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## With #NoFilter, Our Circumstances Can Make Us Forget that God Is In Control

### The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

### The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see “The References” section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*



## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- It's a hot, sunny July and you're outside all day—which is worse: not having sunglasses OR not having sunscreen? Why?

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

**\*\*Before we get further into the discussion, as a Pr'me we're going to work on memorizing Psalm 119:11 this week. [read verse]\*\***

- Do you think it is easy for our circumstances to overwhelm us and make us lose our focus on God? Why? Has this ever happened to you?
- Our position compared to Jesus can seem a downer. Read **Colossians 1:15-17<sub>a</sub>** and review the 3 “reflections” that we need to look past.
- Now read **Colossians 1:17<sub>b</sub>**. Why is it a good thing that we're *not* in the same position as Jesus? How does this affect our circumstances?
- In the Point we looked at 5 things that we need to filter out, that could skew our perspective. Read each passage & discuss what's going on in the story. Then give examples of what this could look like for us today:
  - *our inability*: Exodus 4:10-12
  - *our hurt*: Job 38:1-9 [- 41:34]
  - *our understanding*: Romans 11:33-36
  - *our worry*: Habakkuk 2:20
  - *our fears*: Psalm 46:1-11
- Where are you right now? Have your circumstances caused you to forget that God is in control? Even though this is just the second week, share with your group which of these 5 things has been hard for you.
- Close by praying for those who share.

## The References

### Main Passage: Colossians 1:15-17 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

### Exodus 4:10-12 (NLT) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Then the Lord asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord?..."

### Job 38:1-9 [—41:34] (NLT) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind: "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words? Brace yourself like a man, because I have some questions for you, and you must answer them..."

### Romans 11:33-36 (NLT) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice?..

### Habakkuk 2:20 (NIV)

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

### Psalms 46:1-11 (NLT) \*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear... "Be still, and know that I am God!..."