



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired the movie by "The Karate Princess"

INTRODUCTION

Lilly Hu is a successful, career-driven businesswoman who returns to her hometown after her father's passing, only to discover she must take over his beloved karate dojo as a condition of his will. An unwanted obligation soon becomes a journey of rediscovery, as Lilly reconnects with her roots, her father's legacy, and the community he built, while facing a rival martial arts studio determined to compete against her. Along the way, Lilly is forced to slow down from the ambition that has defined her adult life and rediscover the values, relationships, and inner strength her father tried to instill in her all along.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

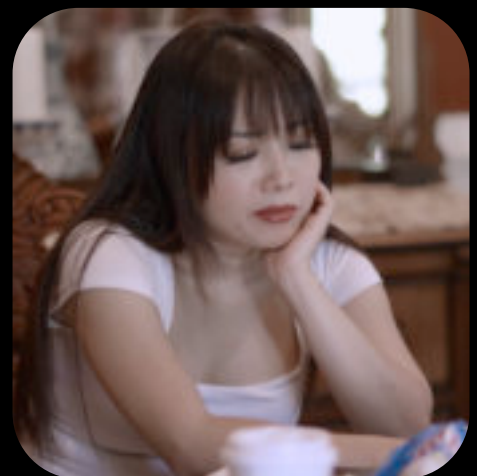
1. CHASING SUCCESS

- Before returning home, Lilly has built her identity around career success and ambition, distant from the dojo, the community, and the values her father held dear. How does her initial resistance to her father's legacy reflect a temptation many of us face to build our lives around achievement rather than the things of lasting value?
- Read Matthew 6:19-21 and Ecclesiastes 2:10-11. How do these passages caution against building our lives around earthly achievement and treasure? Have you drifted from family, faith, or community in pursuit of success?



2. LEGACIES THAT LAST

- Lilly's father's dojo embodies the values, discipline, and character he hoped to pass on to his daughter. How does the film's portrayal of inheriting a parent's legacy speak to the biblical call to honor our parents and those in authority?
- Read Exodus 20:12 and 2 Timothy 1:5. How do these passages frame the honoring of parents and the passing down of faith across generations? What legacy of faith or character has been passed down to you?



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3. COMPETING WITH INTEGRITY



- As Lilly takes over the dojo, a rival martial arts studio rises up to compete against her, testing her resolve and character under pressure. How does Lilly's response to this rivalry, whether with integrity or compromise, reflect the way believers are called to handle competition and opposition in our own lives?
- Read Proverbs 24:17-18 and Romans 12:17-18. How do these passages guide us in facing opposition without resorting to bitterness, pride, or retaliation? Where might God be calling you to compete or contend with integrity rather than a win-at-all-costs mindset?

4. THE STRENGTH OF COMMUNITY

- As Lilly embraces her father's dojo, she learns more than just karate technique; she rediscovers relationships, emotional honesty, and the faith her father modeled. What does her journey teach us about the benefits of community and humility rather than isolation and self-reliance?

- Read Proverbs 27:17 and Philippians 4:13. How do these passages describe strength that is sharpened through relationship with others and rooted in Christ rather than self-sufficiency? Where in your life could you use the sharpening of community or a renewed reliance on God's strength rather than your own?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Is there a legacy of faith or character that you've drifted from out of ambition? Consider what it would look like to honour something good that was passed down to you.

Where is God calling you to face opposition with integrity? Are there areas where you need to lean into community rather than going it alone?



PRAYER

Close the Bible study with a time of prayer, inviting participants to bring before God any ambitions or achievements they've prioritized over their roots in faith and family.

Pray for the humility to honor the legacies passed down to us, and for strength and integrity in facing rivalry or opposition in our own lives. Pray also for a renewed dependence on Christ's strength rather than self-reliance.



CONCLUSION

Like Lilly, success can leave us empty, no matter how impressive it looks from the outside. Scripture calls us to honor the legacies of faith and character passed down to us, to face opposition with integrity, and to find our true strength in Christ. Encourage each other to consider what it would mean to continue a legacy worth passing on to the next generation.