

Discussion Guide

The Summer Sessions Wk 4

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Any Day Now

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Main Idea

Even in the midst of trials, hardships, and setbacks (or two life sentences plus 105 years in prison), we can believe in faith that any day now is going to be my day.

Ephesians 6:13-18 (MGS)

Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

Read: Psalm 5:3; Isaiah 10:27

Faith Takes One Decision

You can decide today to put your decisions and behaviors into work - into action. Stop waiting on God to make the move when you can make the move. Where do you need to decide what you need to say No to, so you can say Yes to Jesus?

Read: Isaiah 1:19-20, 1 Timothy 4:7

Faith Moves From Glory to Glory

God's heart is to never leave you in pain. We can learn from it, but not be stuck. Even on our worst days, we have to believe that any day now things will be greater. What areas of life are you believing that God is bringing you from glory to glory?

Read: 2 Corinthians 3:18

Faith Brings Favor

Favor isn't about what you do. It's about who you are and who you decide to be. Where has God been bringing you favor? How can you use that favor to bless others?

Read: Isaiah 56:2

Faith Declares

We need to declare words of faith over our lives. If words can create this world we are living in, why wouldn't those same words be the key that brings your joy back? What weapons do you need to use to get your joy back?

Read: Psalm 107:20, 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 5:3

SUMMARY

Like Pete did while in prison, we need to make daily decisions to build our faith for our Any Day Now. It's more than just words. We take the weapons and learn to apply them. We use our story for His glory and watch God's favor work toward our future.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Pray over your Any Day Now with the expectation that it's coming soon!
2. Read Ephesians 6:13-18 throughout this week and be purposeful to make some specific decisions to apply it to your life.
3. Be aware of the favor that God has shown you and look for ways that you can use it to bless others in their journey of faith.
4. Mark your calendars for 21 Days of Prayer and fasting beginning August 6 through August 26. We will be hosting Saturday morning prayer (9am) at all of our campuses on August 12 and 19.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: This Week in Social Media

Instead of treating the smartphones in everyone's hand as a distraction, use them to get people talking. Ask everyone to pull out their smartphone and find their latest favorite picture, video or story on their social network of choice. (It doesn't have to be theirs. It might be a friend or family member's.) Have everyone share why it piques their interest.