

FAITH ALLIANCE CHURCH

FOCUS: A ONE-YEAR JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

SESSION 4, WEEK 2 - MAY 16 - MAY 21

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FEATURED FORUM

NOT OF THIS WORLD

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND // 9 AM

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TEXT 419-495-6298 OR DROP QUESTION IN THE BOX NEAR FOCUS MATERIALS

READING PLAN

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Proverbs 28:1-14
- Tuesday
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Proverbs 28:15-28
- Wednesday
1 Samuel 29-31
Proverbs 29:1-14
- Thursday
Philippians 1-4
Proverbs 29:15-27
- Friday
2 Samuel 1-3
Proverbs 30
- Saturday
2 Samuel 4-7
Proverbs 31

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 - b. Is there hardship you're facing for the gospel of Jesus? What testimonies are coming from that? How might God use that to encourage others?
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 - a. Where are you prone to being selfish?
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3. Read Philippians 3:1-11. "Whatever gain I had, I count a loss for the sake of Jesus..." What have you "lost" in this life because you're a follower of Jesus? What do you suppose might be different about you if you didn't follow Jesus? Basically, how has he changed you? Or, maybe first, has he changed you from what you would otherwise be?

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