

WEEKLY GAME PLAN

Unconventional Wisdom

Read Acts 25:18-20a, Acts 21:10-11, Acts 20:22-23, Proverbs 27:1 NIV

Context: Paul didn't have a lot of guarantees in his life. But the one thing that was guaranteed was that he was going to face trials. Conventional wisdom says, "No, Stop, Wait, Don't go that way, Avoid the danger and the prison." But Paul had a mission and he was going to complete his mission.

Reflection Question: What is something that you know God wants you to do with your life? Go on a mission trip? Talk to your neighbor? Invite that co-worker or classmate to church? What's keeping you from completing the mission God has given you?

Read Acts 23:11 NIV, Matthew 6:19-20 NIV

Context: Whenever we have the courage to do what God wants us to do, He shows up right there next to us, encouraging us to bank that heavenly treasure. When we do this, the things that we're striving after, that we're working towards, are eternal. They never fade away and no one can steal them from us.

Reflection Question: How are you using your life? Are you going after those things that can be taken from you, or are you going after those things that will last well into eternity? What would help you to follow God more closely right now?

Read Proverbs 27:17, Proverbs 12:18, Matthew 5:44, Matthew 23:11, Matthew 20:16, Acts 20:35 NIV

Context: In this world, convention says: those who work the hardest should have the most, the best people should be first, if someone offends us we should just be able to give back as good as we've been given, and the more stuff we get, the better we'll feel. But God's wisdom says we help others. We go last and let others go first. We show love to the people who have wronged us. And we will feel better the more we give to others. That's unconventional.

Reflection Question: How can you live unconventionally for God this week? Why would you choose to live this way?

Read Romans 5:3-4, Matthew 26:41, Luke 8:14 NIV

Context: If we act like people who don't know God, focus on our worries and problems, we will get the results the world gets, anxiety, worry and stress. If we endure the suffering, that will produce perseverance, which will build our character, which will lead to our hope being in God.

Reflection Question: Who can you seek out to help you be watchful and prayerful this week? How can you learn to offload your worries to God, knowing that He cares and will take care of you?

Read Acts 25:1-5 NIV

Context: We have to become comfortable with living in the mystery of God. Paul had no idea what would happen to him, but he was willing to move when God told him to, not when he felt comfortable that all of the details were ironed out. God knows the hindrances in our way and He has already made a way through them.

Reflection Question: What step of faith is God wanting to see from you this week? How can you believe His love and protection over you so that you can do what He's calling you to do? How can you say yes to God and figure out the details along the way?

End in prayer. Be unconventional this week!