





# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** Faithfully following Jesus means doing what Jesus did.

**HEAD CHANGE:** Understanding the difference between a delivering faith and an enduring faith will help you know how to call out to Jesus.

**HEART CHANGE:** Living in seasons of pain or ease requires our eyes to stay fixed on Jesus.

**LIFE CHANGE:** When our eyes stay fixed on Jesus and doing what He does, the storms that come will not shake you.

## OVERVIEW

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### The Sacred Overlap: Pain & Ease

Living a life faithfully following Jesus, means acknowledging God's purpose, plan, perspective, and presence whether in a season of pain or a season of ease. During seasons of pain, it means not letting the storm cloud your vision and remembering that Jesus is in the boat with you. In seasons of ease, it means keeping in front of you the truth that you cannot do this alone and that no matter how good life is right now, it is due to God continually at work on your behalf. Ultimately, faithfully following Jesus means modeling after what Jesus did and how he lived in those same seasons.

“And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.”

-Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)-

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
2. Share about a time that you were solely in a “delivering faith” season. What was that like for you? Knowing what you know now, what are things you could have done differently to be able to shift to an “enduring faith” mindset?
3. Andrea shared, “The problem as a believer in seasons of ease is that we no longer show that we need God.” Think of a time you were in a season of ease, or maybe right now, how could you have shown God that you still needed Him?
4. What are steps you can start taking to learn how to rest in the midst of your storms the way Jesus did?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Father, we recognize that we can't do this alone. Help us to always seek after you in seasons of pain and ease. But as we seek, may our faith be honoring and pleasing to you through it all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**