

# FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

FOCUS: A ONE-YEAR JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

SESSION 3, WEEK 5 - APRIL 25 - MAY 1

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THEME OF THE WEEK

NEW LIFE IS FOUND IN JESUS

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMON:

*Becoming a Child of God*  
*Romans, Judges 16-21, Proverbs 19-22*

FEATURED FORUM

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST // 9 AM

ASK A QUESTION:

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QUESTION IN THE BOX NEAR  
FOCUS MATERIALS

## READING PLAN

- Monday  
Judges 16-18  
Proverbs 19:1-4
- Tuesday  
Judges 19-21  
Proverbs 19:15-29
- Wednesday  
Romans 1-3  
Proverbs 20:1-15
- Thursday  
Romans 4-5  
Proverbs 20:16-30
- Friday  
Romans 6-8  
Proverbs 21:1-6
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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. You may have heard of the term “The Romans Road,” let’s take a walk down Romans Road. These are great passages to keep in mind when talking with others about faith. Discuss how these verses connect with one another and how the Gospel could be shared from the platform of these verses.

**Romans Road:** 1. Rom. 3:23; 2. Rom. 6:23; 3. Rom. 5:8; 4. Rom 10:9; 5. Rom. 5:1

1. **Read Romans 8:26-30.** What in these verses is encouraging for you in your life? How might God use hardship for good? How do you know the Spirit is living in your life and making petition to God on your behalf?
1. **Read Romans Chapter 11.** You might want to read this a couple of times in a row. Circle or underline anything that sticks out in your mind. This is a commonly used chapter to describe the place of Gentiles (all of us who are not Jewish) in the family of God.
  - a. How are we saved? What allows us to “stand fast” (verse 20)? Could you be grafted in and cut off (11:22)? Can unbelieving Jews be grafted back into God’s family?
2. **Read Romans 12.** This chapter describes how we should live as Christians. Make a list of characteristics that describe a committed follower of Jesus. How are these evident in your life (or not evident)? Is there an area you would like to invite God to grow you?
3. **Look at 12:19-21.** What do you think it means to “heap burning coals” on the head of your enemy? Keep in mind that God’s desire is for us to show them love - he judges. Should we desire that they be burned up? Who is hard for you to love? If there is still opportunity to love them, how might you do that?

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