. Failure is often humiliating but not necessarily terminal.  
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2. Circumstance often overshadows commitment.  
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3. Waking up to the moment of our greatest disappointment doesn't have to determine our future.  
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4. Things we thought would never slow us down can appear to stop us forever.  
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5. Even multiple failures don't have to be the end, but can be the beginning of a new beginning.  
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6. Jesus can help you through your failures to the other side.  
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7. Even though Jesus forgives and forgets graciously, failure can easily follow us through life.  
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8. A repentant heart creates opportunity for us to move forward and distance ourselves from the things that we regret most.  
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9. What other people think or say can be no more than a footnote in the story of your life.  
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10. Nothing is so bad that Jesus can't miraculously restore it.  
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