

MESSAGE NOTES



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Message: How To Train Your Dragon
Speaker: Yayo Espinosa
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1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

The very things that make you "different" may be exactly what God wants to use to make a difference.

¹² There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT)

² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Sometimes doing what's "for the good of everyone" in the world's eyes isn't the same as doing what's right in God's eyes.

²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Romans 12:21 (NLT)

You can't always control what people say to you, but you can choose to live out the truth God says about you.

Sometimes God's greatest victories come when we choose to turn an enemy into a friend.

²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

God doesn't always call us to *defeat* the unknown; sometimes He calls us to be transformed through it.

The battles we fear often lead to the breakthrough we need.

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TAKE HOME SHEET



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Underline the words and phrases that stand out to you as you read.

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Key Truth: The very things that make you "different" may be exactly what God wants to use to make a difference.

What are some "differences" in you that you've seen as weaknesses, but could actually be strengths in God's hands?

How does this verse challenge the way we view others?

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Key Truth: You can't control what people say or do to you, but you can control how you respond.

Why is it so hard to respond with goodness when someone hurts us?

What's one "enemy" in your life you could treat as a friend this week?

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