

TAKING THE INITIATIVE STUDY GUIDE WEEK 3

Welcome and Open in Prayer

Introductions – Share something interesting that happened regarding your faith this week?

Key Elements to “50 Days of Faith”

1. Sunday Services – Sermons
2. Weekly Memory Verses
3. Daily Devotional Guide
4. Weekly Small Groups
5. “How My Faith Has Grown” Form

Review Sunday’s Message

Blind Bartemaeus

Mark 10:46-52

What was said that helped you understand faith better from Sunday’s service?

What was important or spoke to you?

Memory Verses

Week 1

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to God must first believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6

Week 2

“God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us.”

Ephesians 3:20

Week 3

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

Philippians 4:13

Jabez Study

Read I Chronicles 4:9-10

He prayed for four things.

God’s Provision – “Bless Me”

God’s Power – “Enlarge My Territory”

God’s Presence – “Let Your Hand Be With Me.”

God’s Protection –

“Keep Me From Harm So I Will Be Free From Pain.”

“Bless Me”

What does it mean for God to bless your life?

What would a blessing from God look like?

“Enlarge My Territory”

What was Jabez praying for God to do?

Is faith for you taking care of your assigned territory or asking God to enlarge your territory?

Where does God want you to enlarge your territory?
Job, Home, Ministry

“Let Your Hand Be With Me”

What did Jabez realize he needed when God sends His blessing and increases your influence?

How do you know when God’s hand is with you?

Read: Revelation 3:20

How can you be more aware of God’s presence in your life?

“Keep Me From Harm So I Will Be Free From Pain”

Jabez – name means “pain.”

What does his name imply about his prayer?

How does evil bring about pain in our lives?

Can we ever be free from evil and therefore free from pain?
Is his prayer impossible for God to honor?

If you are in the center of God’s will, will you be free from pain? Why or why not?

Can pain have a purpose?

Where might you take the initiative in your prayer life and seek God for a blessing?

Prayer Outline

”I am of value to God, Help me be a blessing to others, give me greater influence, be with me, keep me from problems by helping me avoid evil all around me.”

Close in prayer