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The Bumpy Road to Begin Ready

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GOD'S PROCESS
PRODUCES LEADERS
PREPARED FOR THEIR
CALLING

In our microwave culture we expect everything to be on-demand. From education, to relationships, and even leadership, we are process averse people. In fact, it seems the longer and more arduous the process, the less likely survival, let alone success, will be achieved. People bail right as things are getting good.

Now, that may sound odd to you because God's process of preparation feels like a lot of things, but good isn't one of them. However, it is good. It's better than good, it's great and necessary for your success.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

As long and as difficult as your process may be, few have had a longer and more arduous period of preparation than Moses. Yet, he came forth like gold, tested as through the fire, and the beginning of the Bible proves that God's process works.

Whatever God is working in you right now, trust Him and His process. The harder you fight against it the more painful it will be, but the more surrendered you are the more successful you will be.

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Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS

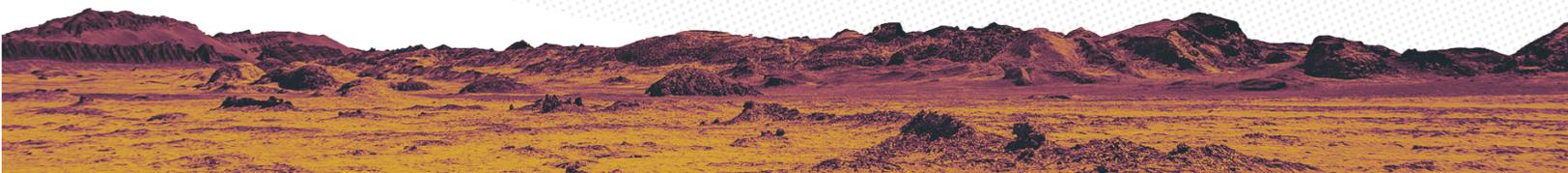
pray (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and consider what process God has you in right now. What is He working on in your life right now? Acknowledge that and spend time praying that you will yield to Him.

reflect (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. Pick a few leaders in the Bible who were put through a character training process. Describe the process that God put them through and the results it produced. **What specific character qualities is God working on in your life know right now?**



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BIBLICAL KEY

"The Bible is a single unit, bound together by the theme of God and His relationship to humankind. Each book, section, paragraph, and verse works together with the others to reveal God's truth. That's why Scripture is best understood by relating its individual parts to the integrated whole." **Howard Hendricks *Living By the Book***

Every great leader has had a valuable time of training to prepare them for their calling.

2. With God, we often have to think backwards from the world's perspective. For example, Moses moving from future Pharaoh to shepherd was not a demotion. It was a step up not a step down, or you may want to say, it was moving towards God's calling not away from it. God's ways aren't our ways and sometimes we have to adjust our thinking so we can join Him in what He is doing.

Is there an area in your life that you've been seeing from a fleshly perspective, not realizing God's bigger purpose He's working? What is that area and what is God teaching you?

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8

"Desert wanderings in our life teach us our own insignificance. They teach us to guard against an attitude of self-importance."

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"But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day"

2 Peter 3:8

 TRUST GOD WITH THE PROCESS



reach

Considering what God revealed to you this week, choose to trust God's process this week and expect Him to do something special in your life.

Next week we will be anxiously awaiting your praise report about how the Master Potter shaped your character as you trusted Him.

