## Week 2

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Welcome to week #2.

Our lesson today begins in the first four verses of chapter 3. This is a very simple lesson, a very simple example, of our beliefs being put into action. In this passage Mordecai refused to worship Haman. The very end of verse four gives us the simple explanation, it says "he was a Jew." his belief system restricted his worship only to Jehovah.

So today our lesson is short and very plain. It comes in the form of a question. Are you truly following what you say you believe? If you say you are a Christian, then how is your belief affecting the way you speak to others? How is it affecting the way you treat each individual that you cross paths with every day? How does it change the way you view your finances? How does it change your behavior when no one else is looking? What does your belief have to do with your daily disciplines? The answer to these questions and many others like them is our simple evaluation point for today.

As we begin week #2 take some time to take a careful look add whether your actions and attitudes are truly reflective of your beliefs. My expectation for you is not that you live perfectly, but that you live your life absolutely oriented toward God. We all make mistakes and stumble along the path that leads to God but the way we are oriented determines whether we will fall toward Him or away from Him. Ask Holy Spirit to help you evaluate yourself and then spend some quiet time listening for Him response. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit will also give you the courage to make the changes that are necessary that will lead you closer to God.

May God bless you today. May you sense the guidance of His Holy Spirit. My prayer for you is that your fasting will be effective, and you will take another step closer to His presence this day!

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