



PAPER TIGERS

Discussion Guide

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4-WEEK STUDY

ON THE LIES WE BELIEVE

WEEK 3

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Judges 6:1-7:25, 1 Samuel 17:32-37,
Romans 8:31



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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Judges 6:1-7:25, 1 Samuel 17:32-37, Romans 8:31

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To identify and replace the lie that "I'm not good enough" with complete confidence in Christ and recognize that our confidence comes from Christ's power in us.

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What is something that brings you fear?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon that you'd like to discuss?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 12:9**. Talk about a situation in your life when God's power was displayed and made perfect in your weakness?
3. **Hebrews 4:12-13** is about God's Word being alive and active. It also states that nothing in creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered. If you feel comfortable, share about something that you are trying to "hide" from God. How is coming out of hiding and facing our fears related to fulfilling our calling?
4. Identify a battle you are facing that you are surrendering to God and claiming victory in Christ - health or relationship battles, depression or anxiety battles, grief or financial struggles, or feelings of inadequacy. Discuss with your small group if you feel comfortable. Commit to pray for one another this week about these battles.
5. Gideon responded to God's call to battle with insecurity, questions and doubts...yet, God lovingly brought him to a place of courage. David had been prepared as a shepherd (protecting and fighting for his flock), a poet (to pen the Psalms) and a musician (to find favor with Saul). When God called David to battle, he was ready. How has God worked through the battles in your life? What are some ways that God prepared you in advance for what He has since called you to do?
6. Read the verses about your identity in Christ that are listed in the Action Steps on page three out loud in your group. Share which one has a special meaning for you and why.



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PRAYER

Pray for each other: Pray for each other and any needs, especially that God would replace feelings of inadequacy and insecurity with his power, love and grace.

Pray for yourself: Pray and ask God to tell you who he calls you. Ask him about your purpose and calling for the Kingdom.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Remind yourself of your identity in Christ by reading these verses daily this week.

- You are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:7)
 - You are God's masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10)
 - You are a child of God (1 John 3:1, John 1:12)
 - You are righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 5:19)
 - You are dearly loved by God (Colossians 3:12, 1 John 3:1)
 - You are redeemed (Galatians 3:13-14)
 - You are blessed (Galatians 3:9, Ephesians 1:3)
 - You are chosen (1 Thessalonians 1:4, Ephesians 1:4)
 - You are called (2 Timothy 1:9)
 - You are more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
 - You are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)
 - You are sanctified (1 Corinthians 1:2)
 - You are set free (John 8:31)
 - You are healed by His wounds (1 Peter 2:24)
 - You are a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)
 - You are an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20)
 - You are reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:18, Romans 5:10)
 - You are forgiven of all your sins (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 2:13, 1 John 1:7)
 - You are accepted in Him (Ephesians 1:6)
 - You are free from condemnation (Romans 8:1)
 - You are joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17)
 - You are alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:5)
 - You are the light (Ephesians 5:8, Matthew 5:14)
 - You are the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)
 - You are strengthened with all power (Colossians 1:11)
 - You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)
 - You are victorious (Revelation 12:11)
 - You are never alone (Hebrews 13:5)
 - You are sealed by the Spirit (Ephesians 1:13)
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