



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired the movie by "The Final Contestant"

INTRODUCTION

Norah Jeffries watches her family business collapse after a devastating robbery, and rather than face the loss alone, she turns to her hometown community for help. Out of that hardship, plans for a citywide talent show begin, drawing in a range of gifted young performers. Yet as the show comes together, two young performers face the harsh reality of bullying. The film weaves together loss, community, and fractured relationships into a story that ultimately points toward resilience, grace, and courage.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. COMMUNITY IN THE FACE OF LOSS

- When Norah's family business is robbed, she doesn't try to rebuild alone but turns to her hometown for support. How does the community's response to Norah's loss reflect the way God often provides for His people through the people around them?
- Read Galatians 6:2 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-10. How do these passages describe the call to bear one another's burdens and support one another in hardship? Where has God used a community around you to help carry a loss or setback?



2. THE VALUE OF EVERY HUMAN

- Some of the young performers in the film experience the harsh reality of bullying. How does the film challenge us to see the hidden struggles of those around us, particularly children and young people?
- Read Genesis 1:27 and Psalm 139:13-14. How do these passages establish the inherent worth and dignity of every person as image-bearers of God? How should this truth shape the way we treat, and stand up for, those who are mistreated or belittled?



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3. GRACE NOT RETALIATION



- Rather than responding to their mistreatment with bitterness, the young performers choose grace and healing. What does it look like biblically to reclaim dignity through grace rather than through revenge or self-protection?
- Read Romans 12:17-21 and Colossians 3:12-13. How do these passages call believers to respond to mistreatment? Are there areas in your own life where you need to choose to extend grace and forgiveness rather than resentment or retaliation?

4. REDEMPTION AND HEALING

- What began as Norah's plan to recover financially becomes the stage for young performers to confront bullying and find healing. How does this reflect the way God can redeem a hardship, like a robbery, and turn it into an opportunity for deeper restoration?
- Read Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28. How do these passages show God's ability to work even painful circumstances toward good and redemptive purposes? Where has a hardship in your own life unexpectedly become the setting for a deeper healing?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Have you or someone you love experienced bullying, exclusion, or humiliation? How could you respond to that pain with Christ's character rather than bitterness?

Consider a time your community helped support you through something difficult. Is there someone you know who might need that same support and encouragement this week?



PRAYER

Close the Bible study with a time of prayer, lifting up those who have experienced loss and hardship.

Pray for children and young people who are targets of cruelty, that they would know their worth in God's eyes and find a loving community around them. Pray for God to change the heart of those bullying, and heal their wounds, too. Pray also for grace to respond to mistreatment with Christlike character rather than bitterness or revenge.



CONCLUSION

Like Norah and the young performers, none of us should carry loss or mistreatment alone. The Bible calls us to bear one another's burdens, see every person as valuable to God, and answer cruelty with grace rather than retaliation. Encourage each other to be the community that steps in during hardship and stands up for those facing bullying, trusting God to bring redemption out of shared struggle.

