

Season 3

Episode 12: Par Avion

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Episode Information:

Charlie exhibits peculiar behavior when Claire has an idea that could get everyone rescued. Meanwhile, tensions mount between Sayid and Locke as they continue their journey to rescue Jack.

New Characters:

- Mrs. Littleton - Claire's Mother - Flashback off Island
- Dr. Woodruff - Doctor - Flashback off Island

Overall Episode Discussion Theme:

- "Par Avion" deals primarily with Claire's relationships. In this particular lesson we will be focusing on her in the context of how she responds to her mother's health.

Key Show Facts:

- Kate, Sayid, and Locke continue their search for the Dharma "Barracks".
- Claire gathers several of the survivors to assist her in sending a message on the leg of a sea bird.
- Desmond discourages Charlie from participating in Claire's plan.
- Desmond reveals to Claire that he has foreseen Charlie's death on several occasions.
- Flashbacks reveal more about Claire's past including insight into her mother's medical condition and the revelation that Christian Shephard is her father.

Time for speculation on the show – Sample Topics

- Why does Jack seem so comfortable with the others?
- What does John Locke actually want from the others?

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 Claire?

Scripture: **Proverbs 4:23-27 (The Message)**

"Keep vigilant watch over your heart; that's where life starts. Don't talk out of both sides of your mouth; avoid careless banter, white lies, and gossip. Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions. Watch your step, and the road will stretch out smooth before you. Look neither right nor left; leave evil in the dust."

- What does the teaching mean to you?
 - What is the main theme/point of the passage?
 - What advice does it give?

Clip 1 – Life – 14:55 – 17:14 – "Where were you?"

- What are some free association words that come to mind when you hear the word "alive"?
- What is life?
 - The combination of physical factors (including respiration, the cardiac cycle, and other necessary functions that sustain the body).
 - The individual conscious act of living?

Definition: **life** - *noun*

urbandictionary.com:

3. Life's a test... do you pass?

- At age 4, success is...not peeing in your pants.
- At age 12, success is...having friends.
- At age 16, success is...having a driver's license.
- At age 20, success is...having sex.
- At age 35, success is...having money.
- At age 50, success is...having money.
- At age 60, success is...having sex.
- At age 70, success is...having a driver's license.
- At age 75, success is...having friends.
- At age 90, success is...not peeing in your pants.

4. A terminal disease contracted during birth and has a 100% mortality rate.

dictionary.com

1. the condition that distinguishes organisms from inorganic objects and dead organisms, being manifested by growth through metabolism, reproduction, and the power of adaptation to environment through changes originating internally.

Clip 2 – Life – 29:57 – 33:02 – “Do not keep your mother alive for the wrong reasons.”

- If you were in Claire’s position what would you choose to do?
 - Why does Christian Shephard encourage Claire to end Mrs. Littleton’s life?
 - What does he mean by the statement “Do not keep your mother alive for the wrong reasons?”
 - What are the wrong reasons?
 - What are the right reasons?
- If you knew you were going to be in Mrs. Littleton’s position what would you have done?
- For the purpose of the discussion (meaning no disrespect)
 - What do we know about the situation surrounding Terri Schiavo?
 - What were the arguments of Michael Schiavo?
 - What were the arguments of the Schindlers?
- In the Schiavo/Schindler legal battle, many religious advocacy groups on both sides claimed that God’s will was in question.
 - Are we playing God?
 - How would we be going against God’s will...
 - in the case that Terri was supposed to die, in 1990, the day she collapsed?
 - keeping her alive by artificial means.
 - in the case that God enabled man to create technologies that prolonged life?
 - not having patience or faith in the possibility that Terri would recover.
 - Which argument makes more sense to you?
- Why is it such a difficult decision?
 - What does scripture tell us that might give us comfort?

Clip 3 – Life – 36:18 – 39:28 – “It’s all my fault. I’m so sorry.”

- Without question, being alive is more than just breathing.
 - Do you believe that most people live?
 - Or, are they just alive?
 - What might prevent us from truly living life?
 - What can we do to improve our experience living?

- Charlie is faced with a different life crisis
 - What advice would you give him?
 - Claire tells him, "I'm not giving up on you either."
 - What does this say about her?
 - What does this say about her attitude toward the situation with her mother?

- Why did Claire choose to have her mother kept alive?
 - Is it for the right reasons?

Devotional Activity: (Take Home)

Fill out the attached living will. Think carefully about your wishes in the event you are ever in a compromised medical condition. The form is not an official document but should be taken very seriously. This document gives you the ability to map out your requests.

Further Speculation:

- Who is on Jacob's list? Who is perfect?

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

Scripture courtesy of <http://www.biblegateway.com>.

Definitions courtesy of <http://www.dictionary.com> and <http://www.urbandictionary.com>.

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