



Family Discussion Guide

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FEATURING

Vindication

UNSTEADY MARRIAGE



What happened in Derek and Jaime's marriage that created an opening for Rebecca's attentions? Derek says he never became physical with Rebecca; so why was it still wrong? How could Derek and Jaime have built a more secure wall around their marriage?



Read Proverbs 7:7-23 and Ephesians 5:31-33



How is Derek's journey reflected in this Proverb? Why is "just seeing how far you can go before you get into trouble" an unwise strategy? What does it mean for a husband to "hold fast" or be "joined to" his wife? How can couples rebuild trust should one, or both, of them fail in their marital responsibilities?

SPITITUAL WARFARE



In what ways, and using what tools, does Rebecca prepare herself to take hold of Derek? What does Jaime do to try to save her husband? Describe the preparations and actions of both in terms of a battle, with Derek and Jaime's marriage as the object of the war. How would you evaluate their competing strategies?



Read Ephesians 6:11-18



How does what we think affect how we act? How does knowing our moral battles are primarily spiritual change our perspective on how to win them? How might commitment to truth and morality, knowledge of the gospel, the price of your salvation, and the Bible, and prayer equip you to succeed?

THE WAY OUT



What is the purpose of the men's group meeting in the conference room? How did Rebecca want to use that meeting for her own ends? Why did the man's testimony regarding his own failed marriage change Derek's mind and alter his actions?



Genesis 50:20 and 1 Corinthians 10:12-13



[Note: the late chapters of Genesis tell the story of Joseph, his betrayal at the hands of his brothers, and how God used that to redeem Israel.] How has God turned bad experiences or circumstances into good outcomes? How does it help to know that none of our temptations are uncommon? Name some temptations and the means God gives to escape them. What must we do to take advantage of an escape route?

OBEDIENCE NOW



Why was the men's meeting the critical moment for Derek? Why can't Rebecca foresee the outcome of her flirtation with Derek? Why do people engaging in bad behavior often seem surprised when bad consequences happen to them?



Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-11 and Hebrews 3:12-15



When some people say, "I'll just live for myself now and repent right before I die" – why is that an unwise way of thinking? What does a life of delayed repentance say about the value a person places on living rightly with God? Why is "today" the best day to seek forgiveness and choose to do things God's way?