

# BEAUTYFROMCHAOS



## LISTEN: Malachi 2:1-9

### SHARINGSTORIES

Malachi has powerful and important messages for us. Its echo resounded over the hundreds of years between when it was written and the first book of the New Testament was penned. God's message is just as relevant to us today as it was then. The Father has a lot He wants to tell us and an overwhelming desire for us to *hear* His message and make it real in our lives.

*How do you best connect with the Father (e.g. reading, music, nature, etc.)?*

*When was the last time you felt like you really "heard" the Father speak to you? Describe it.*

*What message do you think other people hear from you when they listen to your life?*

### DIGGINGIN

*What do we learn about how God feels when we fail to listen to and obey Him?*

*What would it look like for us to be cut off from the Father and His blessings?*

*In what areas do you need to come to your senses and mend your ways?*

*How are our lives supposed to look when we live as the priests we are?*

### GOINGDEEPER

Deuteronomy 6:3-9 is a well known passage. It was central to the Jewish belief system and remains a powerful message for Christians today. Read the verses aloud and answer one of the following questions.

*What is God asking of us and what is He promising us if we obey Him?*

*What is the full idea behind shema (listen) in these verses? How is listening described?*

*What would it look like for you to live out these words? Give specific examples.*

### PRAYER

Spend this time discerning how best pray for one another. Praise God for one specific item and petition Him for one request on their behalf.

*Praise God for a great marriage retreat. Ask God to bring healing and restoration to those marriages that are hurting in our church. Pray that the Father would continue guiding TCBC in all we do and especially as we plan for the future.*

### REFLECTION

*What one idea is the Spirit impressing on your mind and heart from this passage?*

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