



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 4: Encouraged  
Suggested Week of Use: March 27, 2022  
Core Passage: 1 Thess. 3:4-13

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### News Story Summary

James Boyd, Indiana Pacers' beat writer for the *IndyStar*, recently covered his first NBA All-Star Weekend, an event that showcases star players in the league. While conducting an interview, Boyd was reminded of advice that he had received from his parents as well as a pair of close family friends who he called his "uncles." Boyd's "uncles" are no longer living; however, he attributes his confidence and success to them along with his parents who told him to "never be a follower, never listen to the naysayers, and never stop chasing my dream."

For more about this story, search "Boyd: I covered my first All-Star weekend, and I really wish..."

### Focus Attention

To supplement the Discuss idea under Focus Attention, share a summary of the article about James Boyd and the influence of his parents and family friends. Ask: *What lessons were ingrained by his parents and "uncles?"* Complete the step as written.

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Share idea under Summarize and Challenge, before highlighting and discussing the third question set, remind the group about the article on James Boyd. Guide the group to explain how Boyd's life and his growth as an individual was impacted by the adults around him. Complete the step as written, focusing on the third question set under Apply the Text.