

CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE

CHAPTER SIX: A PERSONAL JUBILEE

In Chapter Five we introduced you to the **Seven Jubilee Affirmations**. These affirmations are promises or commitments our fictional men's group made in order to help one another maintain integrity—not just on the Internet but in all of their lives. As you completed these chapters perhaps you wondered what happened to Roger, to Jeremy, to Ken (and his son-in-law, Jeff)? What about John? Did this new Covenant Group really have that much benefit in their lives? We've decided to leave those questions for you to discuss. If you are meeting in a men's group and using this material for discussion, talk about some likely outcomes in the character's lives. Discuss the issues they were likely to face. And if you can, we would like to encourage you to write your own "ending" for some of their stories for posting on our website. Please send all correspondence to jubilee@covenanteyes.com, or Covenant Eyes, PO Box 637, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

Here are the Seven Jubilee Affirmations once again, along with some questions to guide you as you write their stories:

J – **Jesus is my true Lord and Master** – Romans 10:9

What does it mean that Jesus is Lord and Master?

U – **Unless God empowers me, I am hopelessly bound by sin** – Ephesians 2:8, 9

Why are we hopeless without God's power?

B – **Bible meditation is the key that sets me free** – Psalm 119:9, 11

How can the Bible change our lives?

I – **I confess my sins to God and others I trust** – I John 1:9

Why do we need to tell others about our sin?

L – **Lust, Pride and Fear are chains that bind my heart, mind and actions** I John 2:15, 16

Why are lust, pride and fear at the core of all sin struggles?

E – **Escape from sin bondage comes when I maintain integrity in my relationships** – Galatians 6:1, 2

How can we build integrity in all our relationships?

E – **Everyone around me also needs a Jubilee**

How can we help other people experience jubilee?

STUDY GUIDE: Chapter Six

We have purposely left this story open-ended. We want you to write its ending and believe that as you do you will learn something important about how you can Celebrate the Jubilee yourself. As you complete this final chapter we suggest you think about how each of the character's lives was affected by the events that took place. You may decide to write your thoughts down. If you are part of a group study using this material, have everyone write or think about an ending and then discuss it together. If you are an individual using this material by yourself we would ask that you write an ending and send it to us by email. Please send all correspondence to jubilee@covenanteyes.com, or Covenant Eyes, PO Box 637, Owosso, Michigan 48867.

WANT TO GO FURTHER?

Perhaps you are ready to take these Jubilee Affirmations and put them into practice. If so, we would suggest the following (if you aren't already doing it).

- Develop a Covenant Group of a few individuals who are willing to enter into the Affirmations together and hold each other accountable for them. This would mean meeting at least once per week, even as the men's group did in the story.
- As part of this, we recommend that you go through a training program called *Building Integrity in Relationships*, a four part audio/video series available free of cost. All four lessons can found on the bottom half of our **Help and Support** page: http://www.covenanteyes.com/help_and_support/category/?c=4
- In your weekly covenant group we suggest the following five simple but important procedures and practices.
 - 1.) Begin the meeting with prayer.
 - 2.) Repeat the Seven Jubilee Affirmations together, out loud. As individuals memorize the Scripture verses for each one, you may recite those together as well.
 - 3.) Take time each week to let each person share sin struggles or victories from the past week.
 - 4.) Depending on the group, it may be good to have a brief (10-minute) devotional challenge from the Bible, relating to the issue of integrity. You may elect to have a different person in the group share each week.
 - 5.) Make plenty of time to pray for each other, by name, remembering the specific struggles or victories individually.
- In respect to the time and priorities of others, ALWAYS conclude the meeting at the appointed time. If you are in the midst of some significant discussion or crisis with a person, give those who have to leave permission to excuse themselves quietly.
- Unless you are a trained or licensed professional (such as a pastor or counselor) you may find yourself in discussions or situations that are much more serious than you are capable of handling on your own. Don't be afraid to ask someone for help when you feel like it is beyond you.

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