Lessons IN OVERCOMING
CONVERSATIONS WITH Corrie ten Boom
SMALL GROUP STUDY

Dig Deeper!

These prayers, proclamations, and resources will help you dive deeper into this study individually and with your group. Use one idea, all of them, none of them, or just a few—follow the Holy Spirit's lead! If you choose to use these supplemental materials during your small group, be sure to bring a copy for each participant.

Read or Watch *The Hiding Place*

We recommend reading Corrie ten Boom's book, ***The Hiding Place***, as you are working through this study. You can also watch the movie—Nan Gurley stars as Corrie ten Boom in the version that released in 2023.

A Proclamation of God's Sovereignty and Provision

Read this proclamation aloud on your own or with your group.

Lord, You have chosen my time and location. You and You alone secure my life. Circumstances have fallen for me in pleasant places; You have reserved for me a delightful inheritance. I will praise You! You counsel me, even as I walk through dark places. You have given me victory through Jesus Christ over _____. I have set my attention on You, and Your abiding presence ensures I will not be shaken.

My God is faithful! (Psalm 16:5–8, NIV®)
Christ is Victor! (1 Corinthians 15:57, NIV®)

A Proclamation Against Fear

Read this proclamation aloud on your own or with your group.

I will not fear, for I know that You are with me. I will not be dismayed, for I know that You are my God. I know that even in the midst of _____, You will strengthen me and help me. I know You will uphold me with Your righteous right hand. Thank You, Lord, that You care about every detail of my life. In Jesus' name, amen.

Pray for the Children

Think about the plans and dreams you have for the young people in your life. Are your desires for them to make money, live comfortably, vacation well, and be a part of the right social groups? Or is your deepest desire that they seek God's purposes for their life, even if it leads them to difficult places? Here's a prayer you can pray for the children in your life.

Lord, thank You for the gift of children and grandchildren. Please help me to lead them and guide them according to Your Word. Father, the world is full of temptations and messages asking our children to seek selfish ways and not Your way. Please protect my child

(grandchild) from the lies of the enemy that materialism, fame, and status are the good things in life. Remind them that You created them, and You know their inmost beings (Psalm 139:13–14); You know the purposes for which you have called them (Ephesians 2:10); and Your plans are good, giving them a hope and future (Jeremiah 29:11). Place in them an insatiable desire to want to know You and follow You with all they have and all they ever will be. Lord, lead them according to Your ways (Proverbs 3:5–6) and not the ways of this world. Keep me from shielding them from the difficult lessons You may be trying to teach them. Thank You that, even though You hung the stars in the sky, You still know every hair on my child's (grandchild's) head (Luke 12:7), and You love them even more than I do. May Your will be done in their lives. In Jesus' name, amen.

A Proclamation Against Distractions

Satan often tries to use distraction to pull us away from God's work and God's Word. The noises Corrie heard tried to distract her and fill her heart with concern and fear, but ultimately God's peace was victorious. What is currently distracting you? Here's a powerful proclamation you can say to speak against those distractions.

(Facebook/Instagram/SnapChat/Movies/TV/Music, or insert other distractions here):
You are a distraction that I will no longer tolerate in my life! The Lord has given me self-control, perseverance, and strength to say no to anything that does not honor Him! I choose this day to take control of my time, to claim the strength He provides, and to honor the Lord with my days!

Discuss the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is one of the most beneficial tools any Christian can have in their faith toolbox. As a group, discuss the Holy Spirit and what it means to pray in the Spirit. If you have members who regularly pray in a prayer language, encourage them to share their experiences with others. Encourage members to get a copy of Dr. George Jackson's book, ***The Eternal Breath of Life***. If this is a new topic for your group members, review Dr. Jackson's book, and set aside specific time to cover this subject with them.

Read Psalm 118 Together

If you were Corrie, would you be more likely to tell of all the things God did and how He worked, or the suffering you experienced? Be honest! Ask the Lord to give you eyes to see His goodness and a desire to share His good work!

Throughout the book of 1 Peter, Peter tells us we should rejoice and be glad that we have been counted worthy of suffering and been disgraced for the cause of Christ. We generally do everything possible to make sure we are *not* disgraced among friends, family members, and co-workers, so changing our mindset on this takes prayer and intentionality. Psalm 118 offers us a roadmap of how to do this. Locate Psalm 118, read it aloud together as a group, and discuss the implications of speaking this aloud every day.

Consider How God Is Using Your Life to Prepare Others

Consider that the Lord puts you in the lives of others and is using you to prepare others for a future only He can see. How does this affect your perspective on your life, your current assignments, and the people who fill your days?

Prayer of Deliverance

If you or someone in your group is having a particularly hard time letting go of bitterness, anger, and hatred, allow them to offer an honest prayer to God telling Him exactly that. Then, lead them in this prayer of deliverance.

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God—that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. I come to You now for mercy and for forgiveness. I believe You do forgive me and receive me as Your child. And because You receive me, I receive myself as a child of God.

And now Lord, You know the special problems that I have and the demonic influences that torment me. Lord, I want to meet Your conditions and receive Your deliverance. First of all, I forgive every person who ever harmed me or wronged me. I forgive them all now. (Pause for a moment and quietly name the persons you need to forgive.)

Lord, I have forgiven all these persons. I have laid down all bitterness, all resentment, all hatred, and all rebellion. I believe You have forgiven me, and I thank You for it. I also renounce every contact with Satan, with occult powers, with secret societies, and with anything in Satan's territory. I repent of participating in it, and I turn my back on it now. Also, Lord, if there's a curse over my life, I thank You that on the cross, You were made a curse, that I might be redeemed from the curse and receive the blessing. And I claim that now. Release me from the curse and allow me to enter into the blessing.

And now Lord, I want to come against any evil spirit in me that occupies any area of my personality. I want to tell You I hate them. They are my enemies. I will not make peace with them. I will not compromise with them. They will have no place in me. I turn against them now, and in the authority of Your name, Jesus, I command them to leave me. I expel them right now in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Study Materials:

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