

WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG & GOD IS SMALL

Study Guide: Chapter 4 - "People Will Physically Hurt Me"

HOW AND WHY WE FEAR OTHERS

Step 1: (23) _____

Step 2: (52) _____

POWER OF WORDS

2. Complete the quotation ". . . destructive people in our pasts can make us . . ." (53)

3. About what does Prov 12:18 warn us? (53)

4. In the example of the angry man and his son, how does the author summarize the problem on p 54?

A COWARDLY HERO

5. What circumstance in Abraham's life provides a poor example for us? What did he trust rather than God? (54)

6. What words did God inspire through David that show us how to fear God over people? (55)

FEAR WINS AND A GENERATION LOSES

7. What failure of faith did Israel have in the book of Numbers? How did it affect a whole generation? (56-57)
8. How did God encourage Israel's faith in the book of Deuteronomy, knowing their propensity for fear? (57-58)

TWO FAITH-FILLED LEADERS

9. How did God encourage Joshua? (58) What legacy did Joshua leave? (59)
10. David's psalm's leave a great example of faith. When he was afraid, what did he remember? (59)
11. How does the author explain the fear of man on the bottom of page 59?
12. When appropriate alarm is not regulated by faith what happens? (60)

13. Why are David's Psalms not an example of the fear of man? (60)

JANET: A CASE STUDY

14. What choice does the Rabbi Kushner say tragedy forces us to make? Is he right? Why not? (62)
15. Finish the quotation: "Janet is not responsible for the sins of other people . . ." (65)

A BIBLICAL STRUCTURE TO OVERCOME SHAME AND THREAT

16. Complete the suggested structure suggest by the Author.
- a. (66) God _____ their shame. Why?
 - b. (67) God extends compassion . . .
 - c. (67) She must believe in . . .
 - d. (67) She must meditate on . . .

THE CHOICE BEFORE US

17. To what two options does Jeremiah 17 reduce the decision of life? (70)
18. What is the outcome of those two choices? (70-71)

Big Idea: While the violence of others can make us more susceptible to the fear of man, we are still responsible when we fear man over God.