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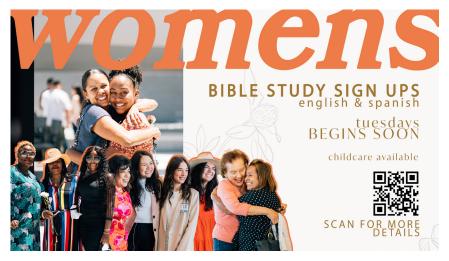
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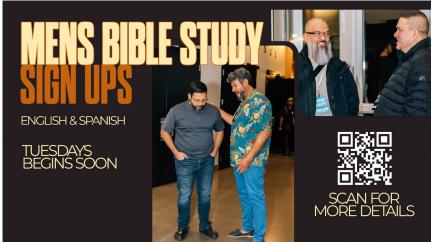
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MAKE SOMETHING OF IT

DRAWING A LINE JUDE 1-3

WEEK 1

When it come to contending for your faith Don't just draw a line Draw one and choose to live on that side of it.

As I'm sure you know, your life is jam-packed with decisions. Scientists and psychologists estimate that a person makes, on average, 35,000 decisions per day. That calculates to approximately 2,000 decisions per hour. You feel the enormity of that daily, and it often produces things like decision anxiety, fatigue, and even regret. I say regret because you find yourself consistently making decisions that hurt the quality of your life. That compels us to ask ourselves how we can consistently make the right decisions that lead to flourishing.

Remember, decisions are driven by your goals, and your goals are shaped by your values. Values represent what matters most in your life. Anyone who is successful knows this. Forbes recently listed a series of things successful people have in common. The article said successful people do more than what's asked of them; they are willing to fail in order to succeed, they set goals that they can accomplish, and they take accountability for themselves and their actions. They do this because their decisions are driven by their goals, and their goals are shaped by their values.

Success in your Christian faith works the same way. When you value Christ and your faith above all other things, it compels you to establish spiritual goals that drive your decisions in the right direction toward spiritual growth. This approach to your faith will make you a contender. Someone who pours the fullness of their focus and effort into their relationship with God and experiences a flourishing life.

(10 min) PRAY

Ask God to permeate your time with His presence. Ask God to reveal what values drive your life and invite Him during this time to strengthen good values and reorient bad ones.

(25 min) TIME TO CONSIDER

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

- 1. Jude had a high view of the Christian faith. According to the teaching, many things caused him to consider his faith to be precious. In your estimation, what makes your faith precious? What gives you such high regard for our common salvation and the faith that has been once and for all delivered to the saints? Make a list and share some reflections.
- 2. How do your goals and decisions reflect the value you have for your faith in Christ? Do the decisions you make reflect a high value for your Christian faith? If yes, would others in your life affirm that by the decisions they see you make?
- 3. Make a list of your values and goals. How do these values and goals help you fulfill God's mission in and through your life? Be open to reordering, adding, and eliminating values and goals in light of God's mission and purpose for your life. Formulate a plan for this coming year that helps you to intentionally live up to these values and goals and make the right decisions.

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES: 1 Peter 1:6 "In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Pray for the next 15-20 minutes as a Life Group. Ask God to guide you in this time of prayer. You have decisions to make this week. Working through this week's content can change your life radically. Encourage one another to take the exercise of developing Godly values, goals, and decisions seriously. Work through this exercise together, encouraging each other and sharing how God is leading you.

(5 min) LIVE IT

Be intentional about centering each day this week around the presence of Christ in your life. Begin each day in prayer and ask for God's empowering to live out the values and goals you have set by making concrete decisions that are in alignment. Expect to see God do great things and bring spiritual flourishing to your life.