

WEEKLY GUIDE

APRIL 19, 2020

WATCH!

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TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

BIBLE VERSES:

LUKE 22:31-32

And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen others."

ROMANS 8:34, 38-39

"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us."

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

HEBREWS 7:24-25

"But because He remains forever, He holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is always able to save those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede for them."

HEBREWS 10:39

"We do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved."

A FEW MORE VERSES:

- Proverbs 28:1
- Isaiah 59:19
- Amos 9:9
- John 6:66-67
- Romans 8:31
- Ephesians 6:16
- Hebrews 10:23-25
- Hebrews 12:26-27
- James 4:7
- 1 Peter 5:8
- 1 John 2:1
- Revelation 2:10



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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. How does today's lesson speak about God's faithfulness? Think of a time when you experienced God's faithfulness in your life during a difficult time? How does God's unfailing love and faithfulness encourage you to worship? What are some ways you can return thanks and praise to God for His faithfulness?
2. Consider the lyrics of the song "Raise a Hallelujah." How does it relate to the lesson? What might singing in the presence of your enemies or in the middle of the storm represent to you? What does it mean to you to raise a "Hallelujah" in the middle of the current pandemic?
3. Do you feel like you're being sifted? What kinds of things might God be trying to accomplish in you during this time of sifting? What things are being shaken free from your life? Are you pressing in to God or shrinking back? How can you better lean into God during this time?
4. What does it mean that Christ alone is our cornerstone? What difference does this make when we are shaken? Why should we not "trust the sweetest frame?"
5. When you consider that Jesus is ever interceding on your behalf, how does this give you assurance? What did Jesus pray for Peter? Do you ever feel that your faith might fail you? What kinds of things test your faith?
6. How does spending time with God in prayer, meeting with others of like faith, reading His Word, or taking time to worship and praise Him, make a difference in strengthening your faith? Are you lacking in any of these areas?
7. What is God's purpose for allowing sifting in your life? How does God use the hard things you go through to help others? How can you help strengthen others who are weak?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray for our community, those most at risk, and all those serving on the front lines, especially our local healthcare workers.
2. Pray for our leaders at every level, for wisdom, discernment, and protection.
3. Pray for your neighbors and families who are adjusting to a new normal, working from home, kids in the home 24/7, etc. Pray for God's peace to reign in every home.
4. Pray for our students, many who have returned to school online. Pray especially for the class of 2020.
5. Pray for our local businesses, those who are out of work, and all who are being impacted financially.
6. Pray people would turn to Christ and be saved.
7. Pray for the Church to be the Church... a source of comfort and love.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Check in and encourage someone.
2. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without prejudice.
3. Reach out! Invite someone to visit us online!
4. Apply what you are learning every day.
5. Join us for our online Bible study this Thursday at 7 pm.
6. Pray daily! Check out www.unite714.com/weekly-prayer.
7. Take time for yourself. Get outside. Go for a walk.

