

- I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. MEDITATION

- A. Review your class notes from Tuesday.

- Take some time to think about the main ideas of the lesson. Find the audio message on our website under the Resources tab. (www.DivineDesignDiscipleship.com).
- Which of the scriptures referenced were particularly meaningful to you? Write out those verses below and spend some time studying them this week.

- B. Rewrite your One Thing into a prayer, expressing your heart's desire for God to make this truth become your experience.

- C. Sing about what you're learning. It's helpful in connecting emotionally to the truth.

- III. Listen to the songs from this week's playlist to aid you in taking today's principles from your head to your heart.

This playlist and our master playlist for our "In the Vault" series can be found on our Divine Design Discipleship YouTube channel. (Be sure to subscribe to our channel!) Our 2021 playlist is also available on Spotify. See the handout provided with your notebook for instructions on how to access these resources.

IV. PRINCIPLES

These principles will help you understand and impact your Vault:

A. WHY THE VAULT?

- DDD is a community that follows Jesus' model of learning His truth in a life-on-life setting where we make application to our current circumstances. Welcome!
- Our new series, "In the Vault" serves as common ground for us to explore and apply.
- Why "The Vault"? In these difficult days of 2020- 2021 we desperately need to return the truth. We must solidify our most foundational beliefs and mindsets.
- God makes some amazing promises to us that we can count on in uncertain and shaky times: Isaiah 43:1-4 NLT-- The one who formed you says, "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. ²When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt as a ransom for your freedom; I gave Ethiopia and Seba in your place. ⁴Others were given in exchange for you. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you.
- What an immeasurable treasure! The truths contained in these verses are a great place to begin as we seek to stockpile some treasures in our Vaults this year.
- This passage addresses 2 questions worthy of our extensive investigation. Our life experience on this earth will be greatly impacted by the answers we find in our Vault:

At the center of my being, what things do I firmly and completely believe to be true?

Where is it that I ultimately go to find the security I was created to experience?

- Let's begin to identify what is actually in our Vault. Expect to find some faulty information and some false hopes there no matter how diligently you seek God.
- We'll be asking God to rid us of the false and to help us deeply believe His truth: Heb 12:27ff MSG—"Shaking" means a thorough housecleaning, getting rid of all the historical and religious junk so that the unshakable essentials stand clear and uncluttered. Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God. For God is not an indifferent bystander. He's actively cleaning house, torching all that needs to burn, and he won't quit until it's all cleansed. God himself is Fire!

- We will apply many different biblical principles to help us join God in this process. May we not stop short of a deep knowledge of the truth!
- Insights:

B. WHAT'S A VAULT?

- A Vault is “a secure place where valuables are stored.”(Dictionary.com)
- Hopefully, we all keep our valuables in a safe place. Ex: We keep passports, birth certificates and family diamonds in a safety deposit box or home safe.
- Doubtless, if you are a believer, it’s valid to assume that you place a high value on God and His Word.
- Because of its immense worth to us, we must safeguard God’s words to us. They are a sacred trust:
 - Ps 119:11-- Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
 - Ps 119:11 MSG-- I’ve banked your promises in the vault of my heart so I won’t sin myself bankrupt.
- For the purposes of this series, The Vault = Your Heart.
- Heart in Hebrew (Strong’s H3820): inner man, mind, will, heart, understanding
- In French the word for heart is “couer,” which can also be translated “core.”
- Our outer, physical core is more than just the abdominals. Our core includes many major muscle groups as well as smaller muscles found far beneath the surface.
- The core muscles provide functional strength for all of our activities and are intended to give us much needed balance that keeps us from pain and injury. (Jointventurespt.com)
- Likewise, our heart with all its component parts is the core of our internal lives. It serves an essential role in our daily functioning mentally, spiritually, and emotionally.
- Scripture speaks of our hearts as being the New Covenant equivalent of the Most Holy Place in the Old Testament, the place that God Himself inhabits: 1 Cor 1:22 NLT-- He has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything he has promised us.
- God considers our hearts to be His holy ground! Let’s think of them that way also.
- Further, as believers have been given His righteousness and new hearts that are bent toward the His Word and His ways: Heb 10:14,16 NLT-- By that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy...“This is the new covenant I will make

with my people on that day, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

- Considering the tremendous worth of our relationship with God and His words to us, let’s learn to appropriately guard and cherish them as priceless assets: Deut 4:9 AMP-- Pay attention and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your grandchildren [impressing these things on their mind and penetrating their heart with these truths]
- It’s God’s intention for us to allow His truth to penetrate to the core of our beings beyond just intellectual comprehension: Ps 51:6 NAS--You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.
- Consider the truths from Isaiah 43. How deeply did they land? Take a few moments to hold each one more closely, letting it touch your heart:
 - *“I have called you by name, you are Mine.”*
 - *“I will be with you,” no matter what happens.*
 - *“Others were given in exchange” for your freedom.*
 - *“You are precious to Me.”*
 - *“You are honored.”*
 - *“I love you.”*
- This message to us from God is worthy of processing until we come to believe it firmly and completely. These are target truths to put In the Vault.
- Insights:

C. WHERE’S OUR SECURITY?

- All human beings were born with a basic and legitimate need for security. We are always seeking after it whether we are aware of it or not.
- The meaning of secure in Hebrew is: a place of refuge, safety, both the fact (security) and the feeling (trust); assurance, confidence, hope, careless (Strong’s H987)

- Our need for security occurs on several levels. We will discover that all of us find ways of meeting those needs in both legitimate (biblical) and in illegitimate ways.
- Physical needs are essential and justifiable for every human life: Heb 13:5 NLT-- Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."
- Spiritually, we all want the assurance that our salvation is secure: Rom 8:33 AMP-- Who will bring any charge against God's elect (His chosen ones)? It is God who justifies us [declaring us blameless and putting us in a right relationship with Himself].
- The God who began our salvation will bring it to completion. He keeps both sides of the covenant of grace – His and ours!
- Emotional safety is a prerequisite for intimate connection in our relationships according to recent neurobiological research. (Gottman.com)
- A good synonym for emotional security is TRUST.
- God's original intent for us was to be completely secure: Adam and Eve were loved and provided for. They knew God's truth, and they had perfect freedom to do God's will. In short, they were secure; they had no shame and anxiety. They could be who they truly were. Perhaps you have experienced this kind of love and grace with someone. You can be exactly who you are. You do not need to hide your thoughts or feelings; you do not need to perform; you do not need to do anything to be loved. Someone knows the real you, and loves you anyway." (Henry Cloud, *Changes That Heal*)
- LISTENING MOMENT:
To what degree have you experienced that kind of security?

What's one recent example when you felt insecure?

- Great news: As God's child, you have one source of security that is unconditional and that can never be stolen or destroyed.
- Though we've fallen short of God's glory, He wants us to know Him deeply and that He has provided security for us: Isaiah 43:10-11 NLT—"You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God—there never has been, and there never will be. I, yes I, am the Lord, and there is no other Savior."
- Our challenge is to bank this truth in The Vault of our hearts by faith: God alone gives me the security I was made to experience.
- The more deeply we grasp the truth of our security in Him, the more easily we can let go of lesser things that promise security but are not able to come through for us.
- Insights:

II. CONTINUE TO PRACTICE

- Visit this section of the worksheet each week for reminders of the principles we have previously covered and some practical strategies for applying them.
- This week, pray for the Holy Spirit to help you recognize what is currently in your Vault. Be alert for times when your actions and emotions bring to light what you value highly.
- Spend some time prayerfully considering the questions we'll be exploring this year:

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Where is it that I ultimately go to find the security I was created to experience?

- Refer to the handout "Tools & Techniques: Spiritual Blessings." The truths and supporting references there are part of your inheritance. Target them for your Vault!
- Keep a record of what you discover in your notebook or spiritual journal. Come back next week ready to share what you experienced!
- Feel free to contact one of our leadership team if you have any questions or we can serve you in any other way:

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- NOTE: Permanent small groups for the year will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 28th. Please contact Kathy for more information about placement.