



## No Other Gods – Week Two Facebook Chat Notes

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[Jul 4 2012, 12:52 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: **Is everyone enjoying the study? I'd love to know what your favorite study day has been...**

[Jul 4 2012, 12:53 AM] Clarice Wagner: Day 5 was my favorite...dealing with fear.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:53 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: Eek, I just started week 2. My book arrived late. But, my favorite day was day 2 of week 1.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:54 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I wouldn't call it my favorite, but Day 4-Silence hit me the hardest.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:54 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @betsy, yeah that was a good one! It is an easy read, you will catch up easily. :)

[Jul 4 2012, 12:54 AM] Kelly Goodman: Evening everyone!

[Jul 4 2012, 12:54 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Day 3 Oh to be more like Hannah

[Jul 4 2012, 12:55 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: Sadly, I have not received my book yet, but read your blog and wanted to join in tonight. I should have it soon.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:55 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Martha, tell me about it. I am amazed at her strength and trust in the Lord.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:57 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: FYI - I posted last weeks chat notes/transcript and will be posting tonights too, but not until Thursday. You can look back over it, or even share with friends who might want to catch up and join.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:57 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: I just got my book last Friday and have studied to catch up.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:59 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: I always want to "help"Him move things along.

[Jul 4 2012, 12:59 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: Loved day 5 of this week!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:00 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: Wow, it's full room! Love it!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:00 AM] Kelly Goodman: Fear - Day 5 - this hit home.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:00 AM] Cynthia Horn Johnson: Hi everyone! I couldn't be on last week, so here I am for the first time. :)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:01 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: Welcome, Cynthia!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:01 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I loved her commend in Day 5 (Fear) - "I think if we can separate our fear from our idols it will help us think more clearly and deeply about what is actually ruling us, and how fear is the agent hired by our idols to keep us attached."

[Jul 4 2012, 1:01 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Okay ready to start sorry! Welcome Cynthia!!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:01 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Welcome, Cynthia

[Jul 4 2012, 1:02 AM] Kelly Goodman: @ Kelly - I have that highlighted in my book.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:02 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Welcome Cynthia! And everyone else, let's get started!!! We will be doing giveaways from Lifeway again after each question is over, so be sure to email Rebecca with your mailing address. Winners are random, so if you won last week and you get the same prize, we can substitute it for you! .

[Jul 4 2012, 1:02 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Lets get started....

[Jul 4 2012, 1:02 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: **Q1: The author of our study notes that "women everywhere are caught in an endless pursuit to discover their identity." What does it really mean to "find your identity in Christ" (a great Christian cliché that we often toss around without knowing its true meaning)? Which part of our identity listed on the top of p.38 means the most to you and why?**

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- [Jul 4 2012, 1:03 AM] Glenda Covey: I think it is that we are His
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:03 AM] Glenda Covey: I lose sight of that too often
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:03 AM] Clarice Wagner: For me, we belong to Him. It brings me comfort to know I belong to God and that helps me to "fortify" my identity. We are each a treasured possession of God.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:04 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Top of pg 38 said... Through Christ, we are also the "chosen people." we are part of the "royalty of God". We are "holy" in His sight. We "belong to Him". We have "received mercy".
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:04 AM] Kelly Goodman: Chosen - it gives me a sense of worth & comfort knowing that even if no one else would pick me, God actually "chose me!"
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:04 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: I agree, that we are treasured but especially that we are chosen. He wants us to find our identity in Him.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:04 AM] Jessi Whitt: Knowing that I'm a special possession of God's means a lot to me.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:05 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I think it is a powerful statement because I love the fact that we are called him most treasured possession
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:05 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: Too often, we are looking to everything else for our identity. When everything else is gone, we can see most clearly it is just Him that matters, and that we belong to Him, and that He is there.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:05 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @KellyG and @Abby, yes "chosen" was the one that touched me the most too. Not that I was just inherited, but actually "chosen" to be His.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:05 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: I belong to Him. That says it all.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:05 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: So agree with you Martha thats it!
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:06 AM] Jessi Whitt: I think CHOSEN stood out a lot to me also.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:06 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: This question really stood out because I realized how much we (or I at least) try to find my identity in other things- now I realize those are idols!
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:06 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: that phrase states everything in trying to figure out who we really are
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:06 AM] Kelly Goodman: @Abby - good point!
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:07 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: God asks us to conduct ourselves honorable in our deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge too
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:07 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Pretty important to be chosen and yet we chase after you name it looking for our id
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:08 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: exactly
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:08 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Q1 – One year subscription to “Homelife” magazine is .... Betsy Kiplinger (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your address)
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:08 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: so true!
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:08 AM] Kelly Goodman: congrats Betsy!
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:08 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Congrats!!
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:08 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: **Q2: What was your reaction to Hannah's prayer, especially knowing that she had just dropped off her toddler son (around 3 or 4 years old) to live forever in the temple with the priest instead of at home with her? Could you have done it? How did that make you feel reading that?**
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:08 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: Thank you
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:09 AM] Laverne AsIam: Congrats betsy!
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:09 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: When I read that story, I think about that walk to the temple. And I wonder if she dragged her feet...
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:09 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: This part of the study just smacked me between the eyes. I struggled a lot with this, not with God, but trying to understand Him and finally realized this is a place where I just have to trust him and since I know he is good I know it was for good.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:10 AM] Clarice Wagner: Amazing that she had the strength to leave her son behind; what trust, what faith! And then to praise God too.
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:10 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: I really don't know if I could leave my child(baby)
- [Jul 4 2012, 1:10 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I have a 4 year old son and I could not picture myself being strong and trusting enough to give my baby to God, to not be able to raise him.



[Jul 4 2012, 1:10 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: It somewhat made me feel bad because to drop of my son to live forever was a huge sacrifice. I know I would totally struggle with myself especially because I have a son

[Jul 4 2012, 1:10 AM] Glenda Covey: You know Hannah had incredible faith, but I don't know if I could have done it. I've always wondered what others thought (idol, I know..wondering what others think!)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:10 AM] Kelly Goodman: I'm taking care of my 4 y/o grandson & I don't know if I could have done it. I look at him & at the person he is becoming and my heart just broke thinking about it.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:10 AM] Laverne AsIam: Umm Hannah's story sorta broke my heart she had a few issues going on. I never looked at that story the way I did in this study.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: I don't know if I could do it but what a picture of keeping her promise to God and trusting that He had a plan for his life.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Glenda Covey: I mean what other women of the time thought

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Clarice Wagner: I had a hard enough time leaving my children at daycare while working! I can't imagine leaving my toddler...

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: I agree, don't know how she had the strength to do it. It does help me remember that my children are His... as hard as that is to remember.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Rebecca Ingram Powell: Glenda, I get what you're saying. I bet she took a lot of heat for it...

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: @ Phyllis keeping her promise is big

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Laverne AsIam: I wondered if Hannah went through with her promise out of fear, you know we say things and then wish we hadn't but we must stand by our word?

[Jul 4 2012, 1:11 AM] Kelly Goodman: I would like to think that if had been in her position I would have had the faith & strength to do it.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:12 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Phyllis absolutely what a picture!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:12 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: So right Glenda Hannah had an incredible faith to do that. The Holy Spirit must have been there to walk her through that because I don't think I could of done that on my own. I would of had to have something so strong inside of me like God acting as me in order for me to leave my son.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:13 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: @Abbey ...true but we get to have them with us.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:13 AM] Kelly Goodman: can you imagine her days after leaving him? I know she had other children but the torment of wondering how he was, etc. would be so emotionally taxing.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:14 AM] Glenda Covey: Another thing I find so interesting is that God closed & then opened her womb. He really is in control

[Jul 4 2012, 1:14 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Kelly it had to be tough...

[Jul 4 2012, 1:14 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Ivette, I am so glad you said that, I totally agree. I would have had to have the Holy Spirits supernatural power, but now thinking about it, clearly Hannah did. She absolutely praised the Lord after dropping him off.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:14 AM] Clarice Wagner: Hannah rejoices in God answering her prayer, in this she finds joy and identity in the Lord...doesn't rely on other gods or idols. She is an example of patience to wait.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:14 AM] Glenda Covey: @Clarice, so true

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Kelly Goodman: @Clare - I agree!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Clarice- look at how her obedience was rewarded!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Q2 - The book "What Women Fear" by Angie Smith is ....Phyllis Rolan (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your address)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: She was totally a super strong woman Kelly!! She really is someone to look up to in her story.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Kelly Goodman: congrats Phyllis!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Laverne AsIam: WTG Phyllis

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Good Job Phyllis!!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: Thank you so much!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:15 AM] Clarice Wagner: Yes, congrats!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:16 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: **Q3: What is your first reaction when the Lord seems to be quiet in response to your prayers? Do you take charge of the situation or do you continue to leave it with Him?**



**What helps you to keep trusting Him? Do you have favorite verses or praise songs that you use to boost your faith during those times you are waiting for Him to move?**

[Jul 4 2012, 1:16 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Bet that is a good book.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:16 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Martha it is! I have read it. Goes right along with this week's study, especially Day 5!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:16 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: I initially was really struck by how painful this would have been, and then, I thought of my sister-in-laws family. They are Catholic. And, she was the designated child to become a nun. She didnt she married my brother. But, her brother did become a priest. I think if you really trust in God, giving up a child wouldn't be so difficult. However, I'm very grateful my sister-in-law married my brother.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:17 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: OOps I was still on the other question.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:17 AM] Laverne AsIam: Umm many times I just wait and leave it with the Lord, all i have to do is look back and I know He will provide His Word says it. I keep a song close by ummm Great is Thy Faithfulness is one of my favorites

[Jul 4 2012, 1:18 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Thats a really hard question because sometimes I can be really impatient with things which isn't my best quality. So yes sometimes I do try to take charge and hope that God will lead my way but I know sometimes its good to wait for what he has planned and trust that He knows best for me and my family!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:18 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Laverne, love that song myself. Grew up Church of Christ and was a staple many Sunday's. :)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:19 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Laverne, one of my favorites! I think about proverbs 3:5-6. It is so hard to be patient but we have to trust in His plan and especially His timing!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:19 AM] Laverne AsIam: Yup I also attend UCC and we sing it VERY often....but it still brings tears to my eyes..Smile

[Jul 4 2012, 1:19 AM] Laverne AsIam: good tears

[Jul 4 2012, 1:19 AM] Clarice Wagner: Patience; that is so challenging for me! I tend to try to take charge of the situation, but more recently, I have been giving it to Him. Sometimes I think things turn out better when my prayers have been answered in ways I couldn't imagine.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:19 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Okay, I will admit, I DO NOT do a good job of waiting. I am pretty impatient and that is one of the areas I struggle with daily.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:19 AM] Lisa Gaska: Q3- Isaiah 64:4 has helped me! Our willingness to wait reveals the value we place on the object we are waiting for.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:20 AM] Glenda Covey: Is anyone else like me? A control freak? I think I am totally like Sarah. I seem to always want to help God out. I'm not good at waiting. I honestly seem to not think of it at the time as a lack of trust, but instead justify it in so many ways. However, His will always prevails even if it seems like I am swallowed by a big fish & spit out. I often feel like Jonah. I think listening to His word helps me more than anything. I like to listen online to some of my favorites like Tony Evans preach truth

[Jul 4 2012, 1:20 AM] Laverne AsIam: Ha! are you kidding absolutely so please pray for me as I pray for you...

[Jul 4 2012, 1:20 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Clarice - oh I agree, it seems they ALWAYS turn out better than I can imagine. It is like he jsut wants to show me just how creative and awesome he is, I love it!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:21 AM] Kelly Goodman: The older I get I am leaving it in God's hands but I can look back and see where my impatience took me. So thankful that God knows the "plans" he has for me. So if I mess up Plan A, God still has Plan B or C or D ...

[Jul 4 2012, 1:21 AM] Jessi Whitt: When it seems like God is being quiet in a response to my prayers, my first instinct is fear, but a verse that I go to is...The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.[a] And by him we cry, "Abba, Father. Romans 8:15

[Jul 4 2012, 1:21 AM] Cynthia Horn Johnson: I'm impatient and waiting for anything is difficult for me. I try to remember "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" from Proverbs.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:21 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Are there any rivers. I sing that to myself that God can take care of all my problems.



[Jul 4 2012, 1:21 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: I have learned to examine myself for any sin that would keep God from hearing me (Psalm 66:18) Then I make sure that the prayer lines up with the Word of God. Many times I find that it doesn't. It is my "self" and "flesh" instead of His Godliness through me praying. If I am clean and it lines up, and I ask His will, then His plans go forward. I had to learn not to manipulate the hard way!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:21 AM] Kelly Goodman: @Cynthia - Prov. 3:5 & 6 ... definitely!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:22 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Glenda YES!! I also often feel like the Israelites in the desert. God will have just shown me a miracle and I so quickly forget.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:22 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: @Lisa and Jessi - Love those verses, thanks!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:22 AM] Glenda Covey: I am like the Israelites, it took them 40 years to make an 11 day trip b/c they had so many lessons to learn!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:23 AM] Laverne AsIam: LOL @ Glenda

[Jul 4 2012, 1:23 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I think sometimes because I can be so impatient God works me through my husband because he finds the way to encourage me to wait for things. I have to say God is great because I know he sends me awesome people to get me to calm down and take a step back.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:23 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: And I know He has my right hand.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:23 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Glenda LOL you are so right! :)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:23 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: I just don't like walking in circles anymore!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:23 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: lol Glenda that was great!!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:23 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Q3 – “7” by Jenn Hatmaker is ..... Clarice Wagner (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your address)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Kelly Goodman: Congrats Clare!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Congrats Jenn!!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: Congrats

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Laverne AsIam: WTG Clare

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: sorry lol Clare

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: lol

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: **FINAL QUESTION: Q4: The Israelites turned the Egyptian plunder God had blessed them with into the form of a golden calf they could worship. What are some ways that we turn God's gifts into gods?**

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: WTG Clare!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:24 AM] Clarice Wagner: Thanks so much!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:25 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: I think we are prideful of our accomplishments when we are given our talents as gifts from God, and then we use them to satisfy worldly desires instead to to serve Him.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:25 AM] Lisa Gaska: Q4- By placing too much value on them! And giving them more time than we give God.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:25 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I loved this concept, because I had never thought of it this way, but I so often turn the sweet gifts he gives me into idols.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:26 AM] Kelly Goodman: Money ... if you don't have enough, you "fear" but if you have extra ... WOW! What can I get with it? Instead of putting it towards missions, etc. It's about me & what it can do for me. How I will feel when I get "such-n-such".

[Jul 4 2012, 1:26 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I sometimes turn my work into my idol because even though God has blessed me with the opportunity to have work closer to home I still want more which is bad

[Jul 4 2012, 1:26 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: Since everything IS HIS - There are sooooo many things I misuse! And I do agree with Lisa about time with them instead of God. So much tiem wasted on temporal and not eternal things!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Glenda Covey: Oh, this final question, I could write my own book on. I am slowly realizing that our blessings can become our curse. You read about the Israelites and you think "Hello, did you forget about the parting of the water?? etc etc..., but truthfully, I am just as guilty. We put other things that He has blessed us with in front of Him. Worshipping the blessings instead of the Blesser! So much to learn. Please pray for me as I dispose of some of my idols. My house is too full!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Kelly Goodman: @Phyllis - so true!



[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: God has opened that door for me to be closer to home because He's trying to tell me something other than work more

[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Laverne AsIam: Some folks do that with their job. God will bless us with what we pray for and while unemployed we did devotion, went to church and then some. But as soon as our prayer is answered we forget and begin to worship the job, and the money.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Phyllis- totally agree!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Cynthia Horn Johnson: @Kelly Goodman, that is a very good point.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Your so right Laverne

[Jul 4 2012, 1:27 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I'm so guilty of that too

[Jul 4 2012, 1:28 AM] Kelly Goodman: Laverne - that is a great point.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:28 AM] Glenda Covey: @Phyllis...so strue

[Jul 4 2012, 1:28 AM] Clarice Wagner: I find myself looking to God's gifts to give me comfort. Such wasted time.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:28 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Glenda That is exactly what I feel like, I think about how those in glass houses shouldn't judge others. I am in a glass house, judging how ridiculous the Israelites and I am probably worse than they were!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:28 AM] Laverne AsIam: I was guilty of it as well but then i asked god to forgive me and I re-focused. So glad He is a second, third and fourth...infinity God..LOL

[Jul 4 2012, 1:28 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Clarice- I think that's true- and also looking to them to find my identity.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Glenda Covey: @Laverne, I needed that. I have been feeling so guilty

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Kelly Goodman: @Clare & Abby - Amen!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Some days we just don't get it!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Clarice seeking comfort in those gifts from God is a bad thing?

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Glenda I just left that so I am glad my testimony helps ....Praise god

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Laverne AsIam: God

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Clarice Wagner: Abby, me too! My identity is so tied to what I do...my job and roles: I am wife, mother, sister, friend.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:29 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Ya your right Martha some days we just dont.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:30 AM] Debra Greene: I taught my 5th and 6th grade Sunday school class the story about the Israelites 40 yrs in the wilderness vs the 11 days it could have taken. They were astonished! Used this story to teach them to trust God.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:30 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Clarice we do so much.....learning to turn it off is important right?

[Jul 4 2012, 1:30 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: We have so many identities we dont' even know sometimes which one or name to go by

[Jul 4 2012, 1:30 AM] Cynthia Horn Johnson: @Martha I think for me it is most days. I need to constant re-focus.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:30 AM] Clarice Wagner: @Laverne, no seeking comfort in God's gifts is not in itself a bad thing, but when I seek those comforts instead of seeking God for comfort, then it's bad.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:30 AM] Glenda Covey: @Cynthia Amen!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Clarice..aha! I got it now...

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: If we strive to be more Christ-like and that be our focus in everything - wow what a difference that would make!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: Winner of Q4 – “Journey Magazine Subscription” is .....Laverne Aslam (email rebecca@faithfulprovisions.com with your address)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Kelly Goodman: WTG Laverne!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Clarice Wagner: Congrats, Laverne!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: Congratulations Laverne

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: @Cynthia So agree refocusing is what brought us here. GREAT JOB LAVERNE

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Ladies we will hold tight to God's promises and come out all right

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Laverne AsIam: Yea....thanks a bunch!



[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I want to encourage those of you who can to stick around and chat more. Just put the Q# in front of your answer if it is not Q4.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:31 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: YAY Laverne!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:32 AM] Lisa Gaska: Cngratsm Laverne!!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:32 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Martha I'm touching and agreeing to that also.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:32 AM] Lisa Gaska: oops, congrats!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:32 AM] Laverne AsIam: Thanks so much all...

[Jul 4 2012, 1:33 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: Thank you Kelly for hosting. This is an enlightening experience, and I'm quite grateful.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:33 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I don't know about you ladies, but this study is so life-changing for me! I am looking at things so differently.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:33 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: Laverne ,you will enjoy Journey.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Kelly the very first day I tarted the study my jaw dropped.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Glenda Covey: You know I think one of the things that I really came away with this week is that we are strangers in this world, in the world, but not of the world. I always feel like I don't fit in and who knew? I'm not suppose to! Thanks for doing the study Kelly. Enjoying it!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Kelly Goodman: @Kelly - it definitely is an eye-opener for me & I am thoroughly enjoying this journey with you & the other ladies on here!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Kelly- totally agree! I find myself thinking about it so often as I look at different parts of my life.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Martha I'm looking forward to it.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: @Kelly You are so right I sometimes have a difficult time reflecting because I'm finding out things I didn't know.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Lisa Gaska: I am a week behind everyone, I hope to catch up by next week. Thanks so much Kelly for hosting this bible study. :)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:34 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: @Glenda so right

[Jul 4 2012, 1:35 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Lisa - it is an easy read and you will quickly catch up, but it is so rich!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:35 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I really Thank You Kelly for hosing the Study this has really helped me alot

[Jul 4 2012, 1:35 AM] Clarice Wagner: @Kelly, I agree that this study is life-changing. I'm thinking about things in new ways. You should see my book...I've written all over the margins!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:35 AM] Glenda Covey: Ok, totally nosy question, but this is the first time I have ever done anything like this. I live in Murray, Ky. Where are the rest of you

[Jul 4 2012, 1:35 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Lisa hang in there -

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: @Clarice me too

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: lol @Clarice your book probably looks like mine then!! lol

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: I have filled it with phrases I love too

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Clarice - I have notes everywhere too! Week 3 is fabulous too! Just getting into it myself and it is all about the lies we believe from the false gods we worship.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Laverne AsIam: Chicago now by ways of New York

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Kelly Goodman: @ Clare - mine is written all over & highlighted too. LOL!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Ivette- doing the same thing!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Kelly Goodman: @ Glenda - Taylorville, IL

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Glenda Covey: @Laverne I'm from Chicago (Near Wrigley)

[Jul 4 2012, 1:36 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: @ Clarice I love to do that and also put a date that I did it in the front so I know what year God took me through the journey.

[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Lisa Gaska: I just won the book last week on the Lifeway blog, and thought I was going to do this alone. Then today, I happened upon this group!!! What a blessing to go on this journey with all of you!!!

[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: @Clarice I'm writing in a notebook instead of the book. I'm amazed at how fast the pages are filling up.



[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: Montgomery, AL  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Laverne AsIam: @ Glenda - Northside I'm Northwest  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: @Lisa - that is great! I am glad you found us!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I am in Nashville, TN. Any Tn folks here?  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Lisa Gaska: @Kelly- thank you!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Kelly Goodman: @ Lisa - I call those "God Winks" :)  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:37 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Welcome Lisa!!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: <--in connecticut essentially Greater New York area.  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: @Kelly I'm in Nashville too.  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Lisa Gaska: Thanks, Ivette :)  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Martha Grumbles Thomas: I am in Pine Bluff,Ar. Have a good week and see you next time.  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Clarice Wagner: Kelly, I love the phrase, "God Winks" :)  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Cynthia Horn Johnson: Garden City Kansas  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Lisa Gaska: I'm in Pittsburgh, PA  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Clarice Wagner: I'm in Vermillion, South Dakota.  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:38 AM] Ivette Galvan-Lerma: Well Good Night Ladies and I will see ya next week!!! Have a Awesome Fourth of July and Safe Trip!!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: This is so cool my sisters from all over!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Laverne AsIam: Nite nite Ivette  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I love how we are representing so many areas!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Glenda Covey: @Phyllis, I was thinking the same thing!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: Wanted to share a blog post with you all that is related to this study, so good! <http://redlikeblood.com/2012/06/29/that-idol-that-you-love-it-doesnt-love-you-back/>  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Kelly Garrett Hancock: I am off to make baked oatmeal breakfast and tuck in my babies!!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Lisa Gaska: Have a happy and safe 4th of July, ladies!! Looking forward to next week.  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:39 AM] Laverne AsIam: Ha I like that title...@ Abby  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:40 AM] Phyllis Turner Rollan: Night everyone. God Bless You and America, too!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:40 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: It's a great blog and a great book.  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:40 AM] Cynthia Horn Johnson: Good night!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:40 AM] Kelly Goodman: Thanks for hosting this study Kelly! :) @Abby - thanks for sharing - will check it out! Everyone have a great 4th of July holiday! See you next week!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:40 AM] Clarice Wagner: Goodnight all. Thanks Abby for sharing the blog post. Enjoy the 4th of July, and see you next week!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:40 AM] Abby Parker Anglum: Thanks Kelly! Have a great night.  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:41 AM] Glenda Covey: I'm busy getting rid of idols (literally, we are cleaning out our upstairs, I made myself take a break for the study) enjoyed it. Pray for me that I can let go of so much junk! I never realized how much materialism engulfed me until this study!  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:41 AM] Glenda Covey: good night  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:41 AM] Laverne AsIam: Thanks so much for this chat and for sharing ladies. God bless  
[Jul 4 2012, 1:41 AM] Betsy Kiplinger: Good night all. See you next week.