

GOD IN SEARCH OF

## LEVITICUS

**LEVITICUS, WEEK 16**  
**"EVERY LITTLE THING IS**  
**GONNA BE ALRIGHT"**  
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**BIBLICAL TEXT(S) + MESSAGE SUMMARY:**

**LEVITICUS 26 (v12 PARTICULARLY); GENESIS 5:24, 6:9, 24:40;**  
**ISAIAH 46:3-4; PSALM 6:9-10, 9:12, 10:17, 34:17-18; MARK 4:35-39;**  
**MATTHEW 7:24-25; AND JAMES 1:2-3**

This week we look at God's promises in Leviticus 26, where he tells his people of all the good things they can expect if they follow his laws and keep his commandments. However, we know that bad things sometimes happen to good people who faithfully follow God. That observations raises questions about the validity of God's promises. Are they a guarantee of the good life, full of comfort and material blessings?

Pastor Brad answers that question by showing us why we need to look at all of God's promises in the context of the whole Bible. This helps us understand what God is saying to a specific group of people at a specific moment in time. We can then ask how those promises might apply to us, or not. The one promise we can always count on though is God's Presence with us. We get to "walk with him" in a totally natural way that touches all aspects of our lives.

Pastor Brad also reminds us to let the Lord carry us during that walk when we encounter difficulties. Everything we go through will be used for good (Romans 8:28). In fact, we can rejoice in our troubles, trusting that walking closely with the Lord will ultimately bring us life and healing.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*These questions are designed to help lead your group through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage(s) and the speaker's message. They can help you understand and apply the teaching.*

**LEAN IN: *These are icebreakers and warm ups, mostly to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.***

1. When was the last time you had an expectation that wasn't fulfilled? What disappointed you most about that?
2. What was the last promise you made to someone? How seriously do you take promises?
3. When was the last time you went on a long walk? What did that feel like while you walked?
4. When was the last time you participated in a game of tug of war? Did you win?
5. Have you ever broken a bone or had a major surgery that disrupted your life in the most inconvenient way?

**LOOK DOWN: *These are questions about the Bible passage(s) and observations about what's been read. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.***

1. Leviticus 26:1-13 lists promises from God by using "if-then" phrases. Why do you think these promises are paired with a requirement from the Hebrew people?
2. In Leviticus 26:12, and other places in the Bible, God uses walking as both a literal image and a metaphor of God's relationship with us.

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Walking is totally natural for most people. God often chooses things like this to teach us how we are supposed to live. How does this help normalize the relationship God wants with us?

3. Unlike in Leviticus 26, James 1:2-3 doesn't have "if-then" statements but rather "when-then" statements. How can the "when-then" statements like this one give us hope and peace?
4. In Mark 4:38-39, Jesus and the disciples are on a boat in the middle of a storm. Jesus' response to the storm is totally different than the disciples'. How does Jesus' response teach us what the Lord's response is to all the "storms" of life?
5. What are the promises of God found in Psalm 6:9-10, Psalm 9:12, Psalm 10:17, Psalm 34:17-18?

**LOOK OUT: *These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.***

1. In Leviticus 26, it appears that God's promises of prosperity were intended to display his presence among the Hebrew people—to show they were his—a very different kind of people among the surrounding ancient cultures. What would be the best way to show the Lord's presence in our culture today?
2. In today's culture, what do you think keeps people from trusting the help of others? How might that inhibit our ability to lean on God?
3. This message focused on the promises God has made. When it comes to our culture and the people we interact with, how reliable do you think most people are at keeping their promises? How much do you think that influences our ability to believe and trust God?
4. Why do you think people have a hard time believing in and trusting God? Why does "walking with the Lord" seem difficult or impossible?
5. Do you think that our culture values the destination more, or the journey to get there? Can you think of pros and cons for both mindsets?

**LOOK IN: *These are questions that help you consider how to apply the teaching personally. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.***

1. What are you searching for in life? Do you tend to strive after comfort and pleasure believing it will make you happy?
2. Do you know where you're going, walking with God or not?
3. In Genesis 5:24, Enoch is walking with God and one day God decided to bring him home. Enoch did not die but simply went to be with God. Can you imagine yourself as Enoch? How would your life look different if you walked as close to God as Enoch did?
4. Do you tend to think of your spiritual life as separate from other parts of your life? Do you integrate your spiritual life naturally and easily or is it something you have to engage more intentionally?

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5. How do you respond when storms occur in your life? Do you tend to find yourself worried and trying to steer a path so you know how things will end up? Or, do you have peace and trust God that everything is going to be alright in the end? How is that second option different than denial?

**LIVE IT OUT:** *These action steps help apply this week's message to day to day life. Choose one question and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. Everyone has something they need to cry out to God for. What is that for you? Take time and space this week to lean on the Lord.
2. Reach out to one or two close people in your life and see if they are going through a storm. Give them the encouragement that Jesus gave the disciples on the boat. Ask them how you can support them during this time.
3. Often we hold on to things that cause us stress and burden but the Holy Spirit wants to free us from those. Is there something you've been holding on to that you need to release and give to the Lord?