

THE RISE  
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SUNDAY AT 9A, 10A,  
11A, 12P & 7P ET

## Part One: You Don't Need Really This Anymore // Carey Nieuwhof (May 17, 2020)

### Tips for Participating in Online Discussions:

- Turn on all the lights in your room.
- Mute yourself when you're listening to others.
- Use people's names a lot to draw each other in.
- Put your camera at eye level.
- Speak a little louder than normal.

**Message Recap:** The last 60 days have changed the world and your world like never before. Some of the things you used to put your hope and trust in crumbled overnight. So...what are you left with? Like a garage sale you may have had, you might discover in this pandemic that there are some things that used to have great value to you that you just don't want (or need) anymore.

**Bottom Line:** Some of the things you've lost aren't worth keeping. Other things are worth building your life on.

**Scripture:** [Job 1:13-22 NLT](#), [Job 42:1-6](#)

### Getting Started:

1. What have you lost so far in the crisis? What have you missed most, and why?
2. In what ways has the coronavirus disruption made you rethink what really matters?
3. What things have you lost or lost access to, that in the end, probably aren't worth keeping? Explain.

### Jumping In:

4. Using the garage-sale analogy Carey used in the message, is there anything in your former life that has so little value to you now that you'd be willing to give it away for free or even pay someone to take off your hands? Why? What changed?

### Read [Job 1:13-22](#)

5. What four catastrophic losses did Job experience in these verses? How quickly did these losses occur? Can you imagine how Job must have felt?
6. What did Job do after he heard all of his children died too (vs. 21)? What did he say? Carey said, "Job's instinct was to approach God instead of run from God". How can we

apply that in our lives, whether what we are grieving due to Covid or other grief we are experiencing?

7. Is there anything else that surprises, frustrates, encourages or challenges you in this passage?
8. What did Carey teach about the passage that you hadn't thought about previously? How does that play into your life situation today?

### Read [Job 42:1-6](#)

9. In Job 42:2-3 what conclusions about God and himself has Job come to through his time of suffering?
10. Job said, "Surely I spoke of things I did not understand." How do you see this happening in culture today? How do you navigate this so that you are respecting other's feelings and keeping discussion healthy?
11. In Job 42:5 how does Job describe the change in his relationship with God? What steps would you have to take to confidently respond to God the way Job did in verse 5?
12. Carey asked, "What is worth building your life on?" Have you been re-evaluating what you are building your life on? Is there anything you would be free to share with the group?

### Moving Forward:

This week, take some time to pray, reflect and discuss the message with your family or those closest to you. Ask them what part of your old shared life do they not miss? Then download and fill out the "[Our New Normal](#)" list (or see below) and make a tentative list of the things you want to discard moving forward. Be open...this list might grow and change as the series progresses. Make sure you discuss the list with your family or those closest to you and make it a group project.

### Prayer:

Read the final verses (below) and pray for each other that we would posture our hearts toward a full view of God.

Pray that we would place God as a higher importance than ourselves in a healthy way. As Carey invited us to do, consider what you need to confess to God (or maybe to each other) and pray a prayer of confession. If you've never prayed a prayer of confession, you can use this example below.

"God, you are merciful and loving. You are holy and just. You sent your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for my sins. God, I have not listened to your word, or obeyed your commands, and I am sorry. I have let my priorities become askew. I have \_\_\_\_\_ (name your personal, specific sins). But you are gracious and compassionate toward all you have made—including me.

God, I confess my sins. You said that if I confess my sins, you will forgive me from all unrighteousness. I come before you with a humble heart, asking for your forgiveness. Restore to me the joy of my salvation and renew a right spirit in me. I need you, Jesus and I love you. Thank you for loving me first. Amen."

## **Changing Your Mind**

Job 42:5-6 NIV

“My ears had heard of you  
but now my eyes have seen you.  
Therefore I despise myself  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

# THIS WEEK: OUR NEW NORMAL

**DISCARD**

**KEEP/FIND**

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