

MESSAGE NOTES

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Graduation – Defeating the Big D

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Romans 9:33 & 1 Peter 2:6 (NLT)

What began as odd and unique for the graduating class of 2020 has become a time of great disappointment. No one would have imagined such a senior year for you.

How do you deal with disappointment in a way that will cause you to both thrive and honor God?

1. Don't be surprised or sidetracked by **disappointment**. (John 16:33)
2. Refuse to **compare yourself** to others. (John 21:22)
3. Understand that God will **not explain everything** to you. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
4. Only God will **not disappoint** you. (1 Peter 2:6)

THE ONE THING:

Cling to the big picture: **Jesus will not disappoint you.**

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize 1 Peter 2:6 (NLT).
- Celebrate your accomplishments!
- Thank those who have walked alongside you.
- Refuse to give up.

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? How can we help? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time?
2. Read Luke 12:22-34 together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?
(Aim for a specific: "I will..." next step.)
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?
*(Name a specific person you want to **share with**.)*

If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org