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How to Thrive in Good Times

Pastor Derwin L. Gray – August 6, 2017

1. Open in prayer:

Father of all love and mercy, in the Name of Your Son who gave His life to give us His life, and by the Holy Spirit's power, bless us to never forget You in good times. In Jesus Name, amen.

2. Pastor Derwin taught, "You are in God's story, not your own."

a. God's story is a story of redemption (setting slaves free). Just as Israel was in slavery in Egypt, every person is born in need of redemption from a new slave master named sin, death, and evil.

b. As God's new people, we are in the wilderness journeying to the Promised Land, which is the New Heavens and New Earth. Just as Israel forgot God in good times, we tend to do the same.

c. Why do you think we tend to forget God in the good times?

3. Pastor Derwin said, "Never forget who set you free from slavery: The Lord God."

a. Read Deuteronomy 8:11-14 and discuss.

b. Read Ephesians 1:7. How are Passover and the Day of Atonement expressed in this passage and what does this practically mean for your life?

c. Read Luke 22:20. How does Jesus establish His new covenant with His people?

4. Pastor Derwin preached, "Never forget why you've been set free from slavery: humility."
Read Deuteronomy 8:2-3 and 17-20.

a. Note: As God's people were moving into the Promised Land, humility would have given them the ability to glorify God by serving Him and by being His missionary people (Read Isaiah 49:6).

b. Note: Verses 17-20 are not teaching that everyone in Israel was wealthy, but that as a small, nomadic people, God would provide for their needs to be His people for His mission.

c. Discuss verses 19-20.

5. "Mission: UIO -- One Church. One Mission. Three Regions." on September 9, is the biggest, potentially most impactful opportunity TC has ever had to love on our community. Would you pray that Jesus would be glorified, the lost would come to know Jesus, and that every Transformer would participate?

6. Close in prayer.