

What is Divine Reversal and Why Does It Matter for You?

Why does Divine Reversal matter to me?

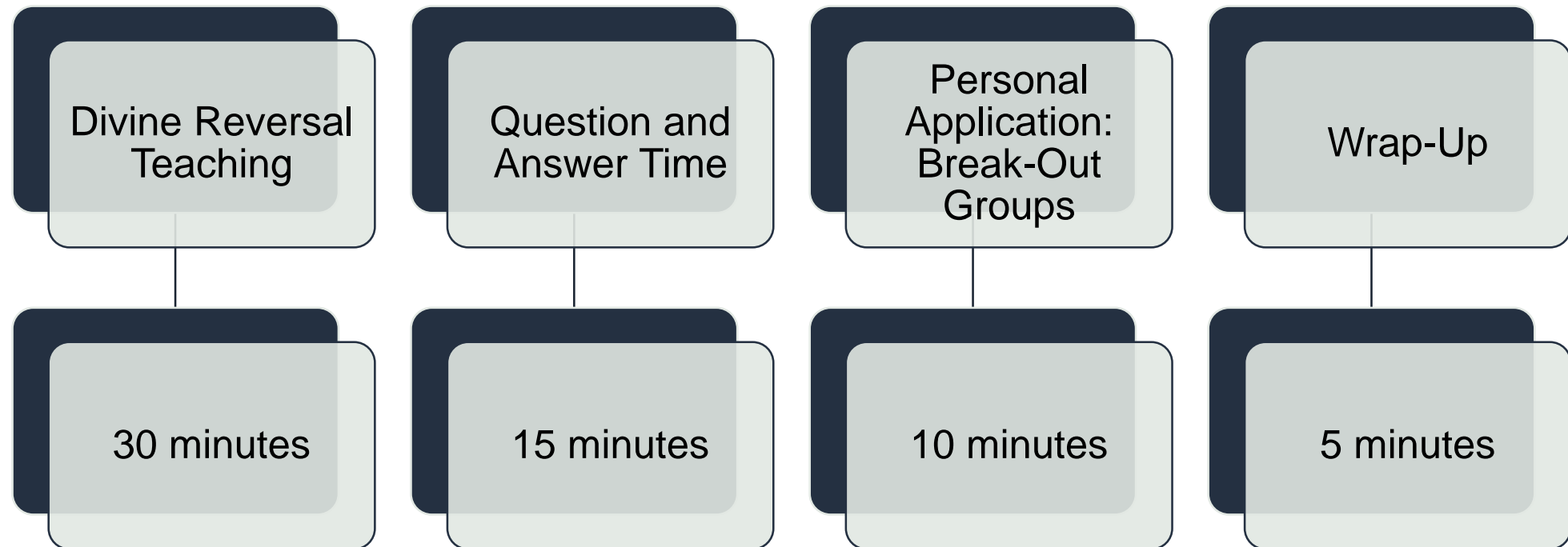
What is Divine Reversal?

Illustrations of Divine Reversal

Why does it matter to you?



Agenda

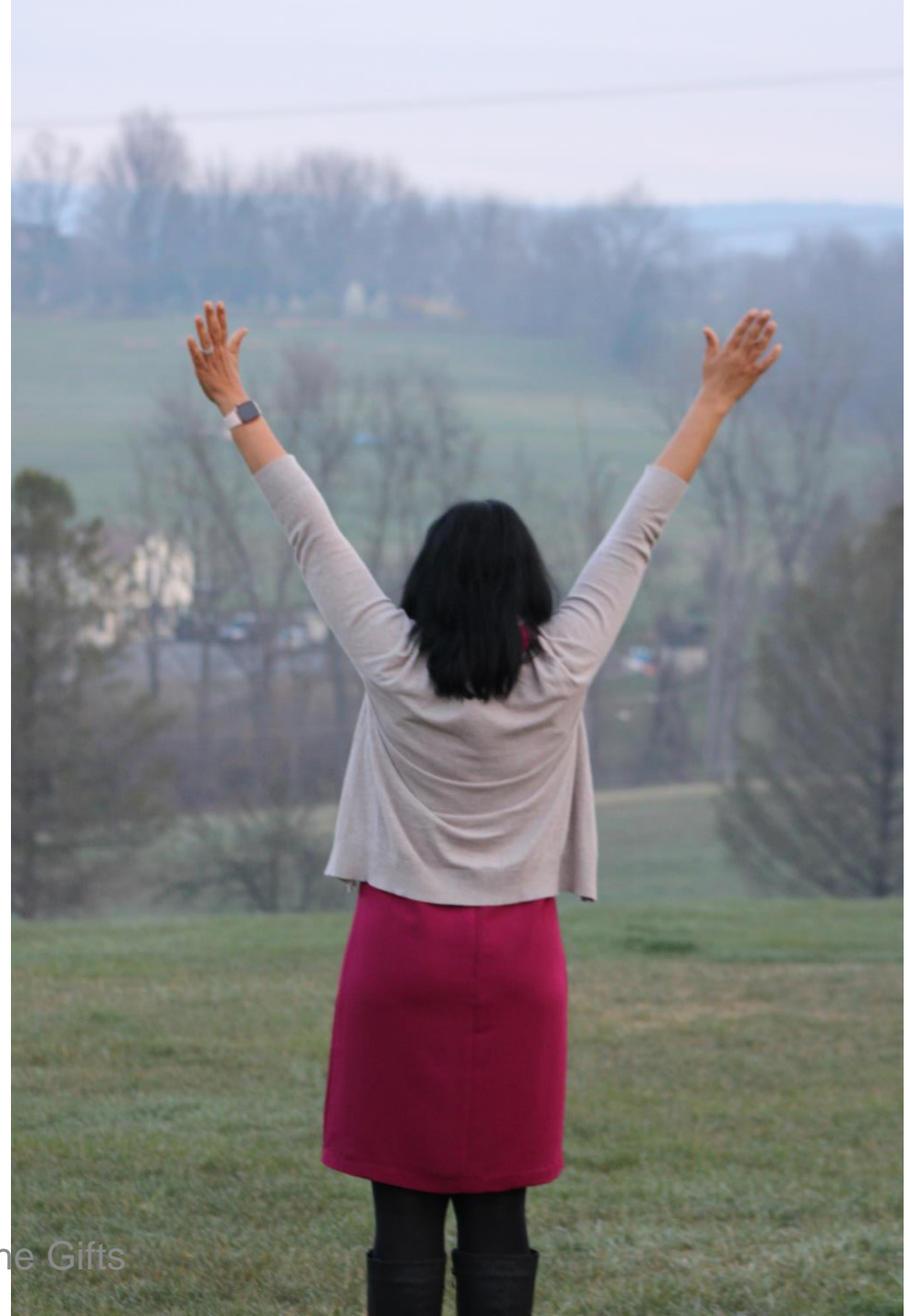


DIVINE REVERSAL



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Divine Reversal in my Parenting Journey

- The worst news of becoming pregnant metamorphosed into:
 - One of the best things that has happened to me.
- The shame of an exploitative relationship transformed into:
 - My greatest source of pride: The crown jewel of my daughter.
- “Mom, you treat me like garbage or dirt” at 8 years of age became:
 - “Mom, to the woman who I honor, love, and respect more and more each day. I’m so proud of you and us and just how far our relationship has come” at 23 years of age.
- A journey of single parenthood that began so poorly culminated victoriously.
 - A situation that no one would desire became a result that anyone would desire.

What is Divine Reversal?

- **Divine Reversals are supernatural transformations in which God turns devastating into amazing.**
 - **180-degree turns, not tweaks or adjustments**
 - **Radical inside-out transformations**
 - **Supernatural, not natural**
 - **Redemptive theme woven throughout Scripture from Genesis to Revelation**

Divine Reversal Examples

Evil to Good

Curses to
Blessings

Darkness to
Light

Old to New

Ashes to
Beauty

Brokenness
to
Wholeness

Shame to
Dignity

Forsaken to
Beloved


Mourning to
Joy

Wilderness
to Oasis

Barrenness
to
Fruitfulness

Devastation
to
Restoration

Death to Life



From
Darkness

To
Light

Genesis 1: 1-3 KJV

- In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- ² And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
- ³ And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.



From
Despair

To
Hope

Revelations 21: 4-5 KJV

- ⁴ And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- ⁵ And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.** And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.



Isaiah 51:3

KJV

For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Psalm 30: 11 AMP

- You have turned my mourning into dancing for me;
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,



Why Does Divine Reversal Matter to You?

What is Not Promised by Jesus

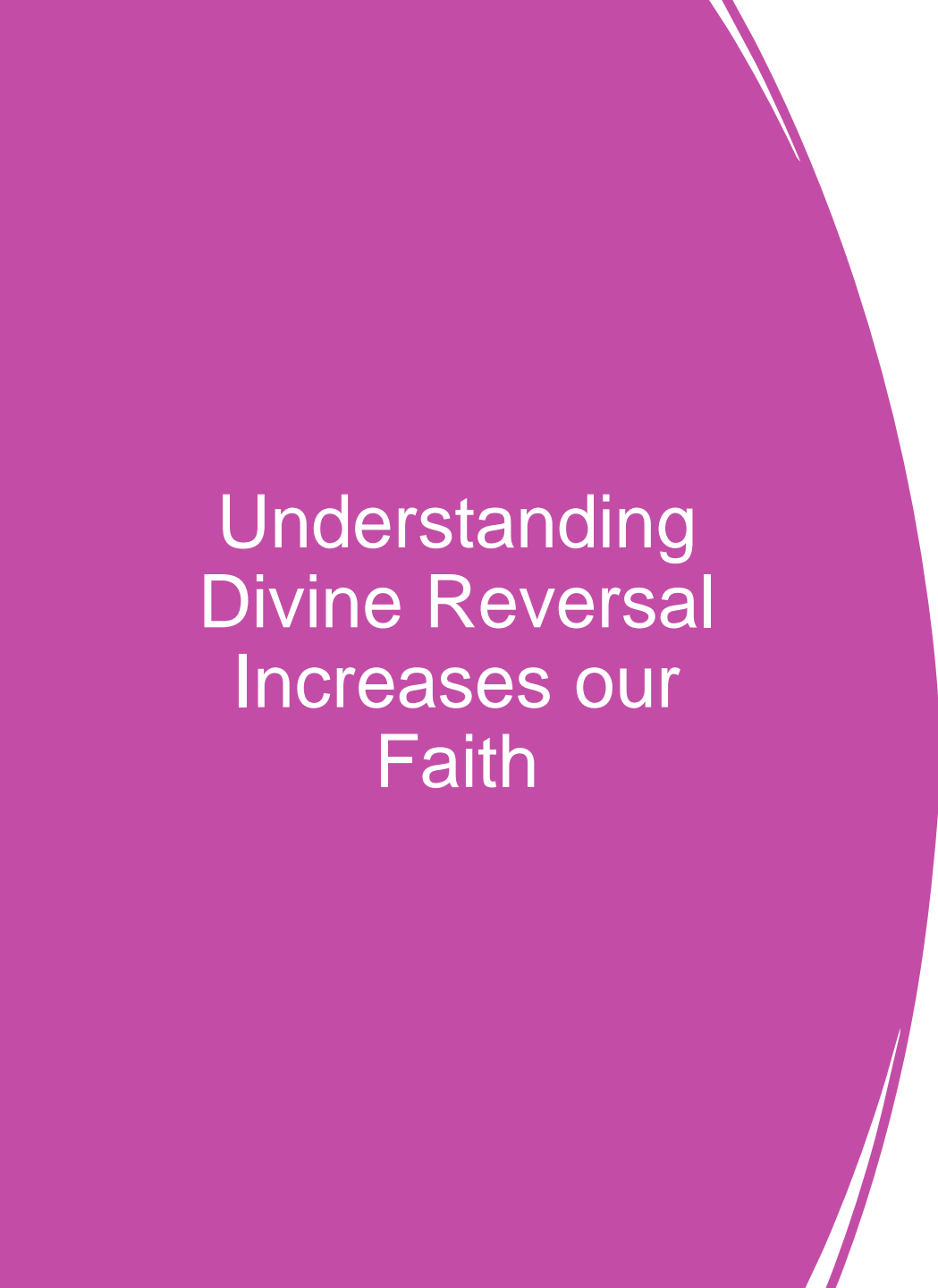
- No trouble, tribulation, trials, suffering, pain
- These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
 - John 16: 33 KJV

What is Promised?

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Understanding
Divine Reversal
Helps Us Pray
More Scripturally

- Questions that May Not be Answered in this Lifetime:
 - Why God why?
 - When God when?
- Questions that Are in Alignment with Scripture:
 - How are you going to turn my trial, tribulation, and suffering into something good?



Understanding
Divine Reversal
Increases our
Faith

- Seeing how God enacts 180-degree turnarounds expands our view of God.
- “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?”

Jeremiah 32:27 NASV

Bible Stories of Divine Reversal

- God does not just tell us about Divine Reversal. He shows us.
- The most powerful illustrations of Divine Reversal are through stories:
 - Joseph
 - Esther
 - David
 - Ruth
 - Paul

Comments? Questions?

What struck
you about
Divine
Reversal?

What more do
you want to
know?

Break Out Group Discussion Question

What About You?

How can you use the truth of divine reversal this week to encourage you?