

Defining Moments ~ Step Up, Stand Firm, Stay Focused

2021 Morning Women's Bible Study at The Cove



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- 1. January 12:** "If... Then" *2 Chronicles 7:13-14
Matthew 8:23-27
Mark 4:35-41*
- 2. January 19:** "Biblically Aligned or Deceptively Inclined?" *Genesis 3*
- 3. January 26:** "I have a plan! Good Intentions - Bad Idea!" *Genesis 12-17*
- 4. February 2:** "Holding On: The Impact of Idolatry" *Genesis 19:10-26
Luke 17:20-38*
- 5. February 9:** "Little is Much with God's Touch" *2 Kings 4:1-7*
- 6. February 16:** "In a Minute, Lord: The Lure of Lesser Things" *Luke 9:57-61
Luke 10:38-42*
- 7. February 23:** "A Legacy of Lordship... May it Be So"

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Week 5 Session Notes:

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When things that are near and dear to us are threatened, or taken, we most often have a tendency to focus on our loss, our lack, our lean circumstances; our less than best plight in life. It is in the midst of such circumstances that we are vulnerable to losing spiritual surefootedness & focus.

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~ **But God !**

“ My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Psalm 121:2

Is there something, or someone, God is inviting you to trust Him with?



Step up... Stand Firm.... and Focus! Pray God’s Word and be reminded of Who God is, what He has promised, and who He says you are: **His beloved**. His Word is Truth, Timeless, and Transformational.

“Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in Him, for He shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between His shoulders.” **Deuteronomy 33:12**

NOTES



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Week 5 Growth Opportunities:

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Day 1: Read **2 Kings 4: 1-7**. What gripped the heart of this woman? What would be 3-4 ways we tend to respond when desperate times occur?

Do our most natural inclinations strengthen or weaken our invitation to Step up, Stand Firm, and Stay Focused spiritually? Sit for a moment with whatever insights God gives you.

Close your time in focused prayer; inviting Him to “open your eyes” to His provisions, blessings, and tender mercies.

Day 2: God spoke through Elisha. What does **2 Kings 4** say about Elisha?

Input from others can certainly impact our lives. Who do you most often seek “input/counsel” from? _____

What is their relationship with the Lord? Do you most readily look to others or look to the Lord when you are desperate, overwhelmed? _____

Take a few moments to write out these passages; gleaning some wonderful Truth regarding God’s personal commitment to you:

1 Kings 22:5: _____

Psalms 16:7: _____

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Week 5 Growth Opportunities:

Day 2 (continued):

Psalm 32:8: _____

Psalm 119:24: _____

How does God “counsel” us? _____

Conclude your time using truths from these verses to thank to the Lord for ways He counsels you.

Day 3: Let's return to **2 Kings 4: 1-7**. What a great account! So much happened in such a few short verses. What might indicate that God spoke to Elisha in the quiet of His heart as the

woman cried out for help? _____

What impact did his shift in questions have on both the situation and on the woman?

This presented a defining moment for the woman; what significant “choice” did she have

to make? _____

Indeed, a slight adjustment can have a big impact on our ability to stand firm amidst difficulties. I don't know what circumstances you may be facing; what difficulties you see before you. But I do know this: God desires to open your spiritual eyes to see the resources He has already given to you (**Psalm 119:18, Philippians 4:19**). Will you ask Him in some quiet moments of prayer to bring into your spiritual focus what His provisions for you are?

Close with thanksgiving.

List the resources He has given you:

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Day 4: As we linger a little longer in **2 Kings 4**, look afresh at verses 3,4. Logical? Now read **2 Corinthians 5:7**. What is essential in our relationship with the Lord?

Deuteronomy 7:9: What does this passage share about God; the focus of our faith?

Defining moments: stepping up in faith, standing firmly on His Word, and staying focused on the One who is so very faithful! Indeed, God is worthy of our trust. But we must be willing, like the woman in 2 Kings, to step out in faith, see what God has entrusted to us, and have a faith-filled focus on Him.



Day 5: In wrapping up this week, read **2 Kings 4:5-6**. Can you imagine?! What might she have felt? How might this reality have spilled over onto the lives of her neighbors?

Ephesians 3:16-21 is my prayer for each of you this week. Read it with a confidence that grows as you take God at His Word. Be expectant; for He desires to pour Himself into your heart, guide you in your circumstances, and go forth from you in ways that impact the lives of others and are worthy of praise!



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS
