



CORNER FRINGE MINISTRIES

FREEDOM IN MESSIAH

Student Guide | Week 3 | The Striving-to-Standing Audit

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Chapter 3 is about this: Many believers live as though the outcome is still uncertain — as though the enemy has real power to undo what God has done. The reality is that Yeshua has already won the war. The question is whether we are living from that victory or still fighting for it.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

LAST WEEK

We identified the three fronts of opposition — world, flesh, and enemy — and learned that correctly identifying the source of an attack changes how we respond.

THIS WEEK

We establish the ground we stand on. God's power and protection are not things we earn or work toward — they are the position we already occupy in Messiah. This week we learn to stand in what is already true.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY ANCHOR

"I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand."

John 10:28

A THOUGHT TO CARRY THROUGH THE WEEK

Moses had every reason to disqualify himself — a criminal past, a speech problem, forty years of obscurity. And God said: I AM has sent you. That was enough.

You are not fighting for a position. You are fighting from one. The same I AM who held Israel through every generation holds you. No enemy, no failure, no sin has the power to remove you from that grip.

RELEVANT THOUGHTS THAT CAME TO MIND DURING THE WEEK:

BREAKOUT SESSION

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Total time: 60 minutes | No facilitator needed — follow the steps

HOW THIS WORKS

There is no leader in this group — everyone follows the steps together. Each step has a time guide. Stay with the step you are on. If someone in the group needs more time on a particular step, the group can choose to continue with it. The structure serves the people, not the other way around.

The goal is not to get through all of the steps. The goal is that each person in the group leaves having done real work and no member of the group leaves feeling left behind.

Open your session with prayer. Let the Spirit guide one of you to begin.

STEP 1 LAND THE TEACHING 8–10 minutes

Someone in the group reads this aloud before anyone responds:

The teaching this week established a foundational shift: Most of us have been taught by our failures and by the enemy to live as though the outcome is uncertain; as though if we do not hold on tightly enough, we might lose our standing. That is not the Gospel. The language of the New Covenant is not striving. It is standing in the Truth of Messiah.

Take 2 minutes of silence. Let each person answer this question privately before anyone speaks:

Be honest — are you currently living as though you are fighting FOR victory, or FROM a victory that has already been won? What does that look like in your daily life? What would change about how you live this week if you genuinely believed you were already standing in a secured victory and not trying to earn one?

My honest answer to Step 1:

Now go around the group. Let each person share his or her answer as honestly as possible. No cross-talk while someone is sharing. When everyone has spoken, move to Step 2.

STEP 2 GO DEEPER TOGETHER 20–25 minutes

This is the heart of the session. The question is harder than Step 1. It requires more honesty. Take 2 minutes of silence before anyone speaks — let each person sit with their thoughts privately first.

This tool helps you identify where you are still fighting for what God has already given you and what it would look like to stand in His victory instead. Follow these steps:

Step A: In the left column, list the areas of your life where you are striving — working to earn, maintain, protect, or prove something. Be honest. Striving often disguises itself as faithfulness.

Step B: In the right column, write what standing in that same area would look like. What does it mean to fight from victory rather than for it in each of these specific places?

Step C: Choose one area you will surrender to God in order to stand in faith this week.

Where I am still striving:	What standing in Messiah looks like here:

The one area I am choosing to surrender to God in order to stand in faith this week:

When you are ready, go around the group and let each person respond. The group listens fully before anyone else speaks. If someone in the group is particularly moved by this question — if the Holy Spirit is clearly doing something — let the group stay with that person. Do not rush past a real moment to stay on schedule. This is the most important work — what the time margin is for.

Discuss what area of your life have you been trying to protect yourself in because somewhere you stopped trusting that God's hand was enough? What would it look like to release that to Him this week?

When everyone has spoken, move to Step 3.

STEP 3 THE ROOT WORK 20-25 minutes

Take 2-5 minutes to complete the Root Question Framework privately and honestly. Where have you been striving and what would standing in Messiah's victory look like? By establishing Yeshua as the root and receiving the implanted Word of Truth in us, we will have the strength needed to stand against the enemy. This is individual work first. Write it down. The act of writing forces honesty in a way that thinking alone does not. Please move on to the group reflection and finish your root question framework contemplation later if you are running out of time.

THE ROOT QUESTION FRAMEWORK	
Go deeper on what steps one and two surfaced.	
The behavior is:	What do I keep doing — or running to — that I know is not producing life?
The feeling is:	What does it feel like right before I go there? Shame? Fear? Emptiness? Loneliness?
The lie beneath is:	What must I believe about myself — or about God — for this to feel necessary?
The truth is:	What does God actually say about me in this place? (Use scripture if you can.)

After everyone has had time to write, go around the group. Each person shares what they wrote — as much or as little as they are ready to share. The group listens. No fixing, no advising, no jumping to solutions. Just witness what each person brings.

Use most of this time discussing and reflecting on the whole group's testimony:

GROUP REFLECTION

What areas of life in this group tend to produce the most striving — the most trying harder rather than standing firmer in faith? What does that striving reveal about what we actually believe about God's security?

PREPARE TO SHARE

When you return to the main room, your group may be asked to share. Together, decide on one thing — one insight, one moment, one declaration — that represents what happened in your group today.

Complete this sentence as a group: "This week we are choosing to stand in _____ rather than strive for _____."

Here's what our group is taking away (write it down so you don't lose it):

STEP 4 CLOSING PRAYER 2-5 minutes

Allow the Spirit to lead one person to close in prayer. Then go around the group — each person may pray one sentence if they are willing. No one is required to pray. No one is skipped over without grace.

Suggested focus: Pray the Memory Anchor back to God as a declaration over your own life. Then ask Him to help you surrender what you're struggling with to His power and victory.

One person closes the prayer when the group is ready.