



EMBRACE CHAOS



Skill

Embrace Chaos is surrendering completely to Yahweh's sovereign leadership and uncontrollable reality of spiritual revivals and church planting movements.

Design

Embrace Chaos (explosion) > An explosion of fire and smoke illustrates the unpredictable nature of Spirit-led movements: when Yahweh's holy fire baptizes a network of disciples, they are filled to overflowing with faith and boldness and out the door they go multiplying the gospel! The **sketch** is a cloud, God's supernatural leadership of movements, and an explosion, the chaotic scattering of disciples throughout a region until there is No Place Left.

Story

Persecuted Church Scatters (Acts 8:1-8)

This story demonstrates Embrace Chaos as a kingdom skill because we clearly see the first church being persecuted, imprisoned, and stoned to death by governing authorities. The fall out from the rage-driven strategy of evil men to snuff out Jesus' followers was our Harvest Lord scattering His ambassadors throughout the mission fields of two nations with many signs and wonders!

Scriptures

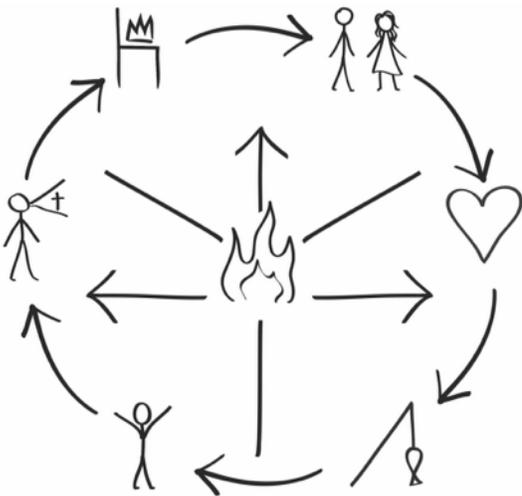
Genesis 45:7-8 > God sent me ahead of you to establish you as a remnant within the land and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. Therefore, it was not you who sold me into slavery, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Matthew 10:23 > When they persecute you in one town, escape to another. For I assure you: You will not have covered the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Lesson Summary

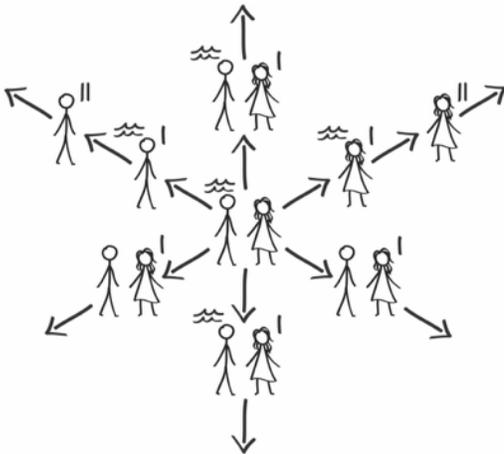
Embrace Chaos is Yahweh's invitation for every movement catalyst to surrender all desire for titles, positions, and control. Man's greatest wisdom and strategies are nothing: Yahweh's thoughts and plans are beyond us and our place in His coming kingdom is to abide in Him, listen to His daily revelation, and enjoy the King of kings multiplying fruitfulness through our lives and leadership (Isaiah 55:8-13). Jesus breaks through all of our expectations and messes up all of our carefully crafted plans. We must learn the wisdom of the ages wrapped up completely in catching our Father's heart daily through prayer (Mark 1:35-39).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?