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WARM UP QUESTION: What did you think about your best friend or spouse when you first met? What did you think about your favorite television show the first time you saw it?

READ: In Christ, broken pieces become masterpieces. Answer to the name God calls you, not your experience or circumstances.

FOCUS: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10: Psalm 34

OBSERVE:

- The name “Jabez” means “brings pain.” The label or name given to Jabez at birth by his parents affected his identity and caused him some emotional turmoil. His mother cursed him and gave him a label that God did not give him. Labels can bring on emotional distress and pain.
- Oftentimes, there is a difference between what God says about us and what we are called or referred to as being - our labels. Labeling can contaminate and defile us when we accept what is contrary to God’s Word. It can also prevent us from fully functioning as God intended and designed us to be. Read Titus 1:15.
- God wants us to live by the names He calls us so we can walk in peace and freedom. He also wants to heal us from our brokenness and make us beautiful masterpieces.
- The Lord defines who we are, what our realities should be and our destinies.
- God hears us when we pray, He answers us and delivers us from our fears and anxieties. Jabez prayed and aligned himself with God’s Word by agreeing with God’s truth about him. This resulted in God changing his life and enlarging his territory.

REFLECT:

- What experiences have caused you pain and mental anguish throughout your life, and how have you navigated those challenges?
- Are you still facing any ongoing mental or spiritual struggles?

TAKE ACTION:

- Oppose what is contrary to God’s Word that is thought or stated about you by others.
- Continually pray, especially in times of desperation, to avoid making ill-advised decisions. Agree with Romans 8:12-17 and Ephesians 2:10. Believe and accept we are His children and heirs to the Kingdom of God.
- Seek to walk in alignment with the authority of God’s Word when challenged. We can find freedom and peace through the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

PRAY: *Holy Father, we submit to You and ask You to help us to align with what Your Word says about us. Help us to walk in freedom by delivering us from any dark and heavy place in our lives. We confess our distresses to You. You know where we are in life and what we need to do to live victoriously. Set us free, Holy Father, in Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.*