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## Our World Is More Fragile Than We Thought

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What's fragile??  
Our **EMOTIONS**  
Our **FRIENDSHIPS**

### The last year just REVEALED how fragile things are.

The grass dries up, the flowers wither, when the wind sent by the LORD blows on them. Surely humanity is like grass. Isaiah 40:7

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

### God allows things to be fragile to help us loosen our grip on things here.

God's divine power has given us everything we need for life and for godliness. 2 Peter 1:3

How can I live in a Fragile World?

### Hold things loosely.

And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. 1 John 2:17

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal..." -Jesus, Matthew 6:19-20

"This world is fading away." 2 John 2:17a.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Jesus, Matthew 6:21

### Be thankful this world is fragile.

If I have put my trust in gold or called pure gold my security, if I have rejoiced in my great wealth because my hand had gained so much so that my heart was secretly enticed and my hand threw a kiss from my mouth, this would also be an iniquity to be judged, for I would have denied God. Job 31:24-25, 28

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. Hebrews 6:19

## Understand your importance.

"You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." -Jesus, Matthew 6:13-14

So encourage each other and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

## Be at peace.

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." -John 14:27

"My people have done two things wrong. They have abandoned me, the fountain of life-giving water. They have also dug their own wells, broken wells that can't hold water." Jeremiah 2:13

## Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup\*

What were your feelings when Covid first hit?

How has it revealed 'fragility' in our world? How do you feel about the world being so fragile?

Look at the above passages. What verses speak to you?

Read and talk about Jeremiah 2:13 What would you say to someone who is dismissive of God for making the world with so many problems? How would you explain to someone that living in a fragile world actually is better?

Read Matthew 6:13-14 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11. How are Christ followers all the more important in challenging times?

\*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org