

# WEEK 2: CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE

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_____	Open/Theme/Homework Review (10")	⋈
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## OPEN/THEME/HOMEWORK REVIEW

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### Welcome

- I am so glad to be back together this week.

### Theme of the Week

- The theme of today is **Confidence and Courage**.
- We'll start with a teaching video from Jo Saxton about the amazingly courageous women who supported Jesus' ministry.
- Then we'll move into Scripture.
- Our last video is the story of a woman who sought courage in her conviction.

### Homework Review - Four Lessons from Jesus' Female Funders

- Before we start, let's talk about last week's homework.
- Do you have any questions about last week's session, **Invitation to Grow**?
- Our homework from last session was to read an article about the women who funded Jesus' ministry.
- Was there anything that stood out to you from the reading?



## Video — BE COURAGEOUS, Jo Saxton

20”

### Overview the Session...

- Our first video today is from a gifted teacher that goes further into the women who funded Jesus' ministry.

### Introduce the Presenter...

- Jo Saxton is an author, speaker, podcast host, and leadership coach.
- She has dedicated her career to growing leadership teams around the world and empowering women to find their purpose in their personal lives and in leadership.
- Born in London to parents who immigrated from Nigeria, Jo credits her family's unrelenting work ethic and the grace of God for the bold, tenacious approach she takes to sharing her wisdom on identity, influence, and living an authentic life.
- She is characterized by her effervescent honesty and warm approachability, leaving audiences with practical next steps in areas that are usually a bit ambiguous.

### Overview — Show the Video...

- As you watch the video, listen to how God is calling you to be courageous in your followership of Him.
- Turn to your participant notes, there you'll find information about our presenter and space for notes.
- *(Show the video)*

### Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute ...

- Did anything in Jo's teaching resonate with you?
- Can you identify a time when you were called to be courageous in your calling?
- How can you be more receptive to hearing God's call?



## — SCRIPTURE REFLECTION, Hebrews 10:19-25 — A Call to Persevere 10”

### Overview the Session ...

- We are going to read and reflect on a passage from Scripture.
- It focuses on the need to fully believe in the assurance of faith - that we need to hold unswervingly to hope and encourage others as well.
- Please turn to your participant notes where the Scripture is captured.
- *(Ask one of the women to read the Scripture)*

### Hebrews 10: 19-25

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute

- What is standing out to you in this passage?
- This passage is often used to illustrate the importance of perseverance through suffering and difficult times.
- Can you think of a time that was important in your faith walk?

— Video — **BRIGHTER — FAITH & COMPANY, Liz Bohannon** —

15”

**Overview the Session...**

- Our second video today is the story of Sseko, a socially conscious lifestyle brand.
- There are times when we are confident where our passion is, but not sure how God wants us to serve, to give of our time, talent, and resource.
- This story shows how following God's leading, with confidence in Him, started something bigger than one woman could have ever imagined.

**Introduce the Presenter ...**

- Liz Forkin Bohannon is the founder of Sseko Designs, an ethical fashion brand that works to educate and empower women.
- In four years, Sseko has grown from three women making sandals together under a mango tree, to an international fashion brand that provides employment, educational opportunities and entrepreneurial training to over 50 women in East Africa.
- She believes deeply that business is a powerful platform for social change and that girls are our future.

**Overview — Show the Video (11”)...**

- As you watch the video, listen to Liz's amazing vision for building strong partnerships among women.
- Please turn to your participant notes — there is the information about our presenter, as well as a space for you to take notes.
- *(Show the video)*





## Facilitate Discussion, Affirming Women as They Contribute ...

- What did you think of Liz's overwhelming commitment to following her passion?
- What might be holding you back from having that kind of courage?
- Did anything else stand out to you in the video?



## CLOSE/HOMEWORK

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### Sharing

- We only have a few minutes.
- Would one of you be willing to share a takeaway from today's session, **Confidence and Courage**?
- Your sharing helps inform how we can pray for you this week.

### Homework — Romans 8, Life Through the Spirit

- The homework each week is valuable as you journey towards identity-shaped and purposeful generosity.
- This week your homework is to read Scripture, Life Through the Spirit, Romans 8.
- I look forward to being with you for **Week 3: Your Unique Identity** as we continue on our Pathway.

### Close in Prayer

- As we close, I am going to pray for each of you.