

# WEEK THREE

## INTRO

**Resilience.** I wonder if some never walk in their anointing because they get discouraged. David gets to the battle line, and his brothers tell him to go home. They say, "You just want the spotlight, just want attention." With God's anointing also comes a target on your back, and some of Satan's best arrows are arrows of discouragement. Don't give up. Don't lose heart. Don't grow weary. Don't lose faith.

## LEADER LIFTER

Week three. You are halfway there and you've been doing an amazing job! This week's leader lifter is all about prayer time during your CG. Hopefully these tips will make that time more meaningful for your group.



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## ICEBREAKER

### Chart Your Life

Give your group members pens and paper. Ask them to draw a line representing the movement of their lives between high times and low ones. Invite people to think back as far as they can and mark significant moments along the line they have drawn. Ask them to consider the high points and low points, moments of inspiration, moments of despair, leveling-off times.

Tips: This one may take longer than most icebreakers. It might be good to have people draw their charts beforehand to bring with them. If people are willing to share honestly, this can be a great activity to help your group bond. Ask your group to share only one to three points on their graphs to save time, or have people share their whole graphs in smaller groups.

## DISCUSSION VIDEO

This week Pastor Paul McDill talks about how a big disappointment led to big opportunities.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Was there a time in your life when you didn't get something you really wanted? In Paul's story, God uses one disappointment to move him to a new church, and then uses that church to form him as a leader and make some very important relationships. What was it about Paul's attitude that helped him be so resilient through it all?

When you look back, can you see God using disappointment to direct your life?

Ask someone to read **1 Samuel 17:28-30**.

Before David became king He faced lots of challenges from the people around him: jealousy from King Saul and even accusations from his own family! Sometimes the people in our lives can be very discouraging.

Have you ever felt like the people in your life were not on board with God's vision for your life? Can you share an example?

Resilience can make all the difference as you are working on living out God's call for your life. What do you think makes a person resilient?

David doesn't seem to be phased by his brother's accusation. Actually, he doubles down! What do you think gave David so much confidence? How can you apply that in your own life?

## PRAYER TIME

Use the space below to write down prayer requests from your group this week.

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