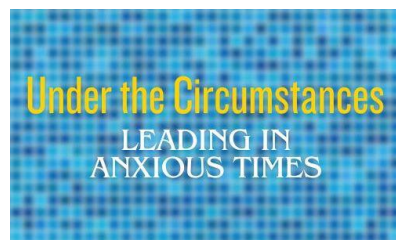


Royal Redeemer Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for October 13, 2024
Under The Circumstances: Influence



**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion with a CGS
Community or family**

- **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**
- **CONNECT** *with each other*
 - Share what characteristics in others influence you the most.
- **GROW** *in Christ* (Read the following scripture from **Luke 6: 39-45**)

³⁹ He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? ⁴⁰ The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. ⁴¹ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

A Tree and Its Fruit

⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
 - Anxiety is a kind of fear, usually having to do with the thought of a threat or something going wrong in the future, rather than a fear of a present danger that’s happening now. Since the command “Fear Not!” is the most repeated command in the Bible, occurring 365 times, what does this say about fear or anxiety being a sin?
 - What does the fact that this command appears so frequently in the Bible say about God knowing that we are fearful beings?
 - If the speck of sawdust and the plank in verse 41 are somehow related to anxiety, what is Jesus saying that we need to do before we can help our brother with his anxiety?
 - How do we calm our own anxiety, given that it is a sin, so that we can lead in anxious times?
 - How does knowing that God is in control help us calm our anxiety?
 - How are you positioning yourself regarding anxiety for maximum influence with the people around you?
- **SERVE** *others*

Who might God want you to share the truths with about finding peace in anxious times through faith in Jesus? Look for opportunities and do that!

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**