Turning a negative into a positive...

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Main Service
Acts 1:9-26

**Question:**
Is there something that has happened in your life recently that has left you feeling ____________?
How can we turn that negative ____________ or ______________ into a positive one?

- *Matthew 19:26 and Mark 10:27*
  In God's Word it seems Jesus is always turning a ______________ situation or circumstance into a ____________ ___.
- In the worst of worst situations He would teach us about the ______ that would be ______________ in the end of all possible bad seasons.

Right now God has given you the ____________ and ____________ you need to change that negative situation into a positive situation.
- *Jeremiah 29:11*

**The key to eliminating negative emotions is this:**

_______: *Mountain Moving Faith*

- *Matthew 17:20*

**7 Steps to changing your negative to a positive:**

1. __________ ________________ for yourself, your reactions and your situation.
2. The truth is nobody can make you feel negative, other than ____________.
3. If you think about things that make you feel unhappy or angry, without the faith and hope in Christ you are going to feel ____________.
4. If you place the responsibilities for the things that make you unhappy, unexcited, discouraged about your life, at the feet of Jesus you will feel completely different.
   a. You will feel ________________ and ________________.
   b. *Psalm 55:22*
5. The most important thing to remember about negative feelings is this: you have ____________ ______________ over the way you feel, the way you ________________ to any situation and the things you think about at any minute of the day.
6. Exercise your ability to respond ______________, take responsibility for your role in negative situations, and allow yourself to _____ ____ of negative feelings that might be trapped inside of you.

7. ________ ______ to take your negative situation and make it into a positive one.

**Two Observations:**

1. How can the disciples be positive when their Messiah, King, Rabbi, Friend, Mentor, hope, joy and love has just ______ them?

   **How can they be positive?**
   - *John 14:15-17*
   - *John 16:1-15*

2. How can the disciples of Jesus be positive when they have ____________ one of their very own betray Jesus and then kill themselves?

   **How can they be positive?**
   - God alone has the power and capability to take a ______________ ___________ and make it into a ______________ one.

   **God multiplies by subtraction**
   - Judas was gone but God’s word in verse 15 notes there were not just _______ of them but now there was ____________ of them

   **Why does He do that?**
   - He reveals to us that they were substantially greater in ___________ now than they have ever been.
   - It isn’t over it has just begun!
   - Don’t be down look around!

   If we allow God to work in our lives He will often will take away something _____________ we think is good and replace it with something far greater and _____________.
   - *Mark 8:36*
   - *Galatians 5:24*

   **Why does He remove something out of our lives?**
   1. So that we will __________so that He may ____________
   2. So our ______________will be more on Him than the things of this world
3. So we will be more ______________ in Him
   a. In our worship, actions and attitudes
   b. The more world you have in your life the less of Him you will respond to Him
4. So we will receive a ______________ ______________ of His blessings (Like Elisha)
5. We can see that His mission “the Gospel” is forever __________ ___________

**How can they be positive?**

- ________________ our greatest days are ahead of us, even though it may seem things are being taken away (multiplication through subtraction)
- ________________ that negative and bad things are going to happen (that is part of life) but God’s plans are for us are good and prosperous
- __________ ________ that we have the great almighty God with us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Guiding, comforting, helping us each step of the way.
  o All things are possible through Him.
- __________ ____________ as we serve Him and others
  o The greatest way to see the character of God is through the unconditional love of a follower serving and loving others

*Personal Notes and Thoughts:*
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