

ANSWER KEY

CHAPTER 1

What took place between the night Peter denied Jesus and the transformation we see in Acts Chapter 4? (See Acts 4:31)

He was filled with the Holy Spirit

What does Proverbs 16:9 say? Write the verse out here:

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

God is always directing your steps. Can you think of any redirection He gave you this past week?

This answer will be different for everyone.

What does Philippians 2:13 say?

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Can you think of a particular time when you were afraid to face a situation or person? What or who were you afraid of?

This answer will be different for everyone.

How was the attitude of the ten spies different from that of David? (See Numbers 13:31 & 1 Samuel 17:47)

The ten spies were focused on their own strength. When David said, "It's not by sword or spear that the Lord saves," he knew that the battle had

nothing to do with human strength, the size of one's army, or our ability to fight. He trusted in the power of God to save him, and leaned on His strength.

Look up 1 Samuel 17:45. What weapons did Goliath have, and what was David's defense?

Goliath had a sword, a spear, and a javelin. Numbers 17: 5-7 always tells us that "he had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels.

David had the name of the Lord Almighty. When someone in the Bible says that they come "in the name of the Lord," it means that they are acting in obedience to God and by His authority.

What message did David want to send to those watching the battle? (See verse 47)

That it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands.

What did David do as Goliath moved closer to him? (See verse 48)

David ran quickly toward the battle to meet him.

Consider the words of Goliath in verse 9. What might this tell us about overcoming our fear? (If you're not sure, you can find a hint in "Week 6, Refiner's Fire")

When Goliath said, "If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." It tells me that we don't have to be ruled or enslaved by the

enemy or by our fear. When David conquered the enemy, he enslaved them. When we stand firm in faith we overcome the enemy, we rise above tribulation, and we conquer our fear.

It also reminded me of the crucifixion of the flesh and the importance of putting away sin. In Romans 6:12, Paul writes, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.” and verse 14, “For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.”

James 4:13 talks about those who assume they know what tomorrow will bring, but **verse 15** shows us a better way of thinking. What is it?

Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

CHAPTER 2

What promise were the Israelites given in Deuteronomy 9:3 as they were about to cross the Jordan River?

That the Lord was going ahead of them to destroy the enemy, and that the Israelites would drive out the enemy quickly.

What promise do we find in Hebrews 13:5?

That He will never leave us or forsake us.

Looking at Numbers Chapter 13, list three things that intimidated the spies.

1. The people were powerful
2. The city was fortified
3. They saw giants (descendants of Anak) there

They were especially afraid of the Anakites. Why? (See Deuteronomy 9:2)

The Anakites were strong and tall. They were rumored to be powerful.

Can you think of a trial you've gone through that strengthened your faith? How did you feel at the beginning, were you afraid? How do you feel about it now?

This answer will be different for everyone.

Look up Hebrews 13:6, to finish this sentence. For God has said: Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you. So, we say with confidence:

The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

What does 2 Timothy 1:7 tell us about the Spirit inside us?

The Spirit does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

What did Joseph say about his struggles in Genesis 50:20? Write the verse out here:

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

CHAPTER 3

In Luke 9:23 Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." What do you think the words "take up your cross" mean?

It means to be willing to make sacrifices, to lay down one's own desires, and to be willing to suffer persecution and rejection for the sake of Jesus and His message. It is a call to be fully committed to following Jesus and living according to His teachings, even when it is difficult or uncomfortable.

James 1:2-4 talks about the testing of our faith. What attitude are we to have regarding the trials we face?

We should be joyful.

According to that same verse in James, what does the testing of our faith produce?

Perseverance.

According to 1 Peter 1:7, what do our trials prove?

The genuineness of our faith

What does Isaiah 53:3 say about Jesus? Write the verse out here:

He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

What does Jesus say about fear in Matthew 10:28? Write the verse out here:

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

CHAPTER 4

In what ways was Paul persecuting the Christians? (See Acts Chapter 9 & 8:3)

Going from house to house, Paul dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. He was also breathing out murderous threats against them, and trying to get them arrested.

What was the driving force behind Ananias courage?

He was motivated by his love for God and His trust in God's power.

What does the word submission mean according to Dictionary.com?

Yielding control to a more powerful or authoritative entity.
i.e.. Submission to God is yielding power to God.

What are some of the walls that lock us in and hold us back from moving forward in life?

The fear of rejection, the fear of failure, and the fear of pain.

In this chapter, we looked at five people who left their comfort zone to follow the Lord. Who were they?

Ruth, Abraham, Moses, Ananias, and Elisabeth Elliott

Courageous faith is a combination of two things, what are they?

Love and trust.

Before Joshua led the Israelites into The Promised Land, Moses encouraged him by telling him three things about God. What were they?

1. The Lord goes before you.
2. He will be with you.
3. He will never leave nor forsake you.

CHAPTER 5

**Gideon said, “My clan is the weakest, and I am the least in my family.”
What did Moses say about himself in Exodus 4:10?**

I am not eloquent. I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.

**Do you ever find yourself talking like Gideon or Moses? What do you say
about yourself that might be limiting you?**

This answer will be different for everyone.

**Judges 6:1 says that God “gave them into the hands of the Midianites.”
Why did God do that?**

This time of tribulation was God’s way of waking them up and leading them back to repentance.

What was the first act of courage that God asked of Gideon?

To tear down his father’s altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it. Then he was to build a proper altar to God on which he would sacrifice one of his father’s bulls as a burnt offering to God, using the wood from the Asherah pole.

Where were the Israelites hiding from the Midianites?

They prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds.

In Judges Chapter 7, we see God pare down Gideon's army again and again. Why?

So that Israel wouldn't be able to boast in the power of man saying, "Our own strength has saved us."

What might the clay vessels in Judges Chapter 7 symbolize? What might the light symbolize?

The clay vessels symbolize those who believe and the light inside is the message of Christ.

CHAPTER 6

What can Daniel 3:17-18 teach us about our attitude during times of testing?

That God is able to deliver us from the fiery trial at any time, but if He doesn't, we should still be willing to stand strong in our faith.

According to 1 Peter 1:7, what do trials prove?

The genuineness of our faith.

What two things did Nebuchadnezzar see when he peered into the furnace?

He saw a fourth man in the fire "like the Son of God," and he saw that the men were unbound and unharmed.

Why was the fourth man in the fire significant? What comfort can we personally glean from that?

It's a reminder that God is walking with us through the fire of testing. It's comforting to know that we're not alone.

Why couldn't the administrators and satraps find anything to charge Daniel with?

Because he was trustworthy. He wasn't corrupt or negligent.

How does perseverance prove character?

It produces the validity of our character by revealing who we are on the inside.

The Bible tells us that the three men in the fire were unbound. What can we learn from this?

That although affliction is tough, it can also be freeing, as we are loosed from the things that once bound us. When we stand firm in faith we overcome the enemy, we rise above tribulation, and we conquer our fear.

CHAPTER 7

What does 1 John 3:1 say? Write the verse out here:

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

In your own words, tell us what Rahab told the spies before they went to sleep.

She told them that she believed the land belonged to them and that the people of her city were afraid of them. They heard about all of the wonderful things that God did and how He protected His people from the

enemy. As such, they were afraid because they knew that the God of the Israelites was the one true powerful God.

She asked the spies to show kindness to her and her family by sparing their lives.

What promise did the men make to her?

They promised to protect her, if she tied a scarlet cord in her window when they returned.

Why is the scarlet cord vital to this story?

It symbolized her faith in the coming Messiah, just as the blood on the door posts in Exodus symbolized their faith in the coming Messiah and the salvation He would bring to the world by the shedding of blood on the cross.

What three things do the verses from Joshua 2 and Exodus 12 have in common?

1. They were not allowed to leave the house during the time of the Passover (or the takeover of the city)
2. They applied a symbol of the blood to their doors/windows
3. Both took place during Passover week

And one more... Their families were saved from death.

Why were Paul and Silas in jail?

They angered a female slave's owners when they cast a demon out of her. Because she was no longer demon possessed their hope of making money was gone, and so they dragged Paul and Silas before the magistrates and accused them of causing an uproar.

What were they doing at midnight?

Praying and singing hymns to God.

**In this chapter, I wrote, “Our testimony is produced under pressure.”
What do you think that means?**

It’s easy to say that you trust God when things are going well, but when you’re faced with difficulties you have serious choices to make. Will you trust God, or will you lean on your own power and strength? The way we react to these situations will prove the validity of our faith. In addition to that, faith grows out of adversity. It’s during these times that we’re given the opportunity to practice the faith we profess.

If we can’t dictate our situations, what can we do?

We can choose how we react to them. Our attitude toward life is a medium that God uses to draw others to Him.

Can you think of any situation in your past or present where God has used you to minister right where you were?

This answer will be different for everyone.

CHAPTER 8

The answers to the questions at the end of chapter 8 will be different for everyone, and so we don’t have any specific answers this week.

CHAPTER 9

What was his [Hezekiah’s] first order of business as king?

His first order of business was to open the doors of the temple and cleanse it.

How was King Hezekiah different from his father?

Hezekiah was a man after God's own heart, which his father King Ahaz shut the doors of the temple, set up altars on every street corner in Jerusalem, and burned sacrifices to other gods.

What happened to the messengers in 2 Chronicles Chapter 30 when they delivered the invitations on behalf of King Hezekiah?

They were scorned and ridiculed by many of the people.

What does 1 Peter 4:14 say? Write the verse out here:

If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

What steps did Hezekiah take to prepare for the battle?

He gathered a group of people and together they blocked off the water that flowed through the land. They prepared the broken sections of the wall and built towers on it. They reinforced the wall around the city and built a second wall around that. They made many weapons and shields.

How should we prepare for tomorrow's battle today?

We can prepare by holding on to our joy, reinforcing the walls of protection by drawing closer to God, standing firm in our faith, and putting on the full armor of God.

What does the word encourage mean?

To instill courage in someone.

What does the word discourage mean?

To cause someone to lose their courage or confidence.

According to Romans 15:4, what 2 things give us hope?

1. The endurance taught in the Scriptures.
2. The encouragement they provide.
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What are the six (let's make that seven) pieces of armor listed in Ephesians 6:10-18?

1. The belt of truth
2. The breastplate of righteousness
3. Our feet shod with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
4. The shield of faith
5. The helmet of salvation
6. The sword of the spirit
7. Pray in the spirit on all occasions

What happened after Hezekiah and Isaiah prayed?

That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the Assyrian camp.

CHAPTER 10

What are some of the “buts” that have held you back the past?

This answer will be different for everyone.

What did Nehemiah do first when he heard that his people were in trouble, and their city broken down?

He wept and fast and prayed.

What two things did Nehemiah do when he was faced with opposition?

He prayed and he posted a guard.

What does Matthew 6:34 say? Write the verse out here:

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

What advice does James 4:7 give us regarding the enemy?

That when we resist the enemy he will flee from us:

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Looking back on this study, what are some important things you learned about courage?

This answer will be different for everyone.