

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

A 5-SESSION
DVD BIBLE STUDY

anxious *for* **NOTHING** | BY MAX LUCADO

Continues on select Tuesdays



BIBLE STUDY (Off Campus)

Studies are scheduled
at Kimberly's on
February 1, 8, and 15.



GRAPPLE GROUP EVENT (FOLLOWING THE SERVICE)

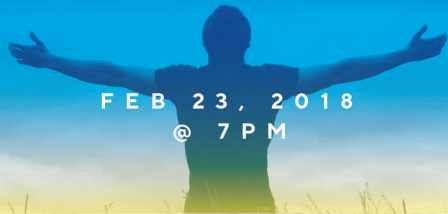
Underground Retrocade

EAST DUNDEE — SUN. FEBRUARY 18 BRING \$8.00 FOR THE EVENT

PRAYER EVENT

I STAND IN AWE

A night to declare His majesty



FEB 23, 2018
@ 7 PM

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ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

CONNECTION CARD

in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card

My
heart
belongs
to you

Feb 04 » Misplaced Affection
Feb 11 » True Satisfaction
Feb 18 » Great Expectations
Feb 25 » My Heart Belongs
to You

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rick W. ▶ Pinched nerve	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Misty L. ▶ Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tommy F. ▶ Healing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gerry G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry P. ▶ Cancer/spleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul B. ▶ Surgeries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Laura S. ▶ Post-Operation Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Shirley Z. ▶ Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"The battle you fight today will be your victory
in God tomorrow." —Cindy Jacobs*

METRICS THAT MATTER (01/21/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 36 GIVING ▶ \$634^{.25} GUESTS ▶ 4
VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

CENTERED

► TO ENTER INTO
MY DESTINY

“Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14 NIV

Esther Shows us What Destiny Looks Like



How can we know God's destiny for our lives? When we study the life of Esther, we find a formula to follow.

- » Esther was an ordinary woman who became a world-changer.
- » An orphan who'd been born into a minority group, she also had a faith different from that of the culture around her.
- » She was a single woman in a distinctly male-dominated society. Anyone would have said that Esther had almost everything going against her.
- » When King Xerxes saw her, he chose her out of all the women in Persia to be his new queen.
- » At the same time, a man named Haman, who was the king's chief of staff, devised a plan to eliminate all the Jews, whom he hated, from the face of the Earth.
- » Esther was a Jew, and her relative Mordecai had become a trusted local official.
- » When Mordecai learned of Haman's plan, he urged Esther to view her place in time, as one given a unique opportunity to step up and save her people.
- » Esther became a woman of destiny. Let's discover what we can learn from her example.

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► **RECOGNIZE THE GIFTS GOD
HAS GIVEN ME TO USE**

Here's what we learn about Esther, based on Esther 2:8-9, 2:15b, & 2:17:

- » These descriptions give us an idea of Esther's gifts. She was intelligent, attractive, winsome and wise.

- » Esther was limited by her circumstances. Hindsight tells us history would be different had she not had these limitations. God used both the limitations and the gifts he had bestowed on Esther.
- » God used both good and bad circumstances in Esther's life to put her in a unique position to save her people.



What has God given me to use for good?

2 IDENTIFY THE NEEDS THAT STIR MY HEART

How did Esther react when she heard of the plot to kill the Jews in her kingdom? See Esther 4:4.

- » In the Bible, David was disturbed when he saw the giant Philistine mocking the God of Israel, and he did something about it: He slew that giant. Nehemiah was disturbed when he saw the walls and the people of Jerusalem broken down; that motivated him to start a rebuilding project.
- » Isaiah 58:6-11 names ten awesome blessings that God gives to those who meet the needs of others.

What needs do I see around me that disturb me? How can I use that to motivate me to action?

3 TAKE TIME TO HEAR GOD'S CALL ON MY LIFE

Mordecai sent this word to Esther: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Besides who knows but that you have come to this position for such a time as this?" Esther 4:13-14

What do I need to put into practice to hear God?

4 MAKE A FAITH COMMITMENT

The formula: Gifts + Need + Calling = Destiny

Esther modeled all four of these elements. When she realized what she must do, she took a risk. Realizing it could cost her her life, she made a faith commitment. Esther was so committed to her destiny for God, she was ready to die for it. What matters so much to you that you are willing to die for it? Without knowing our destiny, life is just motion without meaning.



FEBRUARY 2018 EVENTS

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

THU 01

 **Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER**
Worship / Communion / Young Adults
"My Heart Belongs to You"

SUN 04

Praise Team
REHEARSAL

TUE 06

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

THU 08

 **Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER**
Worship / "True Satisfaction"

SUN 11

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TUE 13

Off-Campus
Bible Study - McHenry

THU 15



Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Grapple Event - Retrocade
"Great Expectations"

SUN 18



Tuesday |
Bible Study

TUE 20

BY RICK
WARREN

I STAND IN AWE

PRAYER EVENT
Personal Renewal

FRI 23



Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / "My Heart Belongs to You"

SUN 25



Tuesday |
Bible Study

TUE 27

BY RICK
WARREN

Notes

PRAYER EVENT

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FEBRUARY 23, 2018 @ 7PM

Put this *prayer event* on your calendar—it is a time to pause in our busy schedules to be in “awe” over who God is and what He has done in our lives. It will feature a time of:

- Reflection
- Thanksgiving
- Prayer
- Declaration

Join us for “I STAND IN AWE”. It will change your perspective and create a new spiritual momentum in your life.