

Discussion Guide

Stronger Wk3

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Comfort Vs. Courage

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Main Idea

Today we're going to read in the Bible about great faith, a great decision, and what it looks like, to choose courage over comfort because God is and always will be consistent.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."

Additional Scripture: Genesis 18:9-15, 22:1-18

Know The Promise

As believers, we too need to know God. We need to make it our mission to study His word, His ways, and His promises over our lives. When we know the promise of who God is, we lay a foundation for what He can begin to do in our lives. What are your favorite promises of God? What makes them so special to you?

Don't Hesitate

Abraham understood the track record of God. They had history. Because of that, Abraham didn't hesitate to obey. He woke up early and followed through with what God had asked. What blessings may you have blocked because you hesitated to obey? What promises and blessings are you believing for today? How are you making yourself available to receive them?

Additional Scripture: Hebrews 11:17-19

Have Faith For What Follows

Comfort leaves you satisfied for a season, but being courageous with your time, your finances, your energy, your service, that builds a strong family. That builds a legacy. Comfort leaves you conformed while courage leaves you transformed. How can you tell if you are living with excuses or with discipline? What momentary “troubles” are you going through that will have a lasting positive impact?

Additional Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:17

SUMMARY

Are you choosing comfort over courage? If you want to get stronger you're going to have to get uncomfortable. We talk all the time about how you have to be stronger than your strongest excuse. Excuses make today EASY, but tomorrow HARD. Discipline makes today HARD, but tomorrow EASY.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Read through the story of Abraham and Sarah and put yourself in their shoes. How would you have responded to the promise? How would you respond to the request to sacrifice the very thing you were promised? What else can you learn from that Scripture?
2. Memorize Romans 12:2. Make a list of some ways that you need to be transformed and renewed in your mind.
3. Take some time this week to make a gratitude journal. Take a moment each day to write down a simple thing that you are thankful for.

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GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Miraculous Happenings

If you could be part of any miraculous or other happening recorded in Christian history, what would it be and why? For example, how would you feel if you were in Bethlehem at the time of the birth of Jesus, or in the midst of the parting of the Red Sea or amongst those who were miraculously healed at the Grotto in Lourdes, France in the 19th Century and beyond? As Christian icebreakers for kids, teens, or adults go, this game is a fantastic way to verify your group's knowledge, boost their imagination, and allow each member to express their deepest thoughts and feelings towards some of the most crucial Biblical events.