

UNPICKING THE PANDEMIC THIEF'S POCKET

Part 4 – What's My Purpose?

GOOD NEWS

- * It is possible to come back from this _____
& better _____ than we were before.

PURPOSE UNDER ATTACK

- * Without doubt, _____ opened up in our lives during the two lockdowns.
- * Our ability to meet _____, fulfil _____ & solve _____, so crucial to our sense of _____, was chronically challenged.
- * Overnight, some of the things we believed we were _____ were gone ... and we felt _____.

UNCOMFORTABLE QUESTIONS

1. What's left for me when tasks from which I derive my sense of _____ have gone?
2. What is this showing me about my _____?
3. I thought I was doing this _____, but perhaps it turns out I might have really been doing it _____.
4. What is my _____ in God, and what has actually been subtly twisted to making me feel _____?

JOHN 15:1-8

- * You are a _____ → That's your _____.
- * You also have a responsibility to _____ → That's your _____.

- * You are not a _____ because you produce _____; you're a _____ because you're a _____.
- * The significance of order: Because of your _____, you can have _____.
- * And out of that _____ flows _____ ... NOT the _____.
- * You don't find identity in the _____ of _____ . Identity comes _____ & _____.
- * _____ is what flows when you're _____ in your _____ & _____ in your _____.

SOME TRUTHS ABOUT PRUNING

1. Pruning is _____
2. Pruning is _____
3. Pruning is _____
4. Pruning is _____
5. Pruning is _____
6. Pruning is _____
7. Pruning _____
8. Pruning _____ in the form the Gardener wants.

THIS IS WHAT GOD'S BEEN UP TO

- a) God has used Covid saga to cut off _____.
- b) God used His pruning knife to file off sharp, jagged _____ → _____ that needed addressing.
- c) Some of what God has cut away could have been to _____ your _____ in a _____.
- d) After a while, skilfully pruned branches start to produce _____ of _____.