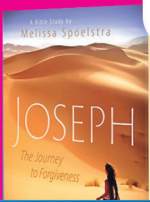


**JOSEPH, *The Journey to Forgiveness***



A Bible Study by *Melissa Spoelstra*.  
Begins on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017**  
takes you on a step by step journey to the place of freedom!

**AWAKENING** REVISED

Start strong and join us for a season of fasting, prayer, and personal direction. January 9-29 we plan to set aside 21 days to pray, fast, and seek God to believe Him for a new season of grace and miracles in our lives, the lives of others, our church, and the world.

Instead of the Daniel Fast, we plan to have a sign-up sheet for participants to fast on a select day or days.



**SUN, JANUARY 29**

Come and join us as we act out our own late night television show. Featuring some of your favorite games like a "LIP SYNCBATTLE", "SAY ANYTHING", and "EGGRUSSIAN ROULETTE". Also guest appearances by our very own Grapple Group as they discuss things going on in their life.

**BIBLE STUDY (OFF CAMPUS)**

There is **one** Bible study scheduled at Kimberly's in January: January 19.  
Let Kimberly know if you plan to attend.



**CONNECTION CARDS**

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to "MEASURE" our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



# ★ I HAVE ★ DECIDED...

Jan 08 » Do the Next Thing

Jan 15 » To Follow Jesus

Jan 22 » To Live by Faith and  
Not by Sight

Jan 29 » To Worship Instead  
of Worry

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### ▶ THINKING - OF - YOU PRAYER



Breanna V. ▶ Health Issues

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues

Trevor W. ▶ Afghanistan

Ralph H. ▶ Fluid in the brain

Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues

Barb D. ▶ Bone Cancer

Donald S. ▶ Addictions

Noe F. ▶ Health Issues

Kenny D. ▶ Neurological

Danny L. ▶ Peace Corps

Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues



### ▶ URGENT PRAYER



Barb S. ▶ Cardiac Issues

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues

Peggy K. ▶ Health Issues

Emma G. ▶ Health Issues

Kathy T. ▶ Cancer

Eric G. ▶ Back Injury

Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*"Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realizing that you were the prisoner." —Max Lucado*

12/08/16

37

ATTENDANCE

\$2,280

GIVING

2

GUESTS

17

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

METRICS ▶ THAT MATTER

I HAVE DECIDED... ★

TO FOLLOW  
JESUS

## WHAT IS IN YOUR LOST & FOUND BOX?

### LOST SHEEP

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “*Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.* Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? *Luke 15:3-4* ★ ★ ★

### LOST COINS

“*Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one.* Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? *Luke 15:8* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

### LOST SON

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> “*Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.* <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. *Luke 15:11-14*

WE ARE IN THE BUSINESS  
OF HELPING PEOPLE FIND  
LOST ITEMS...

## IT'S POSSIBLE TO LOSE THINGS AND STILL KEEP GOING

We can lose our car keys and still keep driving with a spare key. We can lose our calendar and still show up for our appointments—out of memory. **What are some things — that we can lose that complicate life? —** ★ ★ ★

- Direction/Faith/Faculties/Friend
- Focus/Ground/Hair/Hope
- Heart/Head/Keys/Mind
- Mobility/Perspective/Respect/Spark
- Sanity/Teeth/Temper/Touch



## HOW TO FIND THINGS (PROFESSOR SOLOMON)

1. Don't look for it.
2. It's not lost—you are.
3. Comfort/Calmness/Confidence.
4. It's where it's supposed to be.
5. Domestic drift.
6. You're looking at it.
7. The camouflage effect.
8. Think back.
9. Look once, look well.
10. The eureka zone.
11. Tail thyself.
12. It wasn't you.

Sometimes when you lose something, it's a good strategy to retrace your steps and find the spot where you lost it.

## TAKE ME BACK... (LYRICS BY ANDRAE CROUCH)

Take me back, take me back dear Lord  
To the place where I first received you.  
Take me back, take me back dear Lord where I First believed.

[Verse:]

I feel that I'm so far from you Lord  
But still I hear you calling me  
Those simple things that I once knew,  
The memories are drawing me.

I must confess, Lord I've been blessed  
But yet my soul's not satisfied.  
Renew my faith, restore my joy  
And dry my weeping eyes.

[Bridge:]

I tried so hard,  
To make it all alone.

I need your help  
Just to make it home.

## RETRACE YOUR STEPS

Revisit the mall stores where you might have left your credit card. The sink where you took off your wedding band and put in on the soap dish. Retrace your steps. **Where did I mislay my communion time with God in favor of a crammed calendar? Where did we temporarily misplace our compassion for the poor in favor of programs? And where did we leave our joy in proclaiming God's Word?**

**I HAVE  
DECIDE  
TO FOLLOW  
JESUS!**