Heart-to-Heart

What If... I Expected Jesus to Move My Attention from Comparison With Others to Contentment With Me?

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“With God, every day matters, every person counts. And that includes you. You do something no one else does; in a manner no one else does it. And when your uniqueness meets God’s purpose, both of you will rejoice.” - Max Lucado, The Cure for the Common Life

Talking Point: Tell a little bit about a season in your life when you felt very content, happy with your circumstances and relationships; a season that’s a very good memory for you.

“Expose yourself to the circumstances of God’s choice.” – Amy Carmichael, A Chance to Die

expose: subject or yield yourself to; surrender

At the root of comparison is ________________________________.

Jeremiah 29:1-14

Verse 11

New International Version: For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Amplified Version: For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,’ says the LORD, ‘plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope.

We always have one of two choices in response to unwanted circumstances, or discontent; we can surrender to ____________________ or we can surrender to ____________________.
Faith will work in the heart even when there’s doubt in the mind. Romans 10:17

What happens when we surrender to something other than faith?

Hebrews 10:35
Confidence comes from we choose contentment and understand that we already have a seat with Christ in the heavenly realms.

Personalize Jeremiah 29:11 on your INEX CARD.

Further Study
“Comparison is the thief of joy.” –Theodore Roosevelt

1. Read, Reflect and Personalize Jeremiah 1:4-12

2. Read Luke 15:25-32 but before you do, remind yourself what Heather says about the story...

“The older brother forgot he was seated. The Father says, “You are always with me, and everything I have is yours!” The older brother had the party every day. He could enjoy his father every day. Perhaps if the older brother had known that reality, he could indeed celebrate and rejoice about the ways the father blesses others.” (Pg. 58, Seated with Christ”)

Where do you see yourself in this story; are you the parent? The prodigal? The older sibling? What might the Lord be saying to you in regard to the story, and the character you relate to?

Write about what God shows you.