

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: Lessons Learned
Message: Part Two
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: September 26, 2021

To make the most of the teaching this week, take the message notes and carefully read through each of the five lessons and Bible references that support them. Ask God to help you see what He wants you to focus on and then write out two or three specific things you can do to make changes in your attitudes, behavior and relationships. Once you have determined what you need to do, make a plan to begin getting into action now!

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

MSG – The Message
NLT – New Living Translation
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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1. Making wise decisions takes careful and prayerful work.

³ Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, ⁴ and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts.
 Proverbs 24:3–4 (TLB)

Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

Proverbs 11:14 (NLT)

⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

James 1:5–8 (NLT)

2. Friendship is both priceless and fragile.

There are “friends” who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24 (NLT)

Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable?

Proverbs 20:6 (NLT)

Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

3. I have a choice about how I think and act, and my choices have consequences.

I’m single-minded in pursuit of you; don’t let me miss the road signs you’ve posted. I’ve banked your promises in the vault of my heart so I won’t sin myself bankrupt.

Psalms 119:10–11 (MSG)

*See also 1 Corinthians 10:13

4. No matter the circumstances we are in, God is aware, available and ready to work!

Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

*For a powerful example of lessons 3 and 4, read Acts 16:22–40

5. Jesus’ church, when we are at our best, is concerned less about being right and more about being righteous. Two aspects of this are:

- How we treat each other.

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.
 John 13:34–35 (NLT)

- How we treat our neighbors.

³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”
 Matthew 22:37–40 (NLT)

For even I, the Messiah, am not here to be served, but to help others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45 (TLB)