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- When I justify my "little" _____
- When I think my _____ equates to God's *approval*

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- 2) God uses _____ because He is full of grace and mercy
- 3) How do I stop backsliding? Seek His _____ and _____
- 4) God's will for us is far greater than just _____ our current situation.

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- 1) Satan's best work is not his frontline assault of clear temptation, but his DECEITFUL LIES that convince us to turn from God and draw near to the world.

Three Warning Signs I am Backsliding:

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- When I listen to MY HEART
- When I justify my "little" SINS
- When I think my SUCCESS equates to God's *approval*

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- 2) God uses SINNERS because He is full of grace and mercy
- 3) How do I stop backsliding? Seek His MERCY and FORGIVENESS
- 4) God's will for us is far greater than just ESCAPING our current situation.

overcome by panic, and he 'said in his heart,' with no reference at all to the Lord. Never act in panic. Never act when your emotions are aroused and your blood is at the boiling point. ... If at any moment of tremendous pressure you feel that you *must* do something, that moment is the time when you will be apt to make the most tragic mistake in judgment. At that moment... *force* yourself into the presence of God, and I mean 'force yourself.' When you feel like flying off the handle, when you are a victim of depression, when you are in a mood of despair, when you are on the point of giving in, the last thing you want to do is to seek the Lord. You are too ashamed, and you feel that the only thing you can do is to act. Whatever you do, stand still! Wait until you have a word from the Lord: cast yourself on your knees and cry out to Jesus for mercy and for help."

- Alan Redpath, *The Making of a Man of God*

What would this look like practically in your life?

TAKING IT HOME

- 8) What do you most need to remember or put into practice from this week's message or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of October 2, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) In your family growing up, what did you learn about the definition of success?

QUICK REVIEW

- 2) In your own words, what happened in 1 Samuel 27?
- 3) How did God use this passage or message to teach, encourage, or challenge you? What questions did you have?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) David got into a lot of trouble because he was listening to his heart. What stands out to you from the following passages?

2 Corinthians 10:4-6 - "[4] For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, [5] casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, [6] and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."

1 Peter 1:13 - *"Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;"*

Proverbs 4:23 NLT - *"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."*

What do you think it means to "take every thought captive," "gird up the loins of your mind," or "guard your heart"?

What are some practical examples of what this looks like?

In what situation(s) is it hardest for you to take every thought captive?

5) In your opinion, what is the most important thing to learn from the following passage?

1 Peter 5:8-11 - *"[8] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. [10] But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. [11] To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."*

Why do you think Peter connects the idea of suffering with spiritual warfare or attacks?

6) What stands out to you from the following passages?

Romans 8:18, 28 - *"[18] For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ... [28] And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*

John 16:33 - *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

2 Corinthians 4:17 - *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,"*

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - *"[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, [4] who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."*

Which of the above is most comforting to you? Why?

7) Do you agree or disagree with the following quote? Why?

"David had failed to seek God in the matter of Nabal, being overcome by passion and temper. At Ziklag he was