

## **SURVIVING ON THE BUS RIDE OF LIFE**

### **CHAPTER 2 | TEACHING SEGMENTS 1 & 2**

*(PLEASE WATCH THE STORY SEGMENTS CONNECTED TO THIS CHAPTER)*

#### **OUTLINE**

**CHARACTER FORMED ON THE BUS RIDE OF LIFE HAS ETERNAL IMPLICATIONS IN FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR OUR LIVES.**

#### **PREMISE:**

- Understand how the internal and external live in congruency
- Adopt our successes as a normal part of our lives

#### **1. THE BUS RIDE THROUGH UNFAIRNESS AND DARKNESS (Page 18)**

A. Joseph's story of betrayal and forgiveness (Genesis 37–50) provides an example of how we can approach our own dark seasons of life

B. This season tests our willingness to forgive those who have wronged us

- When we are able to forgive our enemies and replace bitterness with compassion, we will know that we have overcome
- Don't allow this difficult season to define you—remember it is just part of the journey. Your life matters for the saving of other lives.

C. Our external identity must match our internal value; shame does not have to define our past, present, or future

D. Corrie ten Boom's life exemplifies forgiveness and the essence of God's love in the midst of darkness: "There is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still."

## **2. FORGIVENESS IS THE KEY TO FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE**

- A. If we remain in unforgiveness, we give others the power to control our thoughts and emotions.**
- B. If we choose to forgive and to love, we take back control and gain the power to help others find freedom**
- C. Our external achievements are temporal and we may lose them, but when we put our trust and hope in God, others can never steal our dignity, purpose, and faith.**

## **3. GOD IS DEVELOPING YOUR “COAT OF MANY COLORS” IN THE HEAVENLY REALM**

- This season is building character to forgive, handle injustice, embrace His gifts and hold on to faith without compromise.**

## **4. THE BUS RIDE THROUGH PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE**

### **A. Romans 5:3–5**

- Christ in you, the hope of glory, stands on the inside of you as you go through trials, building the character within you that you need to overcome.**
- In the presence of God, hope cannot die. He restores our hope, enabling us to see past the darkness to glimpse light on the other side.**

### **B. Let this season accomplish God’s work in you.**

- He is your full hope of glory; if you have Him, you have everything you need**
- When you understand the magnitude of what God is building inside you, you can lose everything and still have internal joy**

### **F. Fear, anxiety, stress arise based on how we perceive our circumstances.**

- Our conscious mind evaluates situations based on past experiences stored in our subconscious**

- If the experience was negative, we tend to reject the new opportunity
- Our creative subconscious mind keeps our sanity and brings us back to our comfort zone, even when it is not beneficial
- We will learn how to get our creative subconscious to adjust to a new normal
- **TAKE TIME TO THINK AND DISCOVER:** As you look at a current circumstance in your life, ask yourself, *What does this look like in my future, based on where I'm drawing the information from? What are the fears that are holding me back?* Look back to a previous similar experience you have successfully navigated, and know that you can also achieve it now. Ask God for supernatural understanding.

**\*\* PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHAPTER 2 – TEACHING SEGMENT 2** if you have not viewed it yet.