

WINNING THE WORRY BATTLE QUESTIONS
Chapters 19-20 to be completed by March 15 or March 19 Classes

CHAPTER 19: ASKING FOR GOD'S BEST, PAGE 190

1. JAMES 4:2-3 " YOU WANT WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE, SO YOU SCHEME & KILL TO GET IT. YOU ARE JEALOUS OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE, BUT YOU CAN'T GET IT, SO YOU FIGHT & WAGE WAR TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THEM. YET YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU WANT BECAUSE YOU DON'T ASK GOD FOR IT. AND EVEN WHEN YOU ASK, YOU DON'T GET IT BECAUSE YOUR MOTIVES ARE ALL WRONG—YOU WANT ONLY WHAT WILL GIVE YOU PLEASURE."

- Read pages 191-192 with the verses above and tell how we can eliminate potential stress and worry if we just ask God for His help.

2. JOSHUA 14:11-12 "I AM AS STRONG NOW AS I WAS WHEN MOSES SENT ME ON THAT JOURNEY, & I CAN STILL TRAVEL & FIGHT AS WELL AS I COULD THEN. SO GIVE ME THE HILL COUNTRY THAT THE LORD PROMISED ME. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT AS SCOUTS WE FOUND THE DESCENDANTS OF ANAK LIVING THERE IN GREAT, WALLED TOWNS. BUT IF THE LORD IS WITH ME, I WILL DRIVE THEM OUT OF THE LAND, JUST AS THE LORD SAID."

- Caleb didn't settle for less than God's best! What best thing did God enable Caleb to accomplish at age 85?

3. MATTHEW 7:11 "SO IF YOU SINFUL PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM."

- Caleb's daughter, Acsah, asked for another gift of land from her dad as a wedding gift and he gave her double what she asked for (Joshua 15:19). If you are in need of your Father God's help in a potential worrisome situation right now, how can the verses above encourage you?

4. JUDGES 1:34 "AS FOR THE TRIBE OF DAN, THE AMORITES FORCED THEM BACK INTO THE HILL COUNTRY & WOULD NOT LET THEM COME DOWN INTO THE PLAINS."

The tribe of Dan settled for less than God wanted to give to them. What did they miss out on? Sum up pages 195-197.

5. How can you know if you have settled for less than God's best? Fill in the blanks to answer the question from page 197.

- A. You have stopped F _____ for what God has already given to you.
- B. You have C _____ yourself for someone or something that God doesn't want you to have.
- C. You have no idea what God wants to G _____ Y _____ in the first place.

Are you settling for less than God's promised best in some area of your life? Read the prayer on page 198 and then write your own prayer to Jesus here.

CHAPTER 20: CAREFRONTATIONS, PAGE 200

1. From JOSHUA 22 " ¹¹ THE REST OF ISRAEL HEARD THAT THE PEOPLE OF REUBEN, GAD, & THE HALF-TRIBE OF MANASSEH HAD BUILT AN ALTAR AT GELILOTH AT THE EDGE OF THE LAND OF CANAAN, ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER. ¹² SO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF ISRAEL GATHERED AT SHILOH & PREPARED TO GO TO WAR AGAINST THEM. ¹³ FIRST, HOWEVER, THEY SENT A DELEGATION LED BY PHINEHAS SON OF ELEAZAR, THE PRIEST, TO TALK WITH THE TRIBES OF REUBEN, GAD, & THE HALF-TRIBE OF MANASSEH. ¹⁶ "THE WHOLE COMMUNITY OF THE LORD DEMANDS TO KNOW WHY YOU ARE BETRAYING THE GOD OF ISRAEL. HOW COULD YOU TURN AWAY FROM THE LORD & BUILD AN ALTAR FOR YOURSELVES IN REBELLION AGAINST HIM? ²⁴ "THE TRUTH IS, WE HAVE BUILT THIS ALTAR BECAUSE WE FEAR THAT IN THE FUTURE YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL SAY TO OURS, 'WHAT RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO WORSHIP THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL? ²⁵ THE LORD HAS PLACED THE JORDAN RIVER AS A BARRIER BETWEEN OUR PEOPLE & YOU PEOPLE OF REUBEN & GAD. YOU HAVE NO CLAIM TO THE LORD.' SO YOUR DESCENDANTS MAY PREVENT OUR DESCENDANTS FROM WORSHIPING THE LORD. ²⁶ "SO WE DECIDED TO BUILD THE ALTAR, NOT FOR BURNT OFFERINGS OR SACRIFICES, ²⁷ BUT AS A MEMORIAL. ³⁰ WHEN PHINEHAS THE PRIEST & THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY—THE HEADS OF THE CLANS OF ISRAEL—HEARD THIS FROM THE TRIBES OF REUBEN, GAD, & THE HALF-TRIBE OF MANASSEH, THEY WERE SATISFIED. ³³ AND ALL THE ISRAELITES WERE SATISFIED & PRAISED GOD & SPOKE NO MORE OF WAR AGAINST REUBEN & GAD. ³⁴ THE PEOPLE OF REUBEN & GAD NAMED THE ALTAR "WITNESS," FOR THEY SAID, "IT IS A WITNESS BETWEEN US & THEM THAT THE LORD IS OUR GOD, TOO."

- Give the steps of "CAREFRONTATION" that Phinehas, the priest, used to solve the tension about the unapproved built altar on the west side of the Jordan River.

2. MATTHEW 18:15-17A ¹⁵ "IF ANOTHER BELIEVER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO PRIVATELY & POINT OUT THE OFFENSE. IF THE OTHER PERSON LISTENS & CONFESSES IT, YOU HAVE WON THAT PERSON BACK. ¹⁶ BUT IF YOU ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, TAKE ONE OR TWO OTHERS WITH YOU & GO BACK AGAIN, SO THAT EVERYTHING YOU SAY MAY BE CONFIRMED BY TWO OR THREE WITNESSES. ¹⁷ IF THE PERSON STILL REFUSES TO LISTEN, TAKE YOUR CASE TO THE CHURCH."

- Before you ask a church leader or pastor to help you with an issue between you and another believer, what steps should you have already followed, as these verses point out?

3. COLOSSIANS 3:12 "SINCE GOD CHOSE YOU TO BE THE HOLY PEOPLE HE LOVES, YOU MUST CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH TENDERHEARTED MERCY, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS, & PATIENCE."

- What attitude must I have before any CAREFRONTATION happens with another person?

4. Give the three CAREFRONTATION SANDWICH STEPS to help each confrontation to be successful in God's eyes.

- STEP 1: A SLICE OF L_____ : Affirm the person's V_____ and the relationship
- STEP 2: MEAT OF C_____ : Express O_____ not opinions.
- STEP 3: SLICE OF E_____ : Communicate goodwill and share H_____ for the future.

5. Read pages 208-209 and give further tips that will ensure a "carefrontation" and not a confrontation situation, by filling in the blanks.

- Keep it S_____ and sweet. Fewer than two minutes long.
- After sharing be silent and L_____ to person's feelings.
- Remember that the relationship matters more than being you being R_____.
- Ask Q_____ to clarify instead of making statements: Can you tell me more?

- End CAREFRONTATION by P_____ for him or her.
- Remember: When we love others, we tell them the T_____ and we do it with kindness and respect with Jesus' love flowing through us.

MORE TOOLS TO "WIN OVER WORRY" THIS WEEK:

STEVEN FURTICK DVD: SEE IT THROUGH (Find on youtube)

PLAYLIST: LORD, I NEED YOU Shane and Shane

TAKE MY LIFE Chris Tomlin

NEVER ONCE Matt Redman

OH MY SOUL Casting Crowns