

# WELCOME

## A Rock And A Hard Place

Have you ever felt trapped between a rock and a hard place? Sometimes as Christians, our culture puts us into such seemingly impossible positions. We want to do what is right; but, our culture right now tries to lure us, tempt us, pressure us, and at times even threaten us to compromise our faith and morals. To make a decision to stand for God seems to lead to horrible social and emotional, if not physical, consequences. What if that "hard place" was even a "lion's den?" Daniel was placed between a rock and a lion's den and yet he *decided* to remain faithful. How could he do that? He had probably even seen the King send people to their deaths in the lion's den before. Daniel used prayer to face his "hard place". What can we learn from Daniel about prayer that can help us face our "hard place" even if our "hard place" seems like a lion's den?



Daniel *decided* to pray. He purposed in his heart to obey God in all things, including spending time with Him in prayer. Daniel *made time* to pray (Daniel 6.10). He knew the importance of guarding that time to pray. Daniel was *consistent* in his prayer life. His faithfulness in taking time to pray helped him to be faithful in all things. Daniel *knew who he was*. The king might have taken his name but not his identity as a child of God. Daniel *looked to God* for help. He opened his window to pray; but, opened his heart and looked to God for His deliverance. Daniel *humbled himself* and his words were heard (Daniel 10.12). Daniel *confesses* sin, both his own and those of Israel and asked for forgiveness (Daniel 9.3-19).

Daniel *never ceased* to pray. He *gave thanks* even in the worst of circumstances and that enabled him to *hold fast* to what was good and to *abstain* from every form of evil, just as we are encouraged to do (I Thessalonians 5.16-22).

Daniel prayed to "the Rock", the Lord Jehovah God and that helped to deliver him from the pressure and threats of the "hard place". Remember to pray to the "Rock" when you face your "hard place". *The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. Psalm 18.2-3.*

Les

# Uncompromised: Living In Exile

## Episode 4: Making Godly Decisions

Text: Proverbs 11.14; 12.15; 13.10; 13.20; 15.22

### Introduction:

1. Daniel and his friends are taken into exile and forced to make crucial moral choices and decisions in order to not compromise their faith.
2. We, too, are in exile in a culture that seeks to have us compromise our faith as well.
3. "Today, I am what I am because of \_\_\_\_\_. And where I will be tomorrow will be \_\_\_\_\_."

We learn from Solomon and see in the lives of Daniel and his friends that:

- I. My \_\_\_\_\_ must include people that I trust to speak \_\_\_\_\_ into my life.
  - A. Who \_\_\_\_\_ my life the most?  
"The \_\_\_\_\_ choices I make set the \_\_\_\_\_ from which my \_\_\_\_\_ will be made."
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ and other \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ activities are emphasized to help us \_\_\_\_\_ together, to build up relational \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. I must be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ from godly people in my life.
  - A. Intentional and deliberate effort
  - B. Don't make \_\_\_\_\_ on an island.
  - C. A loving and wise friend can often see \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_ from me. Jeremiah 17.9
  - D. Why aren't I more \_\_\_\_\_ to seek counsel?
    - a. I don't think I \_\_\_\_\_ it. Proverbs. 16.18
    - b. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ it. Proverbs. 18.1.2
    - c. I don't think I have \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs. 19.2
- III. I must be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to input.
  - A. Not that we have to always \_\_\_\_\_ advice, but that we are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ the advice. Proverbs 12.15
  - B. Appreciate and value \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 10.17; 12.1

Why is making godly decisions a big deal?

With Godly decisions there is:

1. People get \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 11.14a
2. Relationships are \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 13.10a
3. Unintended \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 13.20b
4. Good intentions are \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 15.22a

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 11.14
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 13.10
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 28.26
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Proverbs 15.22

# C O N N E C T I O N

## C O N N E C T I O N

Good Morning Western Hills family! We are glad to feature Adam Powers in this week's Connection Corner.



"Little" Adam Powers (if you can call our 6'4" or 6'5" "Cajun gentle giant" that) was born in Merryville, Louisiana and lived there until he graduated from Merryville High School. He received his B.A. degree in Science Education from McNeese State University and his M.S. degree in Education Administration from Lamar University. He then had a unique opportunity few people have and that is to return to his high school to teach and coach basketball. Like many educators, Adam taught at several high schools during the beginning of his career; but, unlike many, Adam was invited back, serving 2 separate times with Vidor High School and Little Cypress Mauriceville High School. Adam then had a coach's dream opportunity and moved to North Carolina and coached with the winningest coach in North Carolina high school history. There he "rubbed elbows" with some of the greatest high school and college coaches in basketball history. (I am sooo jealous!) Then, with a cousin's urging, Adam came to Texas to find a position and was "hired" by a coach at our own WHHS. She had known Adam in Louisiana, where her teams were never able to beat his squads. Adam left the Cajun state behind, packed up and moved to Texas, only to find that the coach whose position Adam was going to assume wasn't leaving WHHS after all!

Adam started looking for a church home and visited West Freeway, told them he was new to the area, and in the course of conversation mentioned he was looking for a teaching job. Adam describes it as a "God thing" because that morning someone turned around and handed him a piece of paper with a phone number on it to call for a job. Adam called on Monday, interviewed on Tuesday, and was hired at Brewer High School on Wednesday! He eventually moved on to Keller Central High School where he retired from coaching 7 years ago; but, he continues to teach as he has for 28 years now.

Adam joined our church family not long after moving to Fort Worth and has been a blessing in so many ways. He has helped teach in the high school and college age Bible classes and for many years has given his time, blood, sweat and tears helping members with moving, home repairs, and tree and yard work. He may have been born in Louisiana, but his heart is as big as Texas! He helps people, makes them laugh, and shares his faith quite often. Reach out and get to know Adam. You will certainly be blessed and have fun doing it!

Les Keele



### Wednesday Night Adult Classes:

**Book of Ruth** with video series - Les Keele (Fellowship hall) Room 104

**Reaching Those Wondering What To Believe-** Roger Omer (Fellowship Hall) Room 106

This class is intended to help focus on reaching unbelievers with the truths about God. As part of the class, you will be introduced to Mathetis, a social media tool developed by World Bible School, designed to assist individuals in making connections with unbelievers. The class will answer questions that unbelievers are likely to ask as they search. Come join in learning new methods for reaching others for Jesus.

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\**Shepherd of the month*

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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Jay Garner

**Song Leader** - Randy McCoy

**Song** - On Zion's Glorious Summit

**Song** - Did You Think To Pray?

**Prayer** - Adam Powers

**Scripture** - Proverbs 2:1-8

**Song** - Bethlehem...Galilee...Gethsemane

**Song** - How Beautiful

**Lord's Supper** - Roger Omer

**Prayer for Contribution** - Roger Omer

**Children's Bible Time Dismissal**

**Song** - I Am A Poor Wayfaring Stranger

**Song** - This World Is Not My Home

**Uncompromised: Living In Exile: Making Godly Choices** - Les

**Song** - I Am Coming Lord

**Announcements** - Greg Ball

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Greg Ball

**Attended Nursery:** After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years. There is also a cry room available if needed.

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**Sunday, March 5 : Life of Christ Commentary Vol. 2, Lessons 115 -116 Pages 485-505.**

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, February 27

Deuteronomy 20 - 22

### Tuesday, February 28

Deuteronomy 23 - 25

### Wednesday, March 1

Deuteronomy 26 - 28

### Thursday, March 2

Deuteronomy 29 - 31

### Friday, March 3

Deuteronomy 32 - 34

### Saturday, March 4

Joshua 1 - 4

### Sunday, March 5

Joshua 5 - 7

### Last Week

<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>AM Worship:</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Contribution:</b>	<b>\$ 7,824.60</b>
<b>PM Worship:</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 12,817.00</b>

### Times of Assemblies

<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7

As a new encouragement opportunity, we will be posting an email for one of our missionaries every two weeks. Please send words of love and support. This week:



**Philemon Raja : India Blind Ministry:**  
**[obey2jesus@gmail.com](mailto:obey2jesus@gmail.com)**

Until March 5

April 1

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Egg Hunt Begins at 12:00 PM

Ages: 2 Years - 5th Grade

Bring your basket and enjoy FREE games, crafts, bounce house and egg hunt!

PLEASE START BRINGING YOUR EGGS AND CANDY. LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEET TO VOLUNTEER.

**NEW ADDRESS:**

**FRANKIE SMITH**

**8401 TUMBLEWEED TRAIL**

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**76108**



The Pillow Ministry will meet Tuesday, February 28, after Ladies' Class. Bring a sack lunch and join us for fellowship and service.



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Members

February 26, 2023

NAME	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Shirly Bennett 02/21/2023	Suffered a stroke on Monday, February 20. She is home recovering. 4018 Ridglea Country Club, #508, Fort Worth, Texas 76126	Better health and no more episodes.
Dana Saba 02/12/2023	Her husband, John, lost his brother, Albert, in Lebanon. 3804 Busseron Drive, Benbrook, TX 76116	Strength and comfort for the family
Steven Johnston 02/12/2023	His uncle passed away on February 11. 108 Brock Hill Lane, Weatherford, TX 76088	Comfort for the family
Barbara Howard 02/06/2023	Fell and fractured her left arm and strained her left shoulder and left thigh which requires her to walk with a cane. 6075 FM 1189, Weatherford, TX 76087	Full recovery
Patricia Emerson 02/05/2023	Has returned home from the hospital following her bout with blood clots in her lungs. 6536 Woodale, Wautauga, TX 76148	Recovery and increased strength
Martin Franz 1/27/2023	Father passed away on January 26, 2023. 6024 Westridge Lane, #301, Fort Worth, TX 76116	Comfort for the family
Nancy Wright 1/27/2023	Her Cousin, James Narramore, passed away. Nancy is also going to be having a root canal procedure. 8600 Vista Royale Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76108	Comfort for the family and prayers for quick healing and recovery for Nancy
Susie Steadman 1/27/2023	Has had health issues and wants better relationships with her Christian brothers and sisters. 8713 S. Normandale Street, #218, Fort Worth, TX 76116	Good health and friends
Chris Intharansy 01/15/2022	TEE Cardioversion didn't resolve his AFIB issue. He will be seeing an electrophysiologist and will discuss best treatment options of medication or ablation. 7812 Park Downs Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76137	Doctors' skill, knowledge to address situation
Joe & Jodi Gentry	Jodi is dealing with emotional issues at this time. Please pray for Joe and Jodi. 408 Rim Rock Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	That doctors can help her
Charlie Beagle 12/01/2022	Is in Benbrook Nursing Home Memory Care, Room 110 B. 1000 McKinley Street, Benbrook, TX 76126	Better health and days

All prayer requests will remain on the list for 30 days. Following that time, the request will be removed unless the office is notified differently.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
**Family & Friends**  
**February 26, 2023**

NAME	REQUESTED BY	SITUATION	PRAY FOR
Violet Jane, great-granddaughter of	Charles and Carol Meyer	1 month old who was born following the car crash that killed her mother.	Her increased health and development that will allow her to reach all benchmarks of normal growth; prayers for the family as they grieve and adjust to life <small>02/05/2023</small>
Mike, friend of	Zach Brookshire	Is struggling with his faith as he is facing dialysis for his kidneys.	His increased faith and that the dialysis will be successful <small>02/05/2023</small>
Nina Silvas, grandmother of	Steven Johnston	Had a hip replacement and is having difficulties with the pain.	Complete healing and for the pain to subside <small>02/05/2023</small>
Kyla Bennett	Frankie Smith	Is having difficulties following the return of her brain tumor.	The doctors and healing
John Saxton, cousin of	Adam Powers	Had brain surgery to remove a cancerous tumor.	Quick healing <small>01/22/23</small>
Verna Redd, grandmother of	Taj Gray	Is in pain and poor health.	Relief from pain <small>1/10/2023</small>
Tim Duncan, friend of	Buck Thomas	Has begun chemo for liver and colon cancer.	Strength and calm as he endures this struggle <small>1/10/2023</small>
Pam, cousin of	Les Keele	Is in need of a kidney transplant.	For a donor and to be moved up on the transplant list <small>12/18/2022</small>

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# Happy March Birthdays

1 Stephen Myers

2 John Larson

3 Beverly Forgey

4 Jim Gilbert

7 Adriana Torrez

8 Charles Kite

11 Mike Whitacre

15 Janelle Ball

17 Amy Bartee

18 Bea House

20 Steve Taylor

21 Mark Musselman

22 Betsy Strother

23 Karen Taylor

23 Glenn Baird

23 Lucian Richardson

29 Monty Bowers

## Children:

16 Bella Gilbert

24 Maddox Duncan

26 Selah Garner

27 Brena Thomas

# February Birthdays

2	Joy Nanthareth
3	Chris Intharansy
5	Meth Boudtaroth
7	Mignon Bandy
8	Tina Greenlee
10	Dwight Blair
12	Kim Brown
12	Jean Wiggins
13	Marie Perez
14	Joe Gentry
15	Michelle Glenn
15	Tiffany Markum
16	Andrew Montanez
17	Sandra Wade
17	John Wright
25	Carlene Reeves
27	Mary Lou Lee
27	Paula Pauley

## Children:

8	Makayla Johnston
13	Lily Scott
21	Mason Martinez
25	Stephanie Duncan

# The Last Week (Friday): Jewish Trials and Peter's Denials

*Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 464-478, 496-500*

## Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 113

1. What was the purpose of the Jewish "trials"?
2. To whom did the mob take Jesus first?
3. Following this first interrogation, where was Jesus taken?
4. During the second stage of His "trial," what sort of testimony were they seeking to find against Jesus?
5. Were they successful in finding this sort of testimony?
6. How did Jesus respond to these charges?
7. What did Caiaphas say to put Jesus under oath?
8. Having been put under oath, was Jesus required to give an answer to Caiaphas' question?
9. How did Jesus answer Caiaphas' question concerning whether or not
10. He was the Son of God?
11. How did Caiaphas respond to Jesus' answer?
12. What did the council then proceed to do?
13. Which two disciples followed Jesus at a distance?
14. What was Peter doing when he first denied knowing Jesus?
15. Where was Peter when he made his second denial?
16. Who prompted Peter's third denial?
17. As a rooster crowed following Peter's third denial, what did the Lord do?
18. Who was the only "witness" to testify during the third stage of the Jewish "trial"?
19. What sort of "charge" did the Sanhedrin now have to concoct that would lead the Roman governor to execute Jesus?
20. What were five (at least) safeguards that were in place at the time of
21. Jesus' Sanhedrin "trial" and how were they violated?
22. What were three other illegalities in the "trial" before the Sanhedrin?

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# The Last Week (Friday): The Roman Trial, Part 1

*Looking into the Face of Jesus Life of Christ, 2: Pages 478-485*

## Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 114

1. Who was the Roman governor over Judea and Samaria?
2. Where was Pontius Pilate's headquarters?
3. Although likely located near the temple, the Praetorium was considered what type of territory?
4. Why did the Jewish leaders say Pilate should put Jesus to death at first?
5. When that did not work, what three accusations did they make against Jesus?
6. How did Jesus defend Himself against these charges?
7. What question does Pilate ask, possibly in jest, after his interrogation of Jesus?
8. After interrogating Jesus, what verdict did Pilate announce to the crowd?
9. When the crowd did not like this verdict, how did Pilate try to avoid antagonizing them any further?
10. How did Herod treat Jesus?
11. What did Herod ultimately do?
12. Who is the only one who can decide about Jesus for you?

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# The Final Week (Friday): The Roman Trial, Part 2

*Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 485-496, 500-503*

## Individual Study Guide: Lesson Plan 115

1. What purpose had Pilate achieved in sending Jesus to Herod?
2. Having reaffirmed that Jesus was "not guilty," what did Pilate propose instead of a death sentence?
3. What does the Greek word *paideuo* mean?
4. After Jesus was scourged and Pilate brought Him back out to the crowd, were the Jews satisfied?
5. When scourging Jesus did not work, what final effort did Pilate make to try to have Jesus released?
6. What did the Jewish leaders yell that finally demolished the resistance of the governor?
7. How did Pilate seek to claim his personal innocence of the blood of Jesus?
8. What was the Jews' response to Pilate's attempt to remove responsibility for Jesus' death from his shoulders?
9. How does John's Gospel reckon time?
10. At what approximate time, according to John, did Pilate finally give in to the will of the Jewish leaders?
11. How did the legionnaires "entertain themselves" while preparations were made for the crucifixion?
12. After following all of the prescribed procedure in trying Jesus, what was the problem with Pilate's actions?
13. Why did Pilate act as he did?
14. What happened to Pilate a few years later?

# The Death of Judas

*Looking into the Face of Jesus The Life of Christ, 2: Pages 503-509*

## Individual Study Guide Lesson Plan 116

1. Did Judas feel remorse for betraying Jesus?
2. How did the leaders respond to Judas' statement, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood"?
3. What did Judas do with the money he had received for betraying Jesus?
4. Why could the leaders not put the money into the treasury?
5. Where in the Old Testament is the regulation that stated this?
6. What are the two "ironies" the chief priests failed to see concerning returning this money to the temple treasury?
7. What did they do with the money instead?
8. How can the apparent contradiction of Jeremiah or Zechariah recording the prophecy concerning the money be resolved?
9. Ultimately, what did Judas do in response to his remorse?
10. What does the Greek word metanoeo mean?
11. What does the Greek word metamelomai mean?
12. How do we know that Judas fell short of true repentance?

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