

8. Have you ever experienced God’s power in your weakness? How does that feel? How does that reflect God to our family, community, this world?

9. Read I Peter 1:13-15. What do you think God is calling us to do? What are some ways we can prepare for action? What are some things that we might need to have self control in?

10. Henry Blackaby in the book Experiencing God says to “find out what God’s plans are and join them.” What do you sense God doing in your family? What do you see God doing in our community group? How can we join Him?

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## It’s All A Matter Of Perspective

I. God has **INCREDIBLE PLANS** for us.

*(Genesis 28:13-15; Numbers 13:1-3; Jeremiah 29:11)*

A. We mess it up by being **AFRAID**. *(Numbers 13:26-33)*

1) We are like **GRASSHOPPERS**.

2) We see **PROBLEMS**. God see **OPPORTUNITIES**.

B. We mess it up by trying to do it **OURSELVES**.

*(Numbers 14:39-45; Jeremiah 17:5-6)*

II. God puts His **PLANS** on hold to teach us to **TRUST** Him.

*(Numbers 14:34)*

A. He corrects because He cares. *(Hebrews 12:10-11)*

B. He continues to meet our needs. *(Jeremiah 17:7-8)*

III. God’s power is made perfect in our **WEAKNESS**.

*(Zephaniah 3:17; Romans 8:37)*

A. He uses the **DESERT PLACES**.

*(Mark 1:2-3, 11-12; II Corinthians 4:7-9)*

B. He **RESTORES** and **RENEWS** for His glory.

*(Romans 8:28)*

IV. God’s plans for your life come out of **OBEDIENCE**. *(I Peter 1:13-15)*

A. Be prepared for **ACTION**. *(I Peter 1:13a; Ephesians 6:14)*

B. Be **SELF-CONTROLLED**.

C. Set your **HOPE** fully on Jesus Christ.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For the week of July 4, 2010

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. As you start your time together, open with Psalm 33. What comes to mind about the ways of God? What are some phrases that stand out to you?

2. Read Genesis 28:13-15. In this text, Abraham finds out that he and Sarah need to go diaper shopping in their golden years, how would you have responded? What plans have you sensed God's calling for life today, this summer or this year? Are they difficult or exciting to think about?

3. Have you ever felt like a grasshopper? Has fear ever stopped you from doing something that God has called you to do? What happened?

4. In your life in what ways have you tried to do things on your own and then asked God to bless them or fix them? Why do we do this?

5. In what areas do you find it easy to trust God? In what ways do you find hard to trust God? What does Jeremiah 17:7-8 say about the plans of man?

6. Read Mark 1:2. How did John respond to the plans of God? Read Mark 1:11. How did Jesus respond to the plans of God? What do we have because of His obedience?

7. Jeremiah 17:7-8. How have you experienced "streams of living water" in your life? Has it come out of your obedience, your parent's obedience of God's grace?