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MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION/PERSONAL GUIDES

WEEK OF
JULY 5, 2020



“The Joy of a Job”

[Tony Myles, Student Ministries Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

**The Big Picture: How you define the _____ job impacts
how you define a _____ job.**

God never wastes anything... and He hasn't intended for us to go on this difficult and challenging journey so that the end result will be that we just go back to what we were.

God wants to lead us to an extraordinary life. That kind of life is only possible by walking through painful circumstances and hard times.

A case study on work: The Israelites / Exodus

TENSION: Work vs Slavery (Exodus 1:11)

- Underneath every harsh boss is a _____ they can't shake.
- Even today, what we become from work flows from _____ we work, which flows from _____ we work, which flows from _____ we're working for.

TENSION: Clear Thinking vs Faulty Thinking (Exodus 1:15-17, 2:1-2)

- There's always another option that's deeper than your work _____.
- You're always sharing your “_____” at work—and what it's really in.

TENSION: Foundation vs Panic (Exodus 2:11-12)

- When we don't keep our eye on the ball, we'll _____ at anything.
- There is no autonomy. _____ answers to _____.

TENSION: Calling vs Job (Exodus 3:1-5)

- There appears to be a line between the _____ and _____.
- Treat your job like an ongoing _____ and not a daily _____.

TENSION: Participating vs Waiting (Exodus 4:1-3)

- It's easier to ask "What if they...?" than "What will I...?"
- God wants to speak transformation into everyone around us through us... we are all _____ workers.

TENSION: Normal vs Common (Exodus 5:1-2)

- Power doesn't inherently equal _____.
- It's easier to take a stand if you first _____.

Instead of back to the future:

- _____ for the Boss (Colossians 3:23-24)
- _____ like a boss (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12)
- _____ into your boss (Hebrews 13:17)
- _____ or face a loss (Exodus 20:8)

Don't miss this: _____ will reveal who and what you've really been working for. Why not decide now who and what that will be?

*Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!
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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: Who is your favorite cartoon character from your childhood, and what is it that you like best about them?

1. What was your first job, and how do you think it shaped how you've viewed your subsequent jobs?
2. Pastor Tony explained that God gave us work as a gift. Have you ever thought of work that way?
3. Who do you work for and how does that fact impact your work?
4. How do you struggle with the tension of "Clear Thinking vs Faulty Thinking"?
How about the tension of "Foundation vs Panic"?
5. Pastor Tony stated in the Message Notes that *"Power doesn't inherently equal leadership."* Many of us have probably seen this in a negative way. When have you experienced this in a positive way?
6. Read through the final 4 passages listed in the Message Notes (Colossians 3:23-24, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, Hebrews 13:17 and Exodus 20:8) and discuss what it means to Work for the Boss, Care like a boss, Invest into your boss and Rest or face a loss.
7. In his conclusion, Pastor Tony indicated *"retirement will reveal who and what you've really been working for."* How might this perspective help you this week as you consider your job/career (or your retirement if you're lucky enough to be in this phase of life)?

PERSONAL GUIDE

DAY 1: [1 Peter 1](#)

DAY 2: [1 Peter 2](#)

DAY 3: [1 Peter 3](#)

DAY 4: [1 Peter 4](#)

DAY 5: [1 Peter 5](#)





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- It's easier to take a stand if you first SIT DOWN.

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