

FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

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FEATURED FORUM - SUNDAY APRIL 3

Carl and Jenny Whitlatch and Jason and Tina Barhorst

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use these for personal reflection, family devotional time, or in any other group discussion setting.

1. In Chapter 20 we see that God instructs the people to not be afraid when an enemy comes up against them. What's the reasoning behind this? Do you have any enemies in your life right now that are threatening you? Are you fearful? Are you anxious? What might God be inviting you to do with those emotions and thoughts?
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3. Read the song of Moses in Chapter 32. What words or phrases jump out at you as you read this? What parts of this song serve as a great reminder for those who might be tempted to turn away from God or to believe that God doesn't care for them? Where does it say the vine of the enemy flows from (32:31-32)? What does this mean for us as Christians? Where does our vine flow from? What/Who is the vine we're meant to hold onto? Practically speaking, what does it look like to hold onto that vine?

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