

WEEKLY GUIDE

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

1 ATTEND!

SUNDAYS
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

BIBLE READINGS:

Joshua 1:9; Psalm 56:3-4; Proverbs 22:13; Esther 3:13; Esther 4:11-14; Hebrews 11:24-27; Esther 4:15-17, 9:24-25; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10

READ ESTHER CHAPTERS 3 AND 4 FOR FULLER CONTEXT

PSALM 56:3-4

Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, I will praise His word. In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

JOSHUA 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

ESTHER 4:13-14

Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

ESTHER 4:15-16

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

ISAIAH 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 TALK!

DISCUSS THE
LESSONS

3 PRAY!

MAKE YOUR
REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD

4 DO!

PUT THE
LESSONS INTO
PRACTICE

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TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Take time to reflect on last week's lesson. Which lessons did you find most useful? How did you apply these lessons to your life? Did you have any opportunities to put them into practice?
2. Are you someone who likes to take risks or are you more likely to play it safe? How does this show up in your daily life? What are the positive aspects of living this way? What are the negative aspects? When is taking a risk a good thing?
3. How do excuses keep us from doing things we know we should do? What kinds of excuses do you use? Why do you think you use excuses? Is it easier to stay in your comfort zone and maintain status quo? How can excuses be disobedience in disguise? Why should we be honest with ourselves when it comes to excuse making?
4. Do you think most people are likely to think inaction has fewer consequences than action? Why or why not? What are the consequences of doing nothing? How might doing nothing be the wrong thing? What does our action or inaction say about what we really believe?
5. What kind of privileges do you feel you benefit from in your life? Is privilege generally earned or deserved? Did Esther deserve her royal position? Ultimately, how did Esther use her privileged position? Why should you see privilege as a blessing and how is it connected to responsibility?
6. Is life risk-free? What are some the risks of living life? What are some of the risks of being a Christian and following Jesus? Why should risk and fear not dictate how you live your life? How does courage help identify what matters most? Based on your fears what matters most to you?
7. What impacted you the most from the lesson today? What were your big takeaways? How will you put it into practice in your life this week?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that you will have courage face your lions this week. No excuses!
2. Pray that our country would turn to God and experience national revival and awakening.
3. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
4. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict of sin, righteousness, and the judgment to come.
5. Pray for the peace and prosperity of our cities and towns (Jeremiah 29:7).
6. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families to come to know Christ personally.
7. Pray that the Church would advance the Gospel courageously without fear.

THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Reach out. Share your faith. Encourage someone. Pray through your neighborhood.
2. Read God's Word and allow His Spirit to reveal, correct, and encourage you.
3. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love unconditionally. Be merciful!
4. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy. Be thankful!
5. Spend time with God in prayer. Let God fill you with His Holy Spirit.
6. Do something outside your comfort zone. Be courageous!
7. Invite someone to church... online or in person!

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK! SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!

