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The words of the Gospel song *Through It All* contain a message of hope and a spiritual lesson for each of us:

*Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to trust in Jesus,  
I've learned to trust in God  
Through it all, through it all,  
I've learned to depend on His Word*

In our lives, each day we face our own challenges and we must deal with them as God leads and provides. Each of us has our own story, our own experiences with life. God made each of us individually, but He has provided all of us the One Way to eternal life, joy, peace and fulfillment in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; a guide and teacher in the Holy Spirit; and His Word in the Holy Bible. God cares and has provided for us *through it all*.

In the course of this study, it is hoped that we each will be able to share with one another the paths of our lives and come to a deeper understanding that God is indeed with us, each step of the way each day of our lives. He is our God *through it all*.



## INTRODUCTION OF GROUP PARTICIPANTS

Look at each person who has joined your group. Pray that each of them and you will experience God's love, power and peace in this study.

Read Hebrews 10:24-25 silently and enter into this study in the same spirit.

Introduce yourself to a group member whom you have not met or do not know and in turn introduce that person to the group.

## SESSION 1:

*But and if you suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are you: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; but sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*

1 PETER 3:14-15

## STUDY DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. In verse 14, Peter speaks of suffering for righteousness. Have you experienced that sort of suffering in either your personal or professional life? Can you share about it and your feelings at that time and now about it?
2. Peter also says that we should neither be afraid nor troubled. What are some things that can and do trouble us?
3. How do our troubles at home or in our work affect our passion for Christ and in turn our action for Christ?
4. Henry T. Blackaby in *Experiencing God* says that anytime God leads you to do something that has God-sized dimensions, you will face a "crisis of belief" and what you do when you face that crisis reveals what you really believe about God. Discuss this statement.
5. Verse 15 suggests what we should do *through it all*. Discuss this verse and how it relates to your own experience, feeling and circumstances.

## PRAYER

Close this session in prayer, giving thanks to God for being with us *through it all* and pray especially for those in your group that verse 15 will be a source of understanding and a help to them as they face the problems in their lives. Finally, pray that during this study, God will speak to each one in the group, including you, and that each of you will be renewed in your passion for Christ.

## SESSION 2:

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

EPHESIANS 6:10-13

## STUDY DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. What does it mean in verse 10 to “be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might”? How do we do this?
2. In our personal or professional situations, why are we to put on the *whole* armor of God? Can you share any of your own experiences in which having that armor on or not made or could have made a difference?
3. What happens in the spiritual battles of our lives when we rely upon God? Read and discuss Chronicles 32:7-8
4. What are some of the spiritual battles that we encounter in the legal system? How can we best engage in these battles?
5. How do we experience God through spiritual battles?
6. How do these verses relate to our passion and action for Christ?

## PRAYER

Begin the time of prayer with an oral reading of 1 Corinthians 15:57 Thank God for His power and His strength and the victory that has been given to us through our Lord Jesus Christ and for the armor He has provided Pray for those in your group that each will be guided by God and grow in passion for Christ *through it all*

## SESSION 3:

*But the Holy Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

JOHN 14:26

*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes... For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.*

ROMAN 1:16-17

*For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

JAMES 2:26

## STUDY DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. Henry T. Blackaby in *Experiencing God* says that when God invites us to join Him in His work, we are at a turning point where we must decide what we believe about God and whether we will go where we sense He is leading us. Discuss this thought in light of John 14:26.
2. In the legal profession, what are the barriers to and conversely what are the opportunities for us to go where we sense God is leading?
3. Blackaby also says that when God lets us know what He wants to do through us, if we have faith in God, we will obey Him even though that may require adjustments in our lives. What sort of adjustments ought we to make and are we prepared to make them?
4. Romans 1: 16-17, which inspired Martin Luther to adjust his life and lead in the Reformation, teaches a profound lesson. What is that lesson for us in the legal profession? Discuss the passion that is contained in these verses.
5. How can James 2:26 help us through the problems of the world that we face at home or in the legal profession?

6. Do our passion for Christ and our actions affect our experiencing God through it all? How?

## PRAYER

Close with a prayer of thanksgiving that God allows us to experience Him and that we can maintain our passion for Christ through it all. Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us to more fully experience our God and to obey and respond to Him by our action.



## SESSION 4:

*As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in Him. Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

*Whatever you are doing, put your whole heart into it, as if you were doing it for the Lord and not for men, knowing that there is a Master who will give you your inheritance as a reward for your service.*

COLOSSIANS 3:24

*Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength...*

HABAKKUK 3:18-19

## STUDY DISCUSSION STARTERS

1 Col 2:6 calls for a responsive action on our part. What is it? What are the implications of obedience to this call?

2 Verse 7 is rich with emphasis on the biblical basis for our response to His call. Discuss the thoughts in this verse and how it can help us as Christians in the legal profession.

3 Frequently, people describe God's timing of events and situations. Discuss God's timing even in hardships and failures.

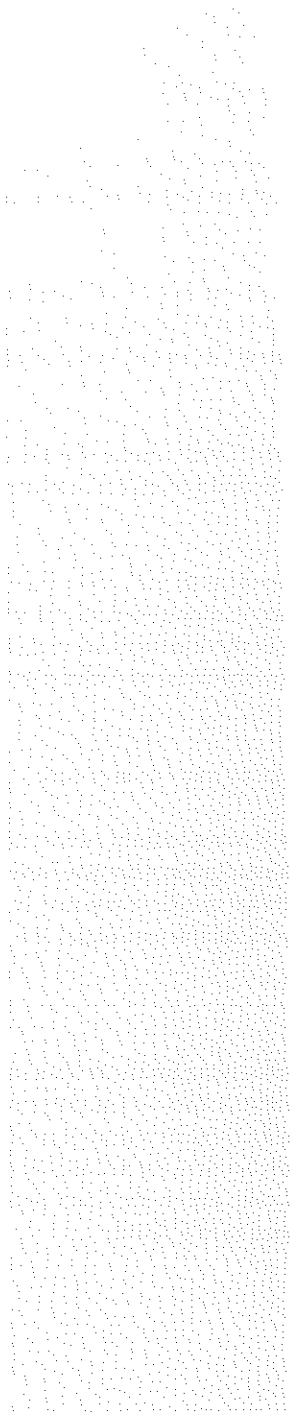
4 Paul instructed the Colossians in 3:24 what their purpose ought to be in whatever they were doing. How does this verse relate to us in the legal profession and in our personal lives? Discuss this verse and what God is telling us through it.

5 Relate Habakkuk 3:18-19 to your life and work.

6 Briefly review the prior sessions and the above. If you can, please share with your group what you have drawn from this study and what decisions you may be considering both in your personal life and profession.

## PRAYER

Close with a prayer of thanksgiving for the truth and power of God's Word and rejoice that we can depend on Christ *through it all*. Pray for those in your group and for the leadership of the Holy Spirit in each of our lives that *through it all* we will take joy in the Lord and express that joy in obedience to His Word.



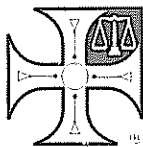


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every one that believeth; to the Jew first,  
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ROMAN 1:16-17

The theme of this study, *Through It All*, emphasizes understanding our God who is our strength and our joy. We each have our own experiences of challenges, problems, happiness and all that goes with life. It is only with God that we can come victoriously through it all.

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