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FINDING TRUTH IN TURMOIL

Introduction:

The truth is that everyone has, is, or will be in unique seasons of turmoil. But regardless of your turmoil's circumstances, God has tailored us to find relief.

1. Discuss the history of your community group. What drew you together and what keeps you together? The unity in Josiah's community came from seeking the Lord. Share evidence that your community group is thriving by seeking the Lord. Just as children's growth is measured educationally and physically, how does your community group measure growth spiritually.
2. Read 2 Chronicles 34 and 2 Kings 22. Recall what Josiah was doing at the age of 8. Compare this to an average second grader. What was he doing at the age of 16? Compare this to an average sophomore. Josiah was not a character from a fictional story. The details of his life are truth. In your walk with Christ today would you say you are functioning as a second grader, sophomore or college student? Share evidence of growth in your walk from your point of new birth. How does young Josiah inspire you?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17. The opposite of unity is discord. What does Paul identify as the problem and solution for discord? Can you as a community group identify other scripture that addresses both unity and discord in the church?
4. Pastor Ish used the term "binding agent" to describe what it is that unites communities of people. What are some of the binding agents we see in society today? What are some benefits and downfalls to these binding agents? According to Ish, anything that binds a community together that's unrelated to Jesus Christ guarantees expiration. What does this mean? Why do you agree or disagree with this statement?
5. "All turmoil is a reflection of imperfection." As Christ followers the apostle Paul says we are free from sin, yet sin's presence isn't removed from us, making it difficult to completely wrap our minds around the perfection of Jesus. In what ways can your attitudes, words, actions, and thoughts be revolutionized if we compare ourselves with Christ and not others? List some of the things you have allowed you to survive and thrive in the midst of turmoil because you know your binding agent is a perfect Savior.
6. 2 Kings 22:2 is an interesting verse. Deep community grows roots and nourishes people so they can thrive during extreme turmoil. This message from Pastor Ish provides a great opportunity to evaluate your community groups. Are they united by God, and do they consist of thriving people who led people to thrive, that led people to thrive.

Conclusion:

Well-rooted community, where people are united by a perfect Savior, are equipped to survive and thrive turmoil. Surround yourselves with this kind of community.