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SESSION ONE

BLESS ME
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BLESS ME INDEED

INTRODUCTION

A. Who is Jabez?

⁹Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." 1 Chronicles 4:9

1. His mother called him _____
2. His God called him more _____

B. What did Jabez choose to pray?

¹⁰And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested.

1 Chronicles 4:10

1. Jabez believed God's nature is to _____

²⁷So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them. Genesis 1:27-28a

2. Jabez believed all he had to do was _____

¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

Matthew 7:11

³'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:3



PART ONE: THE PERSPECTIVE

A. God blesses you on the basis of His _____

⁶And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth." Exodus 34:6

²⁵But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:25 NLT

⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. Matthew 5:44-45

B. God blesses you as your request is _____

⁹"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:9-10 NLT

PART TWO: THE PRINCIPLES

A. God's blessing will convince you of your _____

⁷Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. ⁹The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

¹⁰Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." John 4:7-10 NLT

²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" ³⁰So the people came streaming from the village to see him. John 4:29-30 NLT

B. God's blessing will convince you of His _____

⁹So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the Lord. ¹⁰And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. 1 Samuel 1:9-10

²⁰So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

1 Samuel 1:20

PART THREE: THE PRACTICAL STEPS

A. Ask for God's blessing _____

²Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

²⁴Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. Mark 11:24

¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. James 5:17-18

B. Acknowledge God's blessing _____

³⁹"Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:39

⁴⁶And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁹For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name."

Luke 1:46-47, 49

CONCLUSION

¹Lord, I will worship You with extended hands as my whole heart explodes with praise! I will tell everyone everywhere about Your wonderful works and how Your marvelous miracles exceed expectations! Psalm 9:1 TPT

Blessings to Share

Using the number in the first column to find a person's birth "day", pray the corresponding Blessing over them, using their name in the blank provided.

Birth Day	Blessing
1	_____, I bless you with knowing that you are unique and precious to God. May you understand His rich mercy as you face difficulties and challenges. I bless you to experience His mercies that are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
2	_____, I bless you with freedom from any fear that may tempt you to doubt God's power. May you choose to fight fear with faith. Be blessed to know that others before you have struggled with fear as well. (Psalm 56:3-4)
3	_____, I bless you to be strong and courageous in stepping out in faith when God leads you into new adventures. May you enjoy the excitement of being able to serve Him. Be blessed to know He promises to go before you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)
4	_____, I bless you to know that God is faithful because of who He is. May you experience that even if you fail, He will do in you all His good pleasure. Be blessed to believe this truth with all your heart. (1 Thessalonians 5:24)
5	_____, I bless you to experience the joy your Father has as He sings over you. May you realize that He made you for fellowship with Him. Be blessed to be quiet in His unfailing love. (Zephaniah 3:17)
6	_____, I bless you with the confidence that whatever takes place in your life, God will remain strong. May you take courage knowing that it gives Him the opportunity to show you His power. Be blessed knowing He is your sovereign God. (Habakkuk 3:17)
7	_____, I bless you with the ability to take all your concerns to God. May you feel the peace that comes when everything is shared with Him. Be blessed to know His peace which is beyond understanding. (Philippians 4:6-7)
8	_____, I bless you to experience for yourself the unconditional and unfailing love of God in all its dimensions. Be blessed to know His extravagant love for you is deeply intimate and enduring. (Ephesians 3:17-19a)

Birth Day	Blessing
9	_____, I bless you to believe that mighty angels have been assigned to watch over you. May you understand how valuable you are to your Father. I bless you to experience their protection in times of danger. (Psalm 91:11-12)
10	_____, I bless you with waking in the night to the reality that you are in God's thoughts. May your response be an attitude of gratefulness. Be blessed to know His thoughts of you are more in number than the sand. (Psalm 139:17-18)
11	_____, I bless you with a renewed hunger for the word of God. May you experience that His words are alive as you ask the Holy Spirit to teach you all things. Be blessed to hear God's truth and receive it deep within your spirit. (Hebrews 4:12)
12	_____, I bless you with the discipline to practice being aware of God's presence throughout your day. Believe His nearness isn't based on your feelings but the truth of His word. Be blessed to know in His presence there's joy beyond your imagination. (Psalm 16:11)
13	_____, I bless you with the assurance that God has unlimited resources. May you experience that there is nothing that He cannot provide for you. Be blessed to know He is waiting to supply every need you bring to Him. (Philippians 4:19)
14	_____, I bless you with the longing to wait silently for God alone. May you desire Him and seek His face before you seek His hand. Be blessed with a quiet soul. (Psalm 62:5-6)
15	_____, I bless you with being comforted in times of grief or sorrow by the only One who knows how to comfort you. May you be a comfort to others as well. Be blessed to know God never wastes our pain. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
16	_____, I bless you with the knowledge that God created you to face and solve your problems, not run away from them. Be blessed to know that He delights to give you solutions that you couldn't have imagined. (Isaiah 55:8-9)

Birth Day	Blessing
17	_____, I bless you in times of great joy to acknowledge that everything you love about your life is a gift from your kind, heavenly Father. Be blessed to remember to thank Him often for such extravagant love. (James 1:17)
18	_____, I bless you with remembering that you are invited to forget the past and look forward to what's ahead. Be blessed to know that God is not finished with you or anyone else yet. (Philippians 3:13-14)
19	_____, I bless you with faith that becomes increasingly strong and steady. May you look to Jesus, the author and completer of your faith, when others ridicule you for Jesus' sake. Be blessed knowing Jesus endured the cross for your sake. (Hebrews 12:2)
20	_____, I bless you with confidence, knowing that the God of hope will fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him. Be blessed as you allow this hope to overflow. (Romans 15:13)
21	_____, I bless you to understand God's intentions towards you are always for your good. May you be blessed to find His goodness greeting you each morning. (Jeremiah 29:11)
22	_____, I bless you with learning the secret of being content. May you view the good and bad circumstances of your life from God's perspective. Be blessed to do all things through His power. (Philippians 4:12-13)
23	_____, I bless you with wisdom from above that includes being willing to yield in your dealings with others. May you show those around you God's way of handling stress. Be blessed with making wise choices. (James 3:17)
24	_____, I bless you with extending grace when people disappoint or frustrate you. May your attitude inspire them to do the same towards others. Be blessed to know God gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6)
25	_____, I bless you with the determination to resist the enemy when you detect his devices against you. May you submit yourself to God first and be blessed to know your choices will make the enemy flee. (James 4:7)

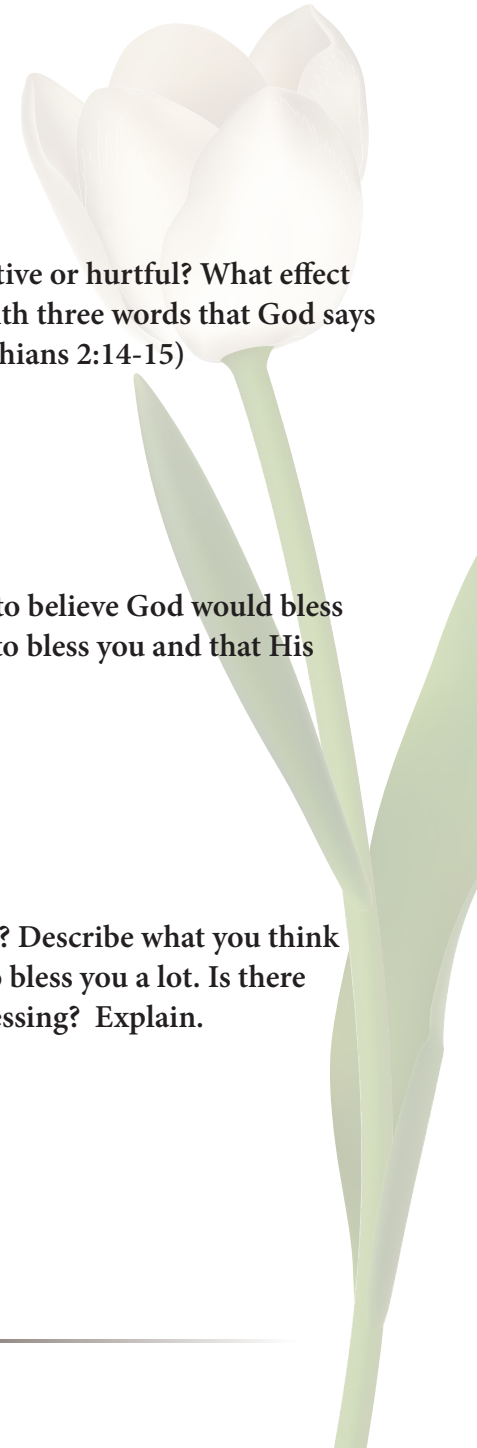
Birth Day	Blessing
26	_____, I bless you with a desire to meditate on the glorious splendor of God. May you speak of His awesome acts. Be blessed to declare His greatness throughout your day. (Psalm 145:5-6)
27	_____, I bless you with knowing when to fight and when to let the Lord fight for you. May you be faithful to put on the whole armor of God. Be blessed to know each piece is designed to give you victory. (Ephesians 6:10-17)
28	_____, I bless you to know that you were chosen before the foundation of the earth. May you bear fruit that brings glory to the Father. Be blessed to know your good fruit will remain. (John 15:16)
29	_____, I bless you with believing that God is merciful, gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth. May you believe the truth about who He is as He described Himself to Moses. (Exodus 34:5-6)
30	_____, I bless you with knowing the tender voice of your Shepherd. Your Good Shepherd will supply everything you need. Be blessed to know His love will pursue you all the days of your life. (Psalm 23:1)
31	_____, I bless you with a lifestyle that brings delight to your Father. May you use every opportunity to reflect His glory to a lost and lonely world. Be blessed to do all for the glory of God. (Colossians 3:17)



SESSION ONE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BLESS ME INDEED

1. What does the word “honorable” mean to you? Name a woman you know whom you consider honorable and why. Do you consider yourself honorable? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever been called a name that was negative or hurtful? What effect did it have on you? Can you describe yourself with three words that God says are true about you? (See 1 Peter 2:9-10; 2 Corinthians 2:14-15)
3. Despite his unfortunate beginning, Jabez chose to believe God would bless him. How much do you believe that God wants to bless you and that His nature is to bless?
4. Do you trust God to know how best to bless you? Describe what you think your life might look like if God reached down to bless you a lot. Is there anything stopping you from asking for God’s blessing? Explain.



SESSION TWO

ENLARGE MY TERRITORY



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INTRODUCTION

¹⁰And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, that You would . . . enlarge my territory . . .” So God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10

A. Define the territory of Jabez.

1. Jabez was a herdsman or _____
2. Jabez was asking for more land or _____

B. Define our territory.

1. Our territory includes our _____ in this world.

²⁶And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings. Acts 17:26

2. Our territory includes the _____ and

¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. James 1:17

PART ONE: THE PERSPECTIVE

A. God wants to enlarge our territory for more _____

¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, that God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

¹⁴Encourage the believers to be passionately devoted to beautiful works of righteousness by meeting the urgent needs of others and not be unfruitful. Titus 3:14 TPT

B. God wants to enlarge our territory to bring Him more _____

⁸"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."
John 15:8

⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:9-10 NIV

³¹Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.
1 Corinthians 10:31

PART TWO: THE PRINCIPLES

A. God can enlarge your territory through unexpected encounters that are Sovereignly _____

⁷And Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. ⁸So it was, when the king's command and decree were heard, and when many young women were gathered at Shushan the citadel, under the custody of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to the king's palace, into the care of Hegai the custodian of the women. Esther 2:7-8

B. God can enlarge your territory through your choice to be _____

⁶This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:6-7 NLT

¹⁷Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:17

⁴Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths.

⁵Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
On You I wait all the day. Psalm 25:4-5

PART THREE: THE PRACTICAL STEPS

A. Ask the question: "What do I love to do"?

Example: I love ministering to older people, children, teenagers, younger women. I love to write, teach, cook, sew, encourage, etc.

I love to:

B. Be creative with your time, talents and treasures.

Example: Secretly leave a bag of groceries on the doorstep of someone in need.

Other ideas:

C. Watch for open doors where God is already at work.

Example: Get involved in your church, Christian organizations, and other ministries you support, financially or in prayer.

For me, this would include:

CONCLUSION

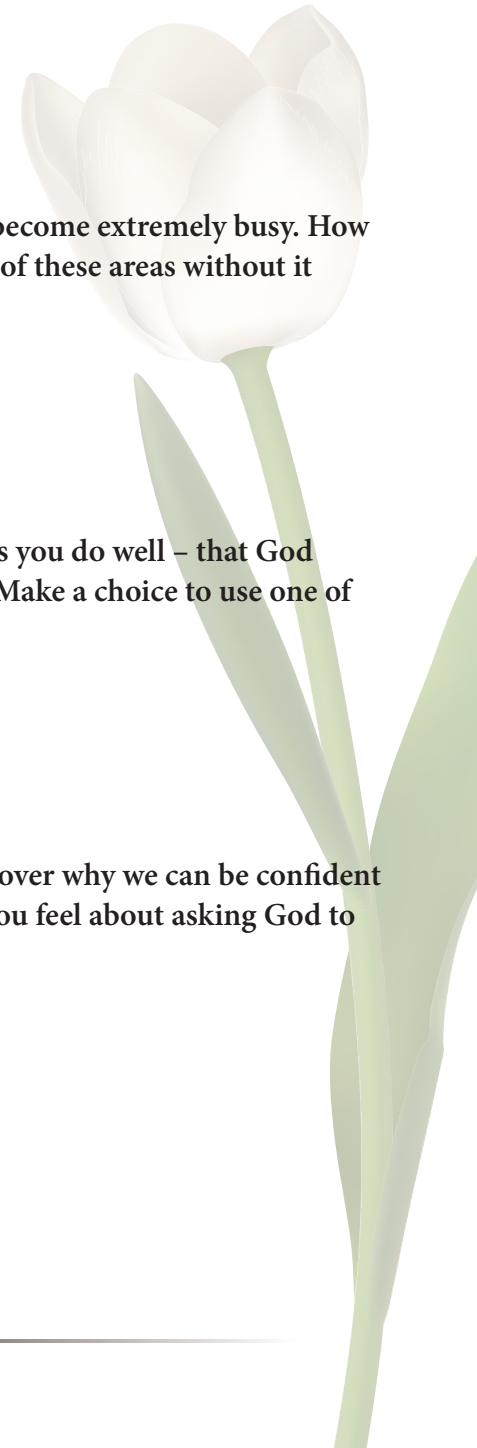
¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:17



SESSION TWO DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ENLARGE MY TERRITORY

1. Describe your personal territory. Are you satisfied with the size and scope of your territory right now? Explain your answer.
2. Name specific areas in which we as women can become extremely busy. How might God allow us to do more for Him in each of these areas without it being “more to do”?
3. Write down three of your gifts or talents – things you do well – that God could use to encourage or help another person. Make a choice to use one of them this week to do “more for Him.”
4. Read Psalm 46:1-3 and 2 Corinthians 9:8 to discover why we can be confident as we ask for increased opportunities. How do you feel about asking God to enlarge your territory?





Session Three

PUT YOUR HAND ON ME

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INTRODUCTION

¹⁰And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, . . . that Your hand would be with me . . .” So God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10

A. Why did Jabez ask for God’s Hand to be with him?

1. His success was _____ by the Hand of God.
2. His total _____ was on the Hand of God.

B. What did Jabez know about the Hand of God?

¹⁵And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord our God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm.

Deuteronomy 5:15a

1. Jabez knew the Hand of God represented His Presence, His Provision, His Protection and His _____
2. Jabez counted on the Hand of God to be with him

PART ONE: THE PERSPECTIVE

A. The Hand of God is _____

²⁷“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?”

Jeremiah 32:27

¹²“O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.” 2 Chronicles 20:12

¹⁵And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God’s.’” 2 Chronicles 20:15

²²Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. 2 Chronicles 20:22

B. The Hand of God was displayed in the life of _____

³³And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" Matthew 9:33

⁸Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. Matthew 9:8

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. John 16:7

²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. John 14:26

PART TWO: THE PRINCIPLES

A. The Hand of God is needed to face _____ and _____

¹³No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

³³"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation (state of great stress, trouble or suffering); but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33

B. The Hand of God is needed for our God-given _____

¹⁴When I think of (the wisdom and scope of God's plan), I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, ¹⁵the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. ¹⁶I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit. Ephesians 3:14-16 NLT

¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

C. The Hand of God is needed in times of _____

¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!
For my soul trusts in You;
And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge,
Until these calamities have passed by. Psalm 57:1

¹⁷Even though the fig trees have no blossoms,
and there are no grapes on the vines;
even though the olive crop fails,
and the fields lie empty and barren;
even though the flocks die in the fields,
and the cattle barns are empty,
¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the Lord!
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!
¹⁹The Sovereign Lord is my strength!
He makes me as surefooted as a deer,
able to tread upon the heights. Habakkuk 3:17-19 NLT

PART THREE: THE PRACTICAL STEPS

A. Choose to ask for the hand of God _____

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:6 NIV

⁹And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

¹⁵For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
"I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isaiah 57:15

B. Choose to ask for the hand of God _____

⁵My soul, wait silently for God alone,
For my [hope] is from Him. Psalm 62:5

¹¹You will show me the path of life;
In Your presence is fullness of joy;
At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Psalm 16:11

CONCLUSION

¹He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1

The Secret Place

*You call me to the secret place where You and I abide,
Where not another soul can know the things that we confide.*

*The longings of my heart are poured on Your attentive ear.
Your smile and gentle comfort cast out all my hidden fear.*

*You wrap me in Your arms of love, I hear You say, "Be still,
Wait silently for Me alone, content to do My will!"*

*You fill the empty places with Your truth that sets me free,
To plunge into Your grace as mercy pours all over me.*

*I come away refreshed, convinced My God does all things well.
The secret place where You await is where I'm meant to dwell.*



SESSION THREE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS PUT YOUR HAND ON ME

1. Describe a time when you knew God's hand was on you in a frightening or overwhelming situation. What happened? How did you recognize God's power or provision at work?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. After Paul pleaded with the Lord, what became his response to his own situation? Discuss the ways that we respond when we're overwhelmed or convinced that God's hand on us is not enough.
3. How does the statement of Jesus in Mark 10:27 convince us that God's hand on us will make a difference?
4. Look at Jesus' response in Matthew 26:39. Why is it sometimes difficult to depend completely on God? Name some of the fears we face when we depend upon God's hand to empower us.

SESSION FOUR

KEEP ME FROM EVIL

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KEEP ME FROM EVIL

INTRODUCTION

¹⁰And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, “Oh, . . . that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!” . . . So God granted him what he requested.

1 Chronicles 4:10

A. “Evil” means corrupt or _____

⁵Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

B. “Keep me” requests that God _____

⁹Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, And from the traps of the workers of iniquity. Psalm 141:9

C. “Pain” means to hurt or experience _____

⁶And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. Genesis 6:6

³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

PART ONE: THE PERSPECTIVE

A. God will keep you from evil if you _____

¹³And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Matthew 6:13 KJV

⁴Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
Preserve me from violent men,
Who have purposed to make my steps stumble. Psalm 140:4

⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8

⁸Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him. ¹¹Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices. 2 Corinthians 2:8, 11

B. God will keep you from evil to protect others from _____

²¹It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. Romans 14:21

¹⁹Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. ²¹Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Genesis 50:19-21

¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7

PART TWO: THE PRINCIPLES

A. Choose to resist being ensnared by your _____

¹Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

³⁶“But I say to you that for every idle word man may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Matthew 12:36-37

²⁹Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. Ephesians 4:29 NLT

¹⁴Do everything without complaining and arguing, ¹⁵so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Philippians 2:14-15 NLT

B. Choose to resist being ensnared by your _____

⁸“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. Isaiah 55:8

¹⁶For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

PART THREE: THE PRACTICAL STEPS

A. Ask God to keep you from evil with _____

³Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, In this I will be confident. Psalm 27:3

¹⁵Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15

³But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

B. Ask God to keep you from evil with _____

¹⁶Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:14-17

¹⁴Wait on the Lord; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord! Psalm 27:14



CONCLUSION

¹⁸And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen! ²Timothy 4:18



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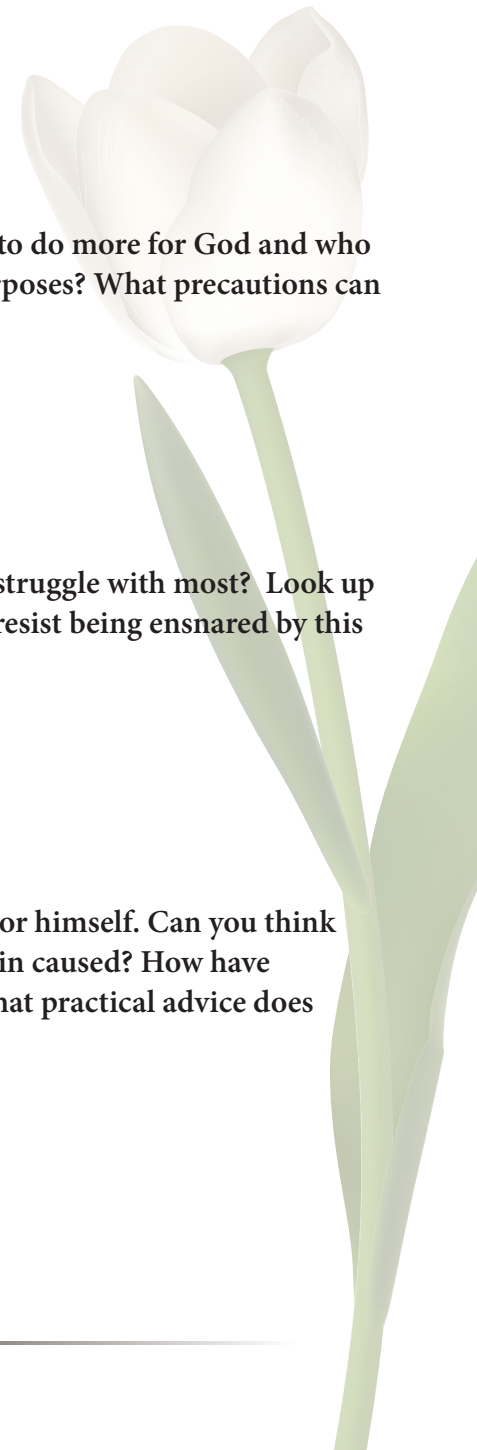
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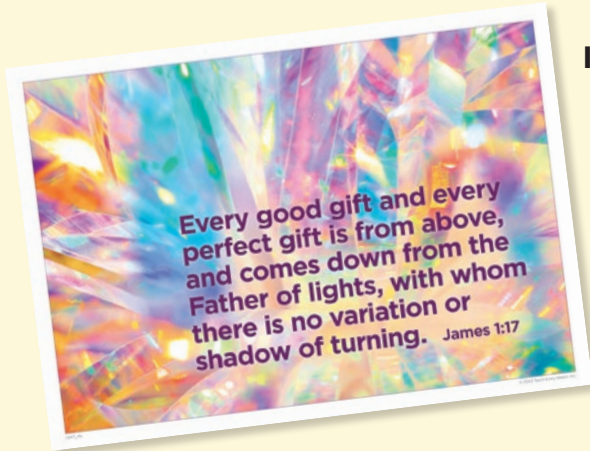
SESSION FOUR DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

KEEP ME FROM EVIL

1. When we regard God as holy, how does it change our perspective on evil? In our culture, what would the average person consider "evil"?
2. Why does Satan seek to devour those who want to do more for God and who depend upon God's Spirit to accomplish His purposes? What precautions can we take as we seek to understand his devices?
3. Which of the two sins that we discussed do you struggle with most? Look up some verses to use when you are determined to resist being ensnared by this sin.
4. Jabez didn't desire to cause pain to God, others, or himself. Can you think of a time when you experienced pain that your sin caused? How have you experienced pain from the sin of others? What practical advice does Ephesians 4:31-32 give to us?



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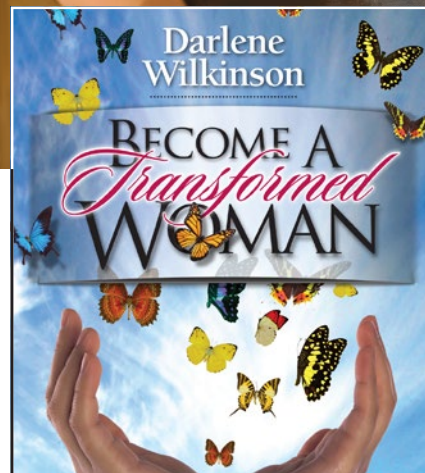


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