



## Leader Conversation Guide – XXVII - John

### Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt continued our XXVII series with a message from the Gospel of John. We can often have high expectations in life, but when those expectations aren't met, it leaves us feeling empty. There are three things we do in our human nature when we are running on empty... We focus on feelings instead of faith. We take matters into our own hands. And we exaggerate the negative. But Jesus has called us to a higher standard of living. Let's take a look at what Scripture tells us in [John 2:1-11](#) about running on empty...

**But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.**

**JOHN 20:31**

### Make It Practical: Running on Empty

1. Do what Jesus says to do.
  - Isaiah 55:8-9 (TLB) - "This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are My thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours."
2. Focus on what God wants to do in you.
  - 1 Peter 1:6-7 - "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold ... may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."
3. Believe the unbelievable.
  - Mark 10:27 - "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."
4. Expect the best.
  - Ephesians 3:20 - "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

## Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- Have you given your problems to God, or are you focusing on them from a human lens?
- When have you had a time in your life when God was working in an unexpected way?

**It is impossible for a problem to be my problem  
and God's problem at the same time.**

## Prayer

Father, thank You for your continued grace in our lives. We know that all things are possible through you, even when they seem impossible to us. Holy Spirit, strengthen our faith to trust and believe in what Your Word tells us. May we grow deeper in love with who You are and Your goodness. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Leader Tip

Remind Group Members about our Serve Teams. If anyone identifies an area of interest, get them connected to that team's coordinator. If you have questions about who the coordinators are at your location, your location admin can point you in the right direction.