

UPSIDE DOWN • WEEK 3



Lose/Win-The Church and the Death of Stephen

Acts 6-8:4

Losing was (and is) _____.

- “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ says the Lord. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’” Jeremiah 29:11
- Acts 1-5

Losing was (and is) not the _____ of the story.

- Gospel spread (Acts 8:4-40)
- Greatest missionary converted (Acts 9:1-30)
- New barriers broken by Peter (Acts 10)
- Important church planted (Acts 11:19-21)

You lose when you find _____ in your circumstances.

“They answered, ‘Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do?’” John 6:30

Andy Stanley defines circumstantial faith as “What is happening now, what I’m feeling now, determines what I believe for now.”

- Faith shattered
- Stuck in doubt
- Live in compromise
- Miss out on God’s plan

You win when you live by _____ and confidence in God and his promises—not your circumstances.

“For we live by believing and not by seeing.” 2 Corinthians 5:7

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16

“Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled.” Romans 15:4



PERSONAL LIFE PLAN ACTION POINT

GOD'S ACTION Write in your prayer below for God to transform your life through what you learned today.

MY ACTION List one thing you will do this week to respond to today's message.



FOR FURTHER STUDY

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

PLP #11, Spirit-Filled Life; PLP #12, Bible Study



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