

Campfire Stories | Week #09

It's Just Not Worth It! | September 2nd and 5th

Anchor Verse: There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written. John 21:25

What's the Issue Anyway?

We have difficult work experiences when personal _____ clash with the institution's _____.

Professional opportunities often bring moral/ethical _____.

That Reminds me of the story of Shiphrah and Puah in Exodus 1:8-15

A long time ago a Hebrew named Joseph saved the _____.

Time has a cruel _____.

Joseph's legacy slowly faded and the Egyptians' _____ of the _____ slowly appeared.

Shiphrah and Puah shared a love for _____.

Pharaoh attempted to _____ their poverty for his gain.

Shiphrah and Puah were wise _____.

Don't Miss This

Some _____ aren't worth the cost to your soul.

What about my everyday, peacemaking life?

Will this behavior promote life or death in _____? (Exodus 1:16)

Will this behavior cause me to live a _____ - _____ life? (Exodus 1:17)

What actions can I take that are _____ with my morals and values? (Exodus 1:18-19)

What is your _____?

How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

When we live by the moral compass of Jesus, we discover life in the _____.

When we live by the moral compass of Jesus, we live in the _____ of God's blessing.

(Exodus 1:20)

What is God inviting you into today?

1. Read and study the moral compass of Jesus found in Matthew 5-7.
2. Take some time and ask God to show you any moral dilemmas that you might have in your profession.
3. Trust that the darkness you are experiencing right now is not the final chapter.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. Have you ever had a clash with a boss, coworker, or the work itself? What were the contributing factors? Did you learn anything about yourself through those difficulties?
2. Have you ever been asked to do something at work that went against your personal morals or values? How did you handle that situation?
3. What strikes you about Shiphrah and Puah's story? What do you find inspiring? What challenges you?
4. Morality is a "hot button" word these days. It is often used to shame people and label behavior as immoral. This often leads to exclusion, hatred, judgment and violence. How can grounding our morality in the Sermon on the Mount keep us from being people who exclude, judge or promote violence?