



THE ANCHOR

at Home



YOUR GUIDE TO THE ANCHOR AT HOME

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

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WATCH PARTY INFORMATION

Covid-19 Considerations

Given the new parameters put in place in Washington State on November 16, 2020, we are encouraging you to plan your December Watch Party as an online event. You can “gather” your group virtually and be inspired together and discuss what you have heard once the event concludes.

If you are in another state, please make sure to be following your state mandated Covid-19 Guidelines when planning your Anchor At Home. These guidelines can be found on your state government website.

“FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE

gather IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I WITH THEM.”

MATTHEW 18:20



WATCH PARTY TO-DO LIST

1. Invite your family and friends to join you on Thursday, January 7th to hear from Guest Speakers Susan Hutchison and Anya Phillips along with Nashville-based singer/songwriter JJ Heller.
2. Make sure to communicate with your group and share the video link (coming soon), time, date and instructions to join a virtual discussion following the video.
3. Looking for inspiration for a snack or beverage? Check out page 4!
4. Be online and tune to the video link when it premieres on Jan. 7th at 7pm. Host your virtual discussion following the video.
5. Make sure to tag @theanchorgathering and #anchorathome on social media and “like” us on Facebook and Instagram!

VIDEO & ZOOM LINKS

The YouTube link for the Anchor at Home will be emailed out several days prior, and will go live at 7:00pm PST on Jan. 7th so that the whole Anchor community can watch together.

We will also be sending instructions for how to host the Post-Video discussion virtually!

MIXER PROMPTS



CHOOSE ONE, TWO OR ALL THREE PROMPT(S) TO DISCUSS SO THE WOMEN AT YOUR VIRTUAL WATCH PARTY CAN GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER.

1

What was one of your favorite memories of this past holiday season?

2

Where would you like to take a vacation and why?

3

What is one thing you are looking forward to in the New Year?

ABOUT OUR OPENING MUSICIAN

JJ HELLER



At some point in our lives, we all want someone to believe in us, to remind us there is beauty in the world, and to tell us that everything's going to be ok. **There is a child in all of us, and that's who JJ Heller makes music for.**

JJ writes thoughtful intimate songs that feel like balm for the soul. Her faith informs her songs in subtle ways that feel more like poetry and less like a sermon. Her soothing voice and inspiring melodies blend with poignant lyrics to stir the hearts of listeners of all ages. She has over 27 million YouTube plays and over 770,000 digital songs sold!

Heller and her husband, Dave, work creatively together co-writing songs, and touring the country. After 17 years making music full-time, Heller has ten full-length albums, a Christmas EP to her name. In 2017 JJ began regularly releasing a new single to streaming services on the first Friday of each month, and she launched her podcast, Instrumental, in May of 2020.

ABOUT OUR ANCHOR MOMENT SPEAKER

ANYA PHILLIPS



I am a daughter of the King, wife to an amazing man, mama to two incredible kiddos, survivor of severe childhood trauma, justice seeker and interior designer. I desire to love people well, exactly where they are. My story doesn't make any sense without Jesus. I love the outdoors as I see God's majesty all over. My family recently moved to Gig Harbor. We have a beautiful property we're currently dreaming big on how to develop. I'm drawn to interior design because I love creating beautiful, peaceful, safe spaces. I started my own business called 'hear that built me', because your home should reflect your heart. We all have a story. We all desire to be seen and heard. My hope is that I live every day with that at the forefront of my mind.

ABOUT OUR MAIN SPEAKER

SUSAN HUTCHISON



Susan Hutchison is best known as a distinguished journalist for 25 years — first in Hawaii and then Washington State. At Seattle's CBS station, KIRO-7, she anchored the most watched newscasts and won 5 Emmy's. She most recently reported on national TV about Seattle's CHAZ/CHOP and community efforts against defunding police.

She has served in leadership positions on many non-profit boards and led a \$100M foundation making grants locally and around the world.

Susan embraces Proverbs 31:8-9 to be a courageous voice for those who have no voice. She was the GOP candidate for US Senate in 2018.

Susan (her friends call her Susy) has been a favorite speaker over the years at The Anchor and we look forward to hearing her on January 7th.

POST-VIDEO DISCUSSION

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE ANCHOR AT HOME! AT THIS TIME, YOUR HOST CAN LEAD YOUR SMALL GROUP THROUGH THESE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS.

1

What have been your New Years' Resolutions this year or years past?
Do resolutions work for you?

2

What are the chronic worries/concerns in your life right now?

3

Name one thing you're grateful for, besides family members.

COCKTAIL & MOCKTAIL INSPIRATION

GRAPEFRUIT-JALAPEÑO MARGARITA

Makes 2 servings

Recipe by Carol Buchan | <https://northwestcookingafloat.com>



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Please share this recipe with your Anchor at Home group of women so they can make it in their homes too!

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Please drink responsibly.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 jalapeño pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 grapefruit, juiced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup tequila, for infusing
- 1 1/2 ounces tequila (1 shot)
- 1/4 cup coarse salt, for garnishing glasses
- 1 tablespoon agave syrup
- 1 lime, juiced (about 2T)
- 1 cup ice

DIRECTIONS

1. **COCKTAIL VERSION:** Soak the jalapeño slices in the tequila overnight or for at least 4 hours.
2. Spread the salt in a shallow bowl. Dampen the rim of a glass, and dip it into the salt.
3. **COCKTAIL VERSION:** Pour the lime juice, grapefruit juice, 1 1/2 ounces of the infused tequila (1 shot), and agave syrup into a shaker.
MOCKTAIL VERSION: Pour the lime juice, grapefruit juice, and agave syrup into a shaker.
4. Shake vigorously to incorporate the agave. Add the ice to the shaker and shake for 45 seconds (the icy cold temperature is the secret to making this drink a success).
5. Strain into a rocks glass filled with ice or a chilled margarita glass and garnish with one or two jalapeño slices. (**COCKTAIL VERSION:** use one or two infused jalapeño slices)

APPETIZER INSPIRATION

CRANBERRY-JALAPEÑO SALSA

Makes 2½ cups

Recipe by Carol Buchan | <https://northwestcookingafloat.com>



INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces fresh cranberries (about 3 cups)
- ¼ cup finely sliced green onions
- 2 jalapeños, minced
- 2T grated ginger
- 2T fresh lemon juice
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¼ cup minced fresh cilantro leaves
- Whipped cream cheese, for serving
- Crackers, for serving

DIRECTIONS

1. Rinse, drain, and pick over the cranberries, discarding any that are soft or bruised.
2. Place the cranberries in a food processor or blender and pulse until finely chopped.
3. Add the green onions, jalapeños, ginger, lemon, and sugar and pulse about four times.
4. Transfer the salsa to a medium bowl, stir in the cilantro, then cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours to allow the flavors to develop. Leftovers will last up to 2 weeks refrigerated.
5. Serve cold or at room temperature with the whipped cream cheese for guests to spread over the crackers.

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VIRTUAL MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

After your group has each tuned in to the Anchor at Home video at 7pm, you can move onto the virtual discussion.

We suggest using a free platform like Zoom, Skype, or FaceTime to be able to communicate virtually. If you're not comfortable with one of those methods, a group phone call works too!

We will be praying alongside you and The Anchor community on January 7th that the women "attending" hear inspiring stories, have meaningful discussion, feel encouraged in faith and friendship, and renew their hope in Jesus during this tough season.