

WILD *at* HEART ADVANCED



SESSION QUESTIONS

COMPANION TO THE LIVE ADVANCED VIDEO SERIES

===== GETTING STARTED =====

The fact that you're holding this in your hands puts you in a rare category of men—those hungry and brave enough to want more. More freedom, more life, more of God.

Here's a brief roadmap to maximize your experience with this series:

- This booklet provides questions for each session that you can talk through with your group or use for personal reflection. Feel free to copy the questions from this booklet for each man in your group.
- The sessions are from a live Advanced filmed in Colorado. Use this series in a variety of ways—watch the DVDs straight through as a refresher, take a small group through the sessions or lead your own *Wild at Heart Advanced* event.
- Where movie clips are referenced, you'll want to have the scenes ready based on the film cues in the appendix of this booklet. Hollywood doesn't allow us to include the movie clips on these DVD's—so we'll set up each clip and then the DVD will cue you to show it before continuing on with the teaching session.
- Don't rush through the sessions. Take time to review the questions, spend time with God and watch how he'll guide each man on a path to healing and freedom.

WALKING WITH GOD

- 1) How have you listened to the voice of God in the past, even when it seems counterintuitive to where you were in life? What gifts did he have for you in following him?
- 2) What is keeping you from living the freedom God has for you? What agreement(s) do you need to renounce? Ask God to reveal why you are hiding there. Ask him to meet and heal you in those places.

Some suggestions for hearing the voice of God in listening prayer:

- Quiet yourself before God, paying attention to any fear and pre-occupation.
- Surrender yourself, aligning your inner world with God. Center yourself there.
- As you *learn* this, ask simple questions initially rather than starting with urgent matters.
- Be careful not to enter in with an agenda. That will make it difficult to trust what you are hearing, and hard to hear the answer if it's opposite of what you hope for. Surrendering—and letting go of your self-determination—will draw you into conversational intimacy.

- Ask: “Lord, are you saying yes?” (Listen) “Lord are you saying no?” (Listen) In a sense you are trying on answers, but you are not filling in the blanks. At this point, you may need to command all other voices to silence in the name of Jesus Christ.
- When you hit places you can’t hear, it’s very important to ask “Why God?”
 - o It may be warfare and that needs to be addressed. What unresolved issues do you have towards God?
 - o Ask what is in the way, bringing the work of Christ between you and the enemy. It may be agreements.
 - o It may be that you are asking the wrong question. Ask God to provide the right question, and he will take you where you really need to be.
 - o Sometimes the best thing to do is to let it go for now and try again another time. And sometimes it is helpful to ask other people to listen on your behalf.
 - o Whatever it is, ask Jesus to come into it and prepare the way for you.
- When God has given you an answer, remember to ask the next question. For example: “Lord, can I quit my job?” “Yes.” It’s then important to follow up with asking God, “When?”

WARFARE - ADVANCED

- 1) We live in a world at war. It's important to be reminded that even though it's been hard, you are *not* blowing it, nor have you been abandoned. It's how God honors you, and how you are trained. Do you find yourself resisting or embracing this training from God?

- 2) Have you had experiences of God speaking to you? What has he said?

- 3) Are you in the habit of breaking off agreements? What are you fighting for in your life now?

- 4) What are your weapons for warfare? What battles have sharpened your warrior skills? Remember, you have a choice—to engage in battle or to surrender. Choose wisely.

- 5) How are you fighting for the spiritual freedom of others? When and for whom?

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THE WOUND AND HEALING

- 1) Often it feels like there are young places inside of us.
(*Isaiah 61—I have come to heal the brokenhearted*)
Where is God coming for you *as a boy*? Invite him into that memory; ask him for resolution.
- 2) How do you feel towards that place of brokenness in you? Has it lead to rage, self-rejection or something else? Renounce it and allow Jesus, in his love, to come to you in that place. Jesus wants to heal you. Will you let him?
- 3) Healing also involves forgiveness. Who do you need to forgive so Jesus can further heal you?
- 4) What else has Jesus been raising in your life over the past couple of weeks? Are you struggling with your job? Your marriage? Kids? Failure? Fear? Ask him where he would like to go with you today. Pause in that so he can show you what he is after.

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THE POSER - ADVANCED

- 1) How has “leaving the poser behind” gone in your desire to be transformed by God? Where do you still feel the tug of the poser?

- 2) What is your relational style? Are you pushing away—or displaying neediness?

- 3) How well do you love God? Others? Your enemies?
(Read Galatians 5:14)

- 4) What role do you believe God has called you to play? How has he been refining or fathering you in this journey?

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CALLING - ADVANCED

- 1) We all have a category of desire; you *are* pursuing desire. It is often discovered in the missions we find ourselves in. Where are you finding your desire these days? Have your desires changed over time? (*Matthew 7:7-8*)

- 2) Looking back through the missions of your life, what's been the pattern or theme of your calling? How has God shaped desire within you?

- 3) Are there ways God has asked you to hold back in order to hone your character?

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SUFFERING

- 1) Do you find yourself caught off guard by the battles that you are going through even though Scripture teaches us otherwise? (*John 10, Acts 9, Deuteronomy 1 and 2, Romans 8*)

- 2) A great enemy of man is resignation. Do you feel you have resigned in any areas of your life?

- 3) When you are suffering, what agreements do you face? How do you battle to not lose heart and arm yourself against these agreements? What are some lessons that you have learned through suffering and agreements?

- 4) Ask Jesus: What has been the effect of suffering and loss in my life? Ask him to show you the effect and what you've come to believe of Jesus as a result. (*Is it that you don't trust him? He caused it, allowed it, or abandoned you in it? That he's not able to help you in it?*)

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LOVING JESUS

- 1) How would you describe the image of Jesus you grew up with? Would you want to know that person you just described?

- 2) What is your favorite story of Jesus in the Bible? What does that story reveal about the character of Jesus?

- 3) Jesus is not two-dimensional. He is rich in personality. How would your life change if you allowed it to be transformed by the personality of Jesus?

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RECOMMENDED FILM TITLES AND TIME CUES

Title	Time Code Start	Time Code End
Session 1 - Walking with God		
Cinderella Man	Chapter 12	1:22:44
The Bourne Ultimatum	17:05	24:45
Session 2 - Warfare - Advanced		
Fearless	1:13	5:13
Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers	55:42	1:02:06
Session 3 - The Wound and Healing		
Seabiscuit	1:00:30	1:04:54
Seabiscuit	10:51	12:47
Seabiscuit	15:05	18:09
Seabiscuit	1:04:34	1:07:54
Session 4 - The Poser - Advanced		
Gran Torino	4:00	8:34
Session 5 - Calling - Advanced		
Invictus	Trailer	
Invictus	13:20	14:43
The Rookie	1:08:04	1:11:56
Session 7 - Loving Jesus		
Apollo 13	2:02:35	2:10:19

*Session 6 and the Bonus Q&A do not have film clips

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