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life changing words the message connect

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The Message Connect is a devotion that goes deeper into Sunday morning's message, intentionally connecting it to our lives throughout the week. Through a 15-20 minute video and discussion guide, we challenge everyone to go deeper in their faith because we believe growing people change for God's glory and their God-honoring life purpose.

WEEK FOUR: ENOUGH

Go online to ringgoldchurch.com/themessageconnect to watch this week's Message Connect video.

Key Scriptures:

1 Kings 17

In one way or another, we have all fallen into that trap of chasing after and pursuing enough. Most of the time, it leaves us feeling pretty miserable. We've accomplished a goal, reached a status, or bought the thing we wanted but it doesn't feel as satisfying as we'd hoped. When we reach the line of what we thought was enough, it only gets further away, leaving us feeling unfulfilled. We can learn to be content in all circumstances because we trust that God will catch us, and always provide enough!

Next Steps:

1. Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

How do you go about assessing the truth of the news stories you read and hear every day?

What was one of the worst pieces of news you have ever had to convey to another person? The best news?

2. Start Thinking. Ask a thoughtful question.

What did you learn about God from the message this week?

3. Start Sharing. Here are questions to help you dig deeper into God's Word.

Ecclesiastes 5:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7-8; Deuteronomy 14:23; Malachi 3:10; Philippians 4:11-13: Contentment is the perspective you choose, regardless of the circumstances you have. We will never have enough to fulfill us—because we will always want more.

Where are you struggling to find enough? How will you know when you have enough?

Are you placing God first in your life? What things are in the way of you doing so?

Are you trusting God with your finances? How is money impacting your contentment?

Are you taking a sabbath each week, or do you feel like there's too much work to do to rest? What could you do this week to surrender control and invite God into your regular cycle of work and rest? What difference could it make in your life to regularly take a sabbath and totally disconnect from work?

1 Kings 17:1-16: Elijah and the widow face a number of difficult circumstances. They are battling a drought and famine, yet still manage to put their faith in God first. God delivers on His promises and provides enough to meet their needs.

Have you ever been in a similar position to Elijah and the widow? What kind of situations have you faced that seemed too tough to overcome on your own?

Which area of your life do you need to place God first? What is holding you back from giving Him control over that area?

In which ways has God provided for you when you weren't sure if you would have enough? How did this help you find contentment in your circumstances?

4. Start Praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

Take some time to pray over identified action steps and life issues. Pray that God would continue to actively grow and mature you in Christ.

5. Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

What is God saying to you through his word? What are you going to do about it, and when?

For more information about taking the next steps in your faith, visit: ringgoldchurch.com/nextsteps.

LET OUR PASTORS LEAD YOUR DISCUSSION.

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