

Living by Faith: Women Who Trusted God — Session 4 — EXTRA! Ideas for Adults

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Abigail: Intervening Faith

The Point: Honor Christ by stepping in to help resolve conflict.

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Get Into the Study

Use the following stories to launch your discussion.

School shootings are, tragically, becoming far too common. In two recent attacks, however, young heroes sacrificed themselves to save others from becoming victims.

On April 30, 2019, 21-year-old [ROTC cadet Riley Howell rushed the shooter](#) at University of North Carolina Charlotte, knocking him to the floor. His actions allowed police to apprehend the shooter. Despite being shot three times, Riley tackled the gunman so forcefully that the suspect complained to first responders of internal injuries. No additional people were shot after the body-slam. Riley was [buried with full military honors](#).

A week later, on May 7, 18-year-old high school senior [Kendrick Castillo lunged at the school shooter](#) in suburban Denver, giving classmates time to hide. In addition to Kendrick, three other students also tackled the gunman, which allowed ten to fifteen classmates could escape to safety.

In John 15:13, Jesus said, “No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.” Riley and Kendrick were heroes who bravely demonstrated this self-sacrificial, intervening love.

Ask Question 1.

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Live It Out

Use the following story as you conclude the session.

Famous for both her cooking and her heart for reconciliation, New Orleans chef, [Leah Chase](#), died June 1st at the age of 96. Her restaurant, Dooky Chase (named after her father-in-law), had been visited by presidents, musicians, athletes, and civil rights leaders. Even in her 90's, Chase could be found at the restaurant greeting customers and supervising the kitchen. According to a statement from her family, “Her daily joy was not simply cooking, but preparing meals to bring people together.” Chase was known for her work during the Civil Rights Movement, where she brought together black and white civil rights activists to eat together at a time when allowing black and white people to dine together was illegal. Her family’s statement noted, “One of her most prized contributions was advocating for the Civil Rights Movement through feeding those on the front lines of the struggle for human dignity.”

Leah Chase used her time and work in an era of conflict and tension to unify people.

Ask: What are some opportunities we have to honor Christ by stepping in to help resolve conflict in our city, country, and world?

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Additional Questions

Icebreaker

- Who are some people or groups in your community who consistently step up to make things better?
- Who do you turn to when you need advice about resolving conflict?
- Which TV or movie character is most like you when conflict occurs?

1 Samuel 25:2-3, 14-17

- When have you seen kindness misunderstood or rejected?
- What qualities are evident in the lives of the people you trust?
- What are some things that cause people to act foolishly today?

1 Samuel 25:23-28

- When have you encouraged someone else to do “the right thing” in a situation?
- When has someone else encouraged you to do “the right thing” in a situation?
- What do you like best about Abigail’s approach in these verses?

1 Samuel 25:32-35

- Why is it important to acknowledge God being at work in conflict situations?
- In what ways do peacemakers reflect Christ’s nature?
- What positive results happen when godly people work to resolve conflict?