

LifeGroup Questions
Based on: Various
November 10, 2019

Overview: Prayer, Risk, Surrender, Joy

Acts 12:5 ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Esther 4:16 ¹⁶ Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish

Romans 6:12-13 ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Nehemiah 8:10 ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Bible Study: Various

Prayer

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him

Forever and ever in the next.
Amen.

Read through the Serenity Prayer. What stands out to you? Pray this every day for one week.

Risk

John Piper once said, "A choice lies before you: Either waste your life or live with risk." Either sit on the sidelines or get in the game. After all, life was not cakewalk for Jesus, and he didn't promise it would be any easier for His followers. We shouldn't be surprised by resistance and persecution. Yet most of us play it safe. We pursue comfort to get more stuff. And we prefer to be entertained.

How does pursuing comfort lead to a complacent Christian life?

Surrender

Jim Elliot once said: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

What does surrender to Christ mean to you? Are there things in your life you want to hold on to no matter what?

Joy

Proverbs 17:22 A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Do you have joy in your walk with Jesus? What keeps you from experiencing Joy?