

SURVIVING ON THE BUS RIDE OF LIFE

CHAPTER 2 | TEACHING SEGMENT 3

(PLEASE WATCH THE STORY SEGMENT CONNECTED TO THIS CHAPTER)

OUTLINE

**GOD'S PROMISES OVERRIDE OUR FEARS AND BRING US FROM SHAME TO
AUTHENTICITY AND JOY**

PREMISE:

- Identify the face of our **FEARS**
- Allow God's promises to **OVERRIDE** fear with His love and compassion
- Embrace the truth that God is our **SOLUTION** to every impossibility in life

1. THE BUS RIDE ESTABLISHES GOD'S PROMISES FOR YOUR LIFE (Page 23)

A. Adjust your expectations

- When we create a mental scenario of how God is going to act to meet our needs, we box Him in and close off our ability to see Him doing a miracle in any other way.
- If you haven't seen miracles or His provision, ask yourself, *In what ways have I boxed God out of my life?*
- Open your heart and mind to how He wants to provide (faith), and give Him the freedom to work in your life however He chooses.

B. God is for us

- The enemy feeds us the lie that God is against us, that He's forgotten us.

- Choose to believe the truth: God is your absolute solution to every impossibility in life. He is always for us!
- This truth brings peace and the understanding that we don't fight the battle alone; He will battle with us.

C. Identify your fears

- Fear has a stronger hold when we don't clearly identify it.
- Don't dismiss your fears; acknowledge and face each one.

2. THE BUS RIDE THROUGH SHAME TO AUTHENTICITY

A. God frees us from shame

- When we feel vulnerable and in need of others' help, we often feel shame and inadequacy.
- Through her experience at the Praying Hands sculpture, Ceitci was delivered from shame and came to a deeper understanding of God's faithfulness, love, and compassion.

TAKE TIME TO THINK AND DISCOVER:

- *Write down your specific fears, then replace them with the truth of God's Word which will override each fear.*
- *Create a new, fearless picture by visualizing yourself within the promises of each particular Scripture you meditate on.*

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