

### Season 3

#### Episode 10: Tricia Tanaka is Dead

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#### Episode Information:

Hurley's discovery of an old, wrecked car on the island leads him on a mission of hope not only for himself, but for a fellow survivor in need of some faith. Meanwhile, Kate and Sawyer reunite with their fellow castaways, but Kate is still torn about leaving Jack behind with the Others.

#### New Characters:

- Lynn Karnoff - Psychic - Flashback off Island
- Tricia Tanaka - News Reporter - Flashback off Island

#### Overall Episode Discussion Theme:

- "Tricia Tanaka is Dead" deals primarily with Hurley's bad luck. In this particular lesson we will be focusing on him in the context of faith and whether or not we make our own luck.

#### Key Show Facts:

- Vincent reappears carrying a mummified arm holding a set of car keys.
- Upon following Vincent, Hurley discovers an overturned Volkswagen Bus.
- Hurley encourages Sawyer, Charlie, and Jin to assist him in getting the vehicle running again.
- Kate, Locke, and Sayid go in search of the French woman Roseau.
- Flashbacks reveal more about Hurley's past including insight into his relationship with his father.

#### Time for speculation on the show – Sample Topics

- Is Hurley actually cursed?

If you could look back on last week's show and plan this lesson... what would you focus on?

Review: What do we know about Hurley?

#### Scripture: **Hebrews 10:22-24 (NIV)**

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

- What does the teaching mean to you?
  - What is the main theme/point of the passage?
  - What does it imply in terms of how we come to be who we are?

#### **Clip 1 – Faith** – 0:00 – 3:00 – "Having Hope Is Never Stupid"

- How are hope and faith connected?
- What is faith?
  - In religion?
    - Can nonreligious people have faith?
  - In the secular world?

Definition: **faith** - *noun*

urbandictionary.com:

1. In Christian belief, one of the three Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, and Love) bestowed by God's grace upon the believer.

2. Insubstantial, irrational belief.

3a. To believe that someone or something will come through for you especially during difficult and sad times.

3b. An infamous slayer character from the series Buffy the Vampire Slayer played by Eliza Dushku.

- What do we have faith in?
  - ex. Friends, family, God, our own self?
  
- On the show, what characters are examples of having faith?
  - For each character mentioned
    - What or who do they have faith in?
    - Why?
  
- When we say we have faith in God...
  - What are we actually saying?
    - That God will see things our way?
    - That God will give us what we want?

### **Clip 2 – Faith – 23:24 – 26:17 – “There sure aint no hope here”**

- Hurley thinks he’s cursed...
  - Are our expectations and our wants always what are best for us?
  
- When Hurley talks about getting the car running Sawyer says, “If it’s hope you’re looking for you’re on the wrong island.”
  - Why does Sawyer say this?
  - Why is hope a bad thing to have on the island?
  
- Why is faith a hard thing to have in real life?
  - Is it like getting our hopes up?
    - Are we afraid to be let down?
      - What can lead to let downs?
        - Unrealistic expectations?

### **Clip 3 – Finding Yourself... – 34:59 – 39:38 – “There is no curse”**

- Is there a line on what we should expect from faith?
  - Where’s the line?
    - What’s reasonable?
    - What’s unreasonable?
  
- In order to avoid letdowns that challenge our faith what should we reasonably expect from...
  - Friends
  - Family
  - Ourselves
  - God
  
- Hurley’s dad tells him repeatedly that, “We make our own luck”
  - Do you think this is true?
  - If it is true, where is our faith placed?
    - Ourselves?
    - Fate?

**Devotional Activity: (Time expected 15 minutes)**

Trust Leans. One person will stand on short chair and lean into the arms of the rest of the group, who should be lined up facing one another, standing below. It is important to be very careful when performing this activity. Be sure you have enough people and that everyone understands the seriousness of careful behavior and need for safety. Go until everyone has had a chance to put their faith in the group.

Trust Ring. Smaller groups might choose to form a circle with one person in the middle. Everyone should be standing. The middle person will then close their eyes and lean in any direction. The ring of people around surrounding them should catch the person and gracefully and carefully push them in a different direction, to be caught by another member of the ring. Again, safety is very important. Go until everyone has had a chance to put their faith in the group.

**Further Speculation:**

- J.J. Abrams, the producer of the show, has said that LOST is a show about faith.
  - What does this mean?
- Is Locke right about the location of the “others” based on the direction Mr. Eko’s staff landed?
  - What does this reveal about Locke’s faith?

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Most recent episode also available at <http://dynamic.abc.go.com/streaming/landing> - streaming only.

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