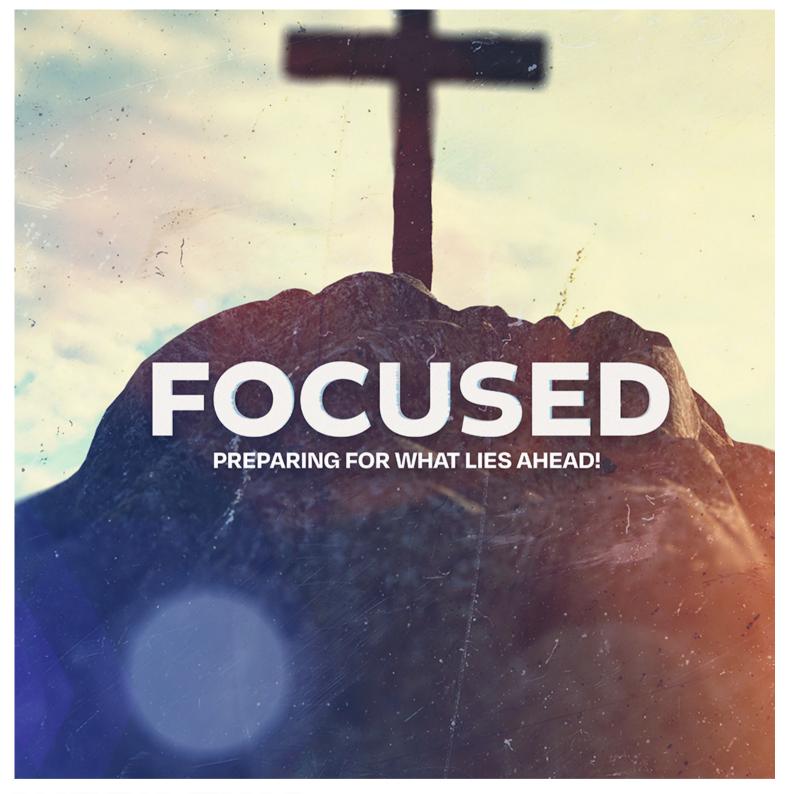
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#### **WATCH**

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#### **READ**

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LIVING FOR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE!

#### **BIG IDEA**

As we see throughout history, God continually reveals Himself and His truth through many avenues. In 1985, a secular band, Tears for Fears, released a song, "Everybody Wants to Rule the World." The closing chorus states:

All for freedom and for pleasure Nothing ever lasts forever Everybody wants to rule the world

In this song, the artists bring to light the tendencies of our human nature and our natural desire to have control and power, no matter what it takes or what is at stake. While this is from a secular band regarding the state of the world at the time, we find in it one of God's perpetual truths: on our own, we are sinful and selfish, doing things for our own benefit.

In this week's study, we will look at what true Biblical leadership is and what is required if we want to lead as Jesus led.

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Passages we'll review:
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Matthew 20:26-28; 1 Peter 5:5, 8-11; Romans 12:1-2

#### **OPENING**

What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think? Did anything challenge you?

Have you ever been asked (or "voluntold") to do something you really didn't want to do? How did you respond?

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of James and The mother John approached Jesus. She asked that her two sons would be able to sit with Jesus in His kingdom, one on His right and the other on His left. In hearing this discussion, the other disciples became disgruntled at her request. That's when Jesus responded with the profound, paradoxical truth in verses 26-28.

#### Read Matthew 20:25-28

#### How did Jesus define leadership to the disciples?

leadership Jesus taught (The to His disciples was servant-leadership. It was the not like world's example of leadership, which exercised power and dominance. The leadership and greatness that Jesus taught is not found in position or in power, but in character.)

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### In this passage, Jesus revealed His mission to His followers. What was that mission?

(Jesus didn't come to sit in a place of authority and be served, but to come as a servant, one who would give His life as a ransom for many people. A ransom is something that is paid or given in order to liberate someone from a situation for which they cannot possibly pay themselves. So, Jesus came to give His life to pay a debt that we never could, in order to restore our relationship with God. He took our place!)

We must not follow the example of leadership that the world teaches. As servants of Christ, we must function differently. Jesus came as a servant, and as His followers, we must follow His example.




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What do you find most difficult in what Jesus told His disciples in verses 26-28?	
(Open for discussion)	
What opportunities do you have to serve others as Christ taught?	
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"True gospel-humility means I stop	
connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop	
thinking about myself." (Tim Keller)	



#### Read 1 Peter 5:5, 8-11

Warren Wiersbe writes, "Humility is not demeaning ourselves and thinking poorly of ourselves. It is simply not thinking of ourselves at all." How does God show favor to the humble? What are some instances in the Bible where God showed favor to the humble over the proud?

(While God will resist and humble those who are proud, He will bestow His grace on those who are humble. He will lift them up and allow them to shine for Him. Some instances in the Bible where the humble prevailed are: Abel vs. Cain, David vs. Saul, and Noah. Jesus also showed favor to the children and those who were poor, both physically and spiritually. Pride resulted in the fall of Satan, whereas Jesus modeled servant leadership throughout His ministry.)



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In verse 8, Peter gives us a dire warning. What does he tell us regarding Satan?

(Peter tells us to be vigilant and alert, reminding us that Satan is our adversary. He seeks to devour us. The term devil indicates that he is an accuser, a slanderer, one who seeks to destroy. Throughout scripture, we are told that the devil is our enemy and a murderer. "Satan" comes from the term that means opponent in court. He is an our opponent, seeking to destroy us. He knows our weaknesses and seeks to them. He capitalize on is craftv. masquerading as wisdom and liaht. though he is neither! As a roaring lion, he is looking for prey. He seeks to terrify us and overwhelm us, causing US question our faith in God and steal our hope and joy.)

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#### Two dangerous responses to the devil and his activity are to over-emphasize his activity and to ignore his activity. When overemphasize it, we lose focus. we Instead of keeping our eyes on God and His plan, we can become scared or overwhelmed by the reality of supernatural evil. When we ignore his activity, we forget that there is indeed a spiritual side to the world we live in, and we give him the opportunity to attack us while we are unprepared.

Verse 9 gives us the proper response to the devil. What does it look like to resist him? What tools can we use to help us?

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(When we find ourselves being pursued
by the enemy, we are to stand strong in
the faith we have in God. We must be
awake to his advances and aware of his
tactics. Spiritual warfare doesn't just
involve supernatural battles and
miraculous events. It is also about being
consistent in our everyday, ordinary lives.
We need a community of believers,
including prayer, Bible study and doing
life together. We must choose to submit
our lives to Him each day.)

### In verses 10 and 11, Peter focuses on God's ability instead of our own. Why is this significant?

(We can't fight this battle on our own. We don't have the strength or the ability to be victorious. But God...! He has already defeated sin and death, and He can lead us in our spiritual battles as well, giving us the strength we need to fight and the wisdom we need to know the battle plan. Our victory comes through Christ alone!)



What will God do for us? How can this strengthen us when we find ourselves in situations of suffering?

(When we choose to follow Him, He will restore, establish, strengthen and support us! We will still face times of trouble and despair, but we have His hope to cling to. We know that, despite what we may face on this earth, we will spend eternity with Him!)

#### DIGGING DEEPER

Read Romans 12:1-2

Worship has always been accompanied by sacrifice, only the sacrifice itself has changed. Because of Jesus's sacrifice for us, we no longer have to make the Old Testament sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins. In response to what Christ did on our behalf, we now offer up ourselves as a sacrifice of praise!

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(Everything we do ought to be in response to God's mercy. His mercy is what provided forgiveness when we deserved punishment for sin. Discuss ways to live this out.)

#### Chuck Swindoll once wrote: problem with living sacrifices is that they keep crawling off the altar." How does the world try to influence and pull us away from God's will?

(The world tries to convince us of what is right, true, or important by the things it values. We are pressured to follow the crowd, not taking the time to discern what is actually pure, holy, true, and right. We are offered fame, power, or prestige if only we will conform to the patterns of this world.)



Everyone who chooses to follow Christ shares one overriding characteristic: our unwillingness to conform to the pattern of this world. However, our goal shouldn't simply be non-conformity, but rather transformation!

#### How does a transformed life differ from a conformed life?

(A conformed life is one that follows the philosophies, beliefs, and mindset of this fallen world. The world wants to control your mind, but God wants to transform it! The transformation He desires is a metamorphosis, where we change from the inside out, much like a caterpillar becoming a butterfly. We transform from our sinful nature and are made in the image of Christ! We must constantly, continuously choose to renew our mind, each and every day, leaving behind the ways of the world and choosing the ways of God.)

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#### PRAY

Consider the following as you pray together:

- Warren Wiersbe wrote: "It is not enough for us to understand Paul's doctrinal explanations. We must translate our learning into living and show by our daily lives that we trust God's word." Knowing this, how can you respond differently to the enemy's attacks in order to be more alert and resist his advances?
- Are you willing to offer yourself as a "living sacrifice?" Is there anything you are struggling with or unwilling to give up? Take time to pray, asking God to help you to surrender those things to Him as you grow in Christ and allow Him to transform you.

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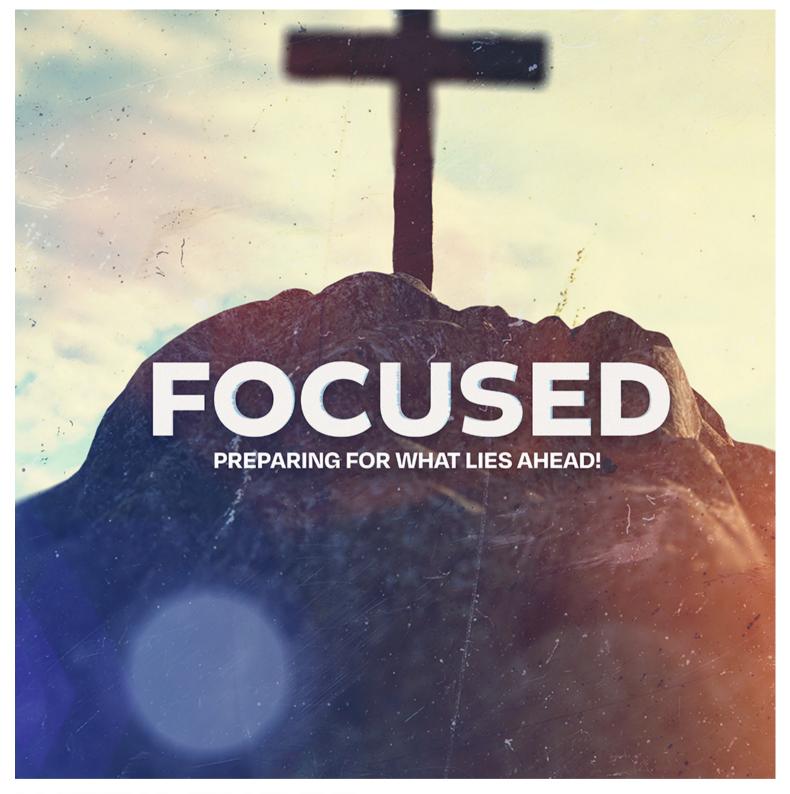
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#### · Worship, or worth-ship, is the act of giving worth to someone or something. How does this definition challenge your view of worship? What can you do this week to live in a way that worships Him, bringing glory to Him alone, as you offer up a sacrifice of praise to Him?

Oswald Chambers says, "We have the idea that we can dedicate our gifts to However, you cannot dedicate what is not yours. There is actually only one thing you can dedicate to God, and that is your right to yourself. If you will give God your right to yourself, He will make a holy experiment out of you and His experiments always succeed. The one true mark of a saint of God is the inner creativity that flows from being totally surrendered to Christ."

#### **WEEK THREE**

#### **WATCH**

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WEEK THREE STANDING FIRM FOR JESUS!

#### **BIG IDEA**

During the time of ancient Rome, Roman soldiers were infamous for their warfare tactics. The Roman army was one of the most successful in all of history. It was one of the most effective and efficient fighting forces in the ancient world. Unlike most armies of the time, the Roman soldiers were professional soldiers, paid he full-time soldiers. When thev weren't engaged in battle, they spent their time in training and strengthening their skills. Their training involved marching 20 miles a day, carrying all of their equipment, then building up a full campsite each night. They were taught to march together and use their weapons effectively. While marching, they would line up in straight lines and use their shields to form a protective wall against enemy attacks. When fighting, they would huddle close together in these lines and shoot arrows at their enemy.

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They were known for their organization,
discipline, and training, including the
order to obey all commands. Roman
soldiers were known for their grit,
determination, and resilience. They grew
to 500,000 soldiers at their prime, and
could conquer enemies up to 10 times
their size due to their strategies and
commitment to their cause.

This week, we will look at the tools and training we need as soldiers for Christ in order to stand firm for Jesus Christ as we face a world that seeks to tear us down.

#### Passages we'll review:

Ephesians 6:10-13; Joshua 1:1-9

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#### **OPENING**

What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think? Did anything challenge you?

What were some of your favorite dress-up costumes growing up? Why were they your favorites?

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#### READ

**Read Ephesians 6:10-13** 

Paul reminds us that the Christian life is a battleground, not a playground. Spiritual warfare, much like military warfare, is like a chess game. A great deal goes on behind the scenes and it takes a lot of strategy and understanding of the enemy's abilities and methods to achieve victory.

How often do you think of our world as having a spiritual war that we can't see? What were your thoughts about spiritual warfare previously?

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#### In warfare, the intelligence corp is a vital part, because it instructs the officers on enemy's plans, tendencies, strategies. In order to fight and ultimately defeat our enemy, we have to know WHO our enemy is, WHERE he is, and WHAT he can do.

What does Paul mean when he tells us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood? Who is it against?

(Our battle is not against other people. Our battle is a spiritual battle. While it involves the world (other people) and the flesh (ourselves), the real battle is against our enemy, Satan, and his forces in the spiritual realm.)

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#### What schemes can the devil use to attack us?

(The devil doesn't know everything or have ultimate power, but he does have an army to assist him in battle. This is why we must remember that we are fighting against spiritual powers, human beings! He is strong in his fight should with his armv: we underestimate him. We see what he is capable of in the book of Job. John 10:10 tells us that he comes to steal, kill, and destroy. He seeks to blind us to God's truths, or to twist our understanding of His truths. His schemes include accusations, guilt, worthlessness. feeling unqualified to serve Christ.)

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How can we be caught off guard? How do we fight these?

(We are caught off guard when we aren't prepared for his attacks or we underestimate his power. We can't fight this with our own abilities. Only God's strength is strong enough to defeat our enemy! We must put on the full armor of God in order to have any hope. This leads us to follow His guidance that is given to us in His Word.)

Spiritual armor is needed to fight spiritual battles. We can only stand firm when we have on the full armor of God. Why is it so important that we stand?


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(Satan looks for us to be intimidated, to be afraid, or to turn and run. If we have the full armor of God in place and we rest in the assurance of His strength, we know that we can have victory over our enemy. In 1 John 4:4, we are reminded, "...the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." When we stand in His strength and resist the devil's threats, the enemy will flee! (James 4:7))

Do you ever find yourself clinging to things other than God when you are faced with these battles? What are they? Why do you think you do that?

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What evidence do you see of the battle in your life? Our church? Our nation? The world? What would it mean for you to "stand" in these particular battles?

(Open for discussion)

As we face situations in life where we need to stand firm and trust in God, we must remember His promises and what He has done in the past!

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STANDING FIRM FOR JESUS!

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

#### Read Joshua 1:1-9

We find Joshua and the people of Israel on a precipice, ready to enter the land promised to them. But the land wasn't going to be handed over to them easily. They were going to have to fight in order to gain what God had promised them.

Three times, we see God tell Joshua, "Be strong and courageous." How can we find courage in our lives as Joshua did when we are faced with God-sized tasks?

(We must remember that we are not able to do this work on our own. It is only by God's strength that we can do it. We must constantly keep the word of God in our heart and mind and then obey it!)



#### What specific promise does God make to Joshua and to the people of Israel? How does this apply to our lives today?

(God promised Joshua and the people of Israel that He would be with them. When we face our battles in life, if we stand firm in His promises and depend on Him, we can rest in knowing that we are not alone! He will go with us as we fight our battles!)

Joshua means "the Lord is Salvation." During Joshua's life, God revealed Himself to Joshua and the people of Israel as the one to deliver them from their enemies and give them the land that He had promised. He would also be the one to save them from those they had to fight against. While our enemy's goal is to oppose God's plan and His will, we, too, can trust that He will show Himself to us as our Salvation!


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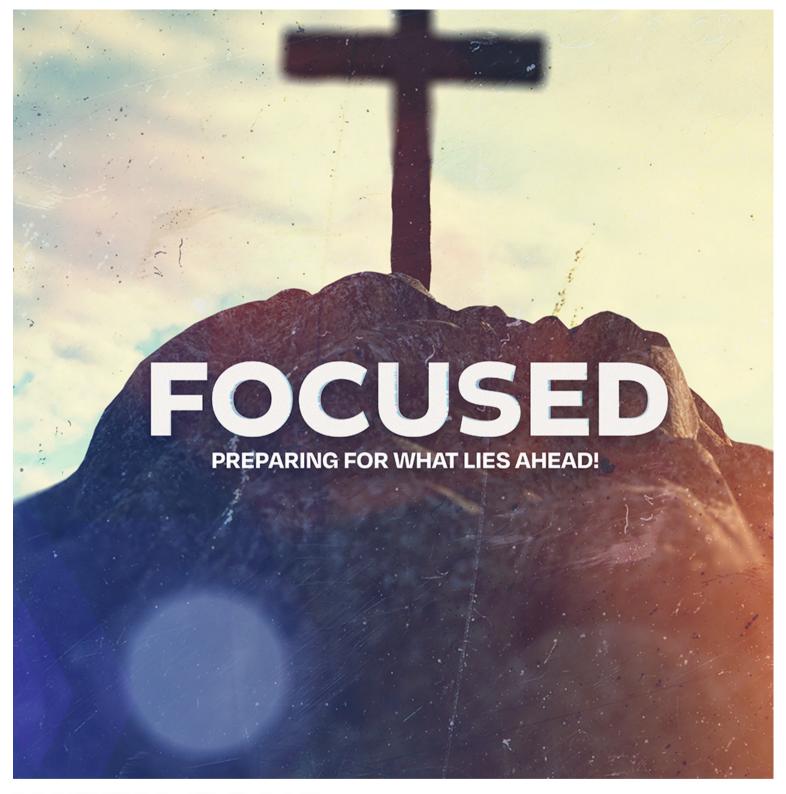
#### PRAY

Consider the following as you pray together:

- Is there a specific lie that Satan uses against you frequently? What scripture can you cling to in order to expose that lie and stand strong?
- What areas in your armor need to grow or be strengthened? Where do you most need God's power in your life?
- Where do we see the devil's schemes being played out in our world today? Memorize Joshua 1:9 to help you in your times of struggle and to give you courage as you share His hope with a lost and dying world.

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#### **WATCH**

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THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF JESUS!

#### **BIG IDEA**

If you've seen *The Greatest Showman*, you're familiar with the story of P.T. Barnum. He is best known for his part in creating the three-ring circus, otherwise known as "The Greatest Show on Earth." Part of what brought such great success to this spectacle was the attention that he brought to his traveling circus. Barnum is often credited with the popularization of the term bandwagon.

In the mid-1800s, the bandwagon was a flashy horse-drawn wagon that was filled with a band. As the circus paraded into town, the bandwagon would play loud, catchy music to draw people to the circus grounds. Prominent citizens and leaders would often ride on bandwagon to add credibility to the show. The hype created by the bandwagon helped to make it into "the greatest show on earth!"

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#### Later, the term bandwagon was also used politics, as candidates would ride through town and encourage their supporters to join them, or "jump on the bandwagon." While we don't see either of these instances anymore, we still see the tendency for people to jump on the bandwagon, as people will often follow the crowd or go along for the ride or entertainment, rather than taking a stand for what they believe in.

In tonight's study, we will look at how jumping on the spiritual bandwagon can lead to grave, and even disastrous. consequences. We will also look at what God desires for us instead.

#### Passages we'll review:

1 Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22; Ezekiel 36:20-28

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#### **OPENING**

What stood out to you from the message this week? What led you to really think? Did anything challenge you?

When did your parents let you "learn the hard way" by letting you have or do something they knew was not good for you? What were the results?

Do we ever settle for good choices when the <u>best</u> choices are still out there? Why?

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#### READ

Read 1 Samuel 8:1-9

In this passage, we see that the people, God's chosen people, seemingly forgot that the nation of Israel was to be set apart and different from every other nation!

What reason did the elders give Samuel for wanting a king? Was this their "real" reason? Explain.

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# (The elders told Samuel they needed a king to lead them since the judges were unfit for the position. Instead of being mediators between the people and serving in judicial functions, they sought dishonest financial gain. However, their "real" reason for wanting a king was to "keep up with the Joneses", or to jump on the bandwagon. They wanted a physical, human king to lead them and to fight their battles for them. They wanted to have what the nations surrounding them had, rather than allowing God to be their leader.)

Samuel was displeased by their request,	
but he took it straight to God. Why did	
their request displease God?	

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(Their request displeased God because it reflection oftheir selfwas centeredness and greed. They wanted to be like those around them instead of being the nation God desired them to be. reminded Samuel that God in request, they were really rejecting God, not him!)

Their rejection of God would have serious consequences. We have heard the phrase, "As go the leaders, so goes the church." This is also true for the nation of Israel. As they became more like the world around them, they lost their spiritual focus. God's promises are only fulfilled as we obey His commands! He warned them of what was to come if they were given the king they so badly wanted. In short, they would lose everything in order to gain the kind they desired.

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**Read 1 Samuel 8:19-22** 

How did they respond to God's warning against having a king? Why did God give them what they wanted, even though it wasn't the "best?"

(They refused to listen to God's warning. They wanted a king, no matter the of consequences. Because impatience and unwillingness to listen to God, they would pay the price for their decision. As Warren Wiersbe writes, "The greatest judgment God can give us is to let us have our own way.")

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When have you chosen to ignore God's plan and do your own thing? What happened as a result?

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#### Often, we pursue things other than God to find our security, value, or happiness, just as the Israelites did. Why is it so hard for us to learn to trust God? What things compete for our trust?

(We are often distracted by the things of this world. We look to the things we can see for our trust, instead of putting our trust in Him, the One who is Faithful and True. Instead we put our misguided trust in things like money, fame, power, other people, possessions, or even protection, to name a few.)

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easy to jump on th	e band	wagon	and	go
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tempted to follow	in our	world	toda	y?
How can we av	oid ju	mping	on	a
handwagon?				

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It can be difficult to stand up against the pressures of the world around us, especially when we are standing alone. What are some ways that believers in Christ can encourage one another and help each other to stand firm and not follow the crowd?

(Open for discussion)

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### **DIGGING DEEPER**

Read Ezekiel 36:20-28

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In this passage, we find Israel in a similar situation. Instead of bearing witness to who God is and what He had done for them, they had chosen to profane God's name to those around them. After years of living among the pagan nations, they fit right in with the pagan cultures, to the point that you couldn't tell them apart! They blended into the darkness instead of bearing the light of God.

In their choices, Israel had defiled the name of God. Why did God choose to restore Israel?

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### (God chose to restore Israel, not for their own benefit, but for the sake of His name

and His reputation! Israel was known as the nation who followed Him. Their demise caused other nations to question His greatness. Israel had turned from God, but He chose to use them anyway, not because of anything they had done, but because of His great grace and mercy, in order to bring glory to His name.)

What	would	be	the	result	of	God's
action	s?					

(God would change His people from the inside out. He would cleanse them from their sin, give them a new heart, and give them His Spirit to guide them.)

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### How did Jesus fulfill Ezekiel's prophecy for all mankind?

(Just as God chose to redeem His nation Israel even though they had turned away from Him. He also chose to redeem us and restore our relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. We are born with hearts of stone, filled with sin, but He broke the cycle of sin and death through the cross and His resurrection, giving us hearts that want to know Him. We are cleansed by the blood of Christ! had -The heart of stone that we insensitive, lifeless, and cold - is replaced with a heart of flesh, one that is pliable and teachable. He fills us with His Spirit, which enables us to love and obey Him. We transform from being spiritually dead to being alive in Christ and from having a heart of stone to having a heart that responds to the will of God!)

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This heart transformation is the new birth,
or being "born again," that is revealed
throughout the New Testament. It isn't
anything we can do on our own efforts. It
ONLY comes by the work of God, just as it
was for the nation of Israel in Ezekiel's
day. As a result, He will be our God! He
will be our true King! He will receive all of
the glory that He is worthy of!

### **PRAY**

Consider the following as you pray together:

 What shape is your heart in? Is it hard, like a piece of granite? Is it broken due to the struggles and difficulties you have experienced? Is it softened by the renewing from His Spirit?

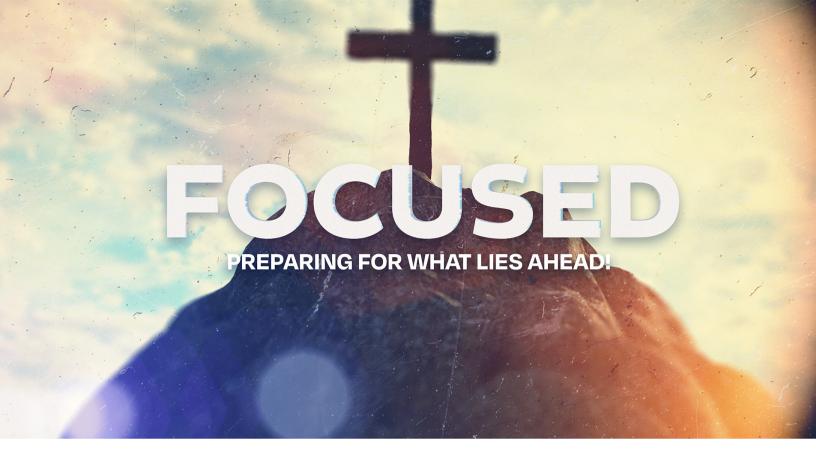
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WEEK

### NOTES

- As you go through this week, ask God to show you the difference between following His guidance and leadership and jumping on the popular bandwagon. Ask Him to show you any areas in your life where you have been following the desires of the crowd instead of seeking His will.
- It can often be difficult to stand u crowd. One against the benefit o LifeGroups is that we can relationships with others who follow Christ and encourage one another i difficult times. Take the opportunit this week to encourage someone your LifeGroup and stand with them a they stand strong against the views o the world around us.



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