



# VALLEY REAL LIFE

Word to the Wise| Encourages

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## Last Week

What did God show you this week about where you are in your faith journey? Were you able to read the Bible and share something you learned with someone else?

## Opener

Have you ever heard from God? Was it an audible voice? A strong inclination to do something? How did you know it was God?

## Questions

Paul experienced plenty of discouragement on his missionary journeys. Have you ever experienced discouragement when trying to serve Jesus?

What are some of the ways you have navigated through difficulty? Did you find it harder or easier to read God's Word during these times in your life?

What is the value of relationship in navigating through difficult times?

Have you ever tried to go through difficulty alone? Did this make it easier or harder for you?

Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:

Colossians 2:7, NLT "Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness."

*Read the verses out loud together*

*Share your observations*

*Discuss Application*

*Close in Prayer*

## Next Steps:

Take a look at your response to difficulty. Are you someone who seeks out others in hard times or do you tend to isolate? How can you prepare now to

make sure you are rooted in godly relationships before hard times come? Take some time this week to thank God for the relationships in your life.