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Film Study

25 film-based studies illuminating Jesus

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What if you could sit in a room with Christians from all around the world? What stories would they share? What might they teach you about God? *Projections Film Study* seeks to provide this formative experience. Using cinematic storytelling as a starting point, we invite you into the deeper waters of Christ as you reflect on God's Word and engage with diverse stories of real-life faith from around the world. We believe this unique pairing of Scripture and film can provide both Christians and non-Christians a fresh perspective on Jesus and inspire greater faith in Him. So dim the lights, lean in, and see the difference Jesus makes.

How to use this guide

OVERVIEW

This guide offers 25 individual studies highlighting twenty story-based films and five theme-inspired films. Each study consists of watching a short film, reading a passage of Scripture, and reflecting on Christ through four simple questions. Feel the freedom to enjoy the studies in any order as they address relevant topics like “Serving the Least” and “Comfort in Suffering” to Biblical truths like “Living Sacrificially” and “Child-Like Faith”. In the end, we encourage you to have fun, be creative, and let the Holy Spirit lead.

AUDIENCE

These studies can easily be used as a personal devotional, but we feel that they are best shared in group settings like small groups, youth groups, recovery ministry, cross-cultural outreach, global missions classes, and one-on-one discipleship settings.

GROUP STUDY

If you are leading a group study, we suggest that you prepare by watching the selected film, reading the study in advance, and prayerfully considering which questions might serve your group best. To prepare the film for viewing, open the YouTube app on your smart TV, search for the “Projections Film Study” channel, and select the “Volume 1” Playlist. You may then scroll to and play the desired film.

PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL

If you are using this guide as a personal devotional, visit youtube.com/@projectionsfilmstudy on your computer or mobile device, or simply search for the “Projections Film Study” channel on YouTube, and select the “Volume 1” Playlist. You may then scroll to and play the desired film.

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STORY-BASED
Films

01 - 20

A close-up photograph of two women's faces. The woman in the foreground is shown in profile, looking towards the right. Her eyes are closed, and her expression is peaceful. The woman in the background is slightly out of focus, smiling warmly at the camera. The lighting is soft and natural, highlighting the textures of their skin.

*“I will give thanks to the Lord with my
whole heart; I will recount all of your
wonderful deeds.”*

Psalm 9:1

Serving the Least **01**



BETTIE KAUFMANN | UNITED STATES

God commands us to love and serve the people He has placed in our lives. But do your good works earn you a place with Christ in His Kingdom, or are they simply a response to the way in which Jesus has already loved and served you?

FILM: BETTIE GOES TO JAIL | 6 MIN.
WATCH AT [YOUTUBE.COM/@PROJECTIONSFILMSTUDY](https://www.youtube.com/@PROJECTIONSFILMSTUDY)

Bettie goes to Jail

At the age of seventy, Bettie Kaufmann has a conversation with God. Little does she know that this one interaction will eventually send her to jail.

Watch “Bettie Goes to Jail” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Bettie’s story.

Read Matthew 25:31-46 and observe what the Scripture says about serving people who are in need.

Reflect on the following questions:

In verses 37-39, the righteous did not recognize that they were serving Jesus. What does this say about their concern for others?

How do you relate to the “least of these” in your life? Like Bettie, do you overlook them, make excuses, or approach them like a checklist to earn God’s approval?

Spiritually speaking, how were you the “least of these” before knowing Jesus?

Bettie serves those in need because she has been greatly served by Jesus. How has He served you through His life, death, and resurrection?

Brotherly Affection 2



ATSUSHI TAKAHASHI | JAPAN

When we come to know Jesus, He changes everything: how we relate to others, how we work and play, and even how we endure our trials and temptations. How is Jesus transforming you, and what impact could that have on the people in your life?

FILM: LOVE ONE ANOTHER | 7 MIN.

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

As a gifted performer, singing brought Atsushi joy. It also brought him to an unlikely place: a Gospel Choir practice. It wasn't long before the lyrics he sang opened his eyes to a joy greater than what music alone could provide.

Watch “Love One Another” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Atsushi’s story.

Read Romans 12:9-13 and observe what the Scripture says about what it looks like to follow Christ.

Reflect on the following questions:

This passage describes what followers of Christ will be marked by: love, honor, zeal, joy, etc. Share about someone in your life who exemplifies these traits and how this person affects you.

Like Atsushi, we are prone to live for ourselves rather than love and serve others. How do you wrestle with this same temptation, and why?

Considering both His earthly ministry and your present day-to-day life, how has Jesus ultimately loved, served, and honored you?

Because of Christ, Atsushi became someone who could love, serve, honor, and give to those in need. Take time now to pray and ask God to help you obey His commands in Romans 12.

Q3

Greater Strength



ROBERT KOLET | GERMANY

We often look to our own strength and abilities to find our place in the world. But what if there's a different way of living that doesn't leave you anxious or exhausted? Are you willing to trust a strength that's not your own?

FILM: STRONGER | 6 MIN.
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STRONGER

Robert grew up on the streets as a skilled fighter, but the more he trains, the weaker he becomes. Finally, he comes face to face with true strength and is forced to do the one thing he never trained for...surrender.

Watch “Stronger” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Robert’s story.

Read Psalm 18:1-3 and observe what the Scripture says about God’s strength and power.

Reflect on the following questions:

In the film, Robert desires to be the absolute strongest. Where, or to whom, do you look to find strength (wealth, relationships, yourself, etc.)?

The psalmist declares in various ways that he finds his strength in God. Do you find it hard to believe that God is your strength? Why or why not?

True strength is found in Christ, who delivered you from your enemies (sin, Satan, and death) through His sacrifice on the cross. How is He better than where you often look to find strength?

Robert joyfully puts faith in Christ rather than himself. What would it practically look like to rely on Christ’s strength above all else?

Orphaned No More

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ERIN CRAIG | UNITED STATES

It can be said that your love and devotion for God is directly related to the lengths you believe God went to save you. How lost were you before Christ rescued you? God's Word paints a clear picture, and it's not as pretty as you might think.

FILM: ADOPTED | 9 MIN.

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ADOPTED

Over the span of a three and a half year wait, Peter and Erin realize that they are adopting for reasons much more personal than once thought. They are adopting because they were adopted.

Watch “Adopted” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Peter and Erin’s story.

Read Romans 5:6-11 and observe what the Scripture says about God’s salvation of sinners.

Reflect on the following questions:

The film mentions being orphaned by sin, meaning we left our Heavenly Father to go our own way. How was this true for you?

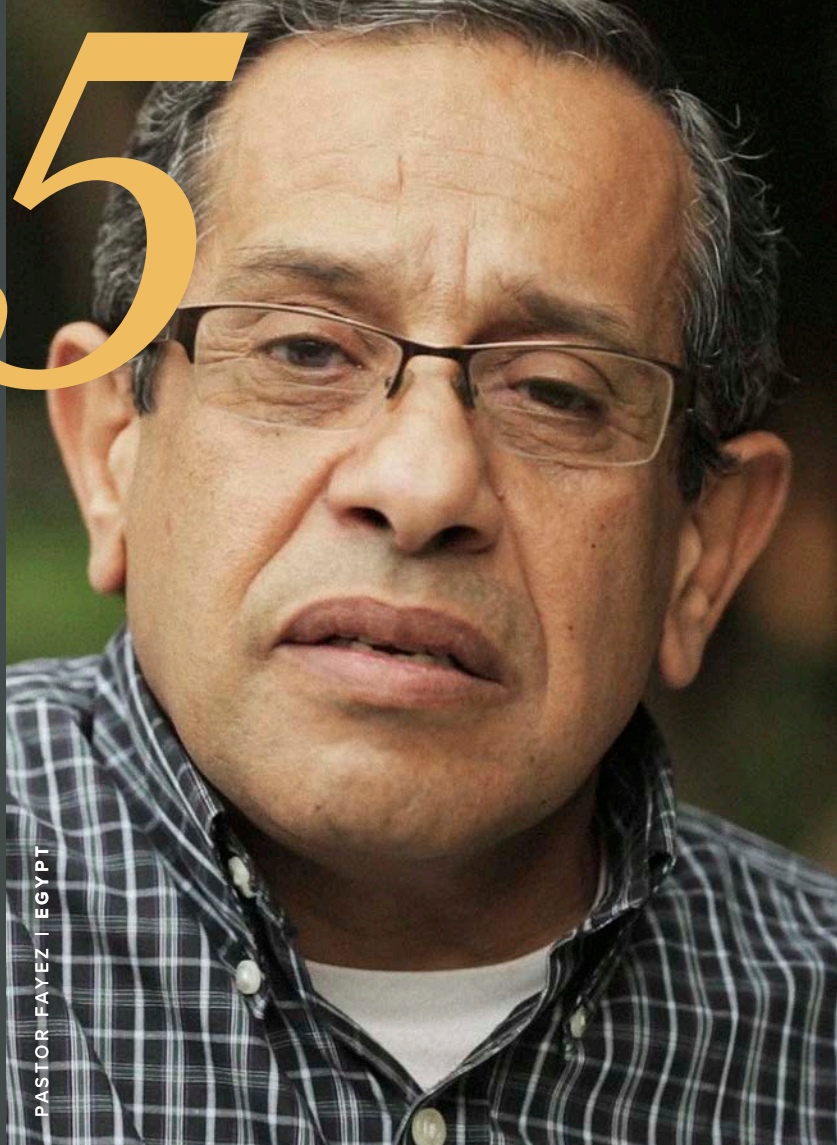
Verses 6-8 show us that our reconciliation with God came at great cost. What does this reveal about God’s character and love?

Considering how Tirfe’s life radically changed through adoption, how does the truth of reconciliation and adoption into God’s family change the way you live your life today?

How can you share the doctrine of adoption to minister to people who are hurting, lonely, and orphaned by sin?

Q5

Unshakable Hope



PASTOR FAYEZ | EGYPT

There are two different kingdoms you can place your hope in today. One is visible, yet volatile. The second is invisible, yet unshakable. Which kingdom has your allegiance, and how might God be calling you to respond?

FILM: EYES OPEN | 7 MIN.

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EYES OPEN

Since January 18, 2011, Egypt has been in a state of civil and political unrest. Yet in the midst of the violence and uncertainty, God is moving in a big way.

Watch “Eyes Open” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by God’s work in Egypt.

Read Luke 6:46-49 and observe what the Scripture says about the two different ways people respond to Jesus.

Reflect on the following questions:

In Luke 6, Jesus talks about two different foundations. How do you see these two different foundations playing out in the world today?

In the film, it is evident the kingdoms of this world can and will eventually fall. What is your honest response to this truth, and why?

When the floods of life inevitably come, Jesus offers an unshakable hope to those who follow Him. How does His sacrificial death and resurrection ultimately provide this hope?

In verse 46, Jesus asks an important question to those who call Him Lord. What would you say holds you back from hearing and obeying Jesus?

Intimately Known

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PETRA VORÁČOVÁ | CZECH REPUBLIC

In seasons of suffering, it can be difficult to believe that there is a God who intimately knows you and seeks to heal you. Are you tempted to turn from God in the midst of suffering? What might it look like to surrender to His tender care?

FILM: FINDING PETRA | 7 MIN.

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FINDING
Petra

When Petra loses her mother at a young age, she sets off on a journey to find hope and healing for her loss. This decade-long search eventually leads her to discover that the answer she's been looking for has been pursuing her all along.

Watch “Finding Petra” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Petra’s story.

Read Psalm 139:1-12 and observe what the Scripture says about how intimately God knows us.

Reflect on the following questions:

Petra experienced deep sorrow and grief with the loss of her mother. How have you experienced suffering in your life?

Considering Psalm 139, do you struggle to believe that God intimately knows you and longs to draw near to you, even in your suffering? Why or why not?

God’s desire to be with His people was so great that He sent His own Son to redeem us from sin and death. How does Jesus ultimately reveal God’s heart for you?

In time, Petra surrendered to God’s loving pursuit. Take time to pray and ask God to help you surrender to His love and find rest in being fully known by Him.

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The True Light



ROBSON MARINHO | BRAZIL

If you know Jesus, you've been rescued from darkness and death and brought into a Kingdom of life and light. But what about those who don't know Jesus? What might your part be in inviting them into God's glorious grace?

FILM: DISCIPLES | 15 MIN.

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DISCIPLES

Anderson and Robson came to know the love and grace of Jesus in the midst of poverty, abuse, and sin. Now transformed, they've become beacons of that same love and grace in one of the most notorious favelas in Rio de Janeiro, The City of God.

Watch “Disciples” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Anderson and Robson’s story.

Read John 1:1-14 and observe what the Scripture says about Jesus coming into the world.

Reflect on the following questions:

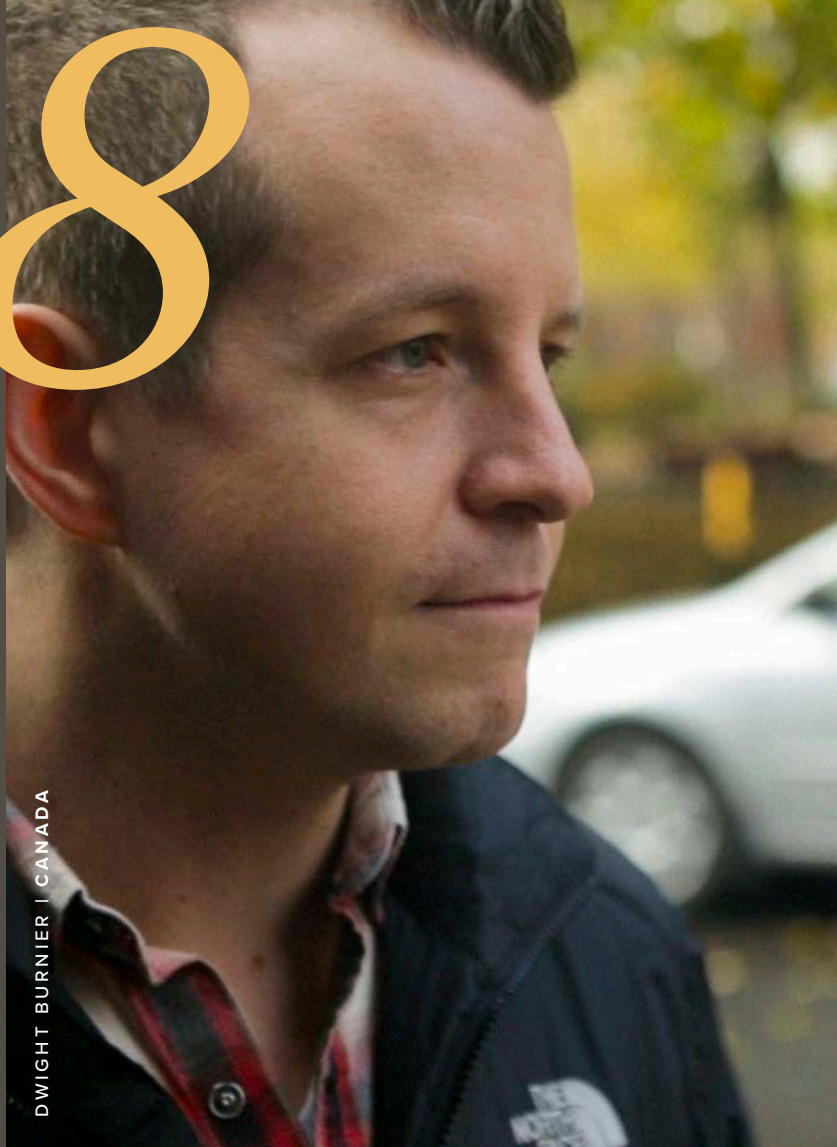
This passage in John refers to Jesus being “the Word” and “the Light”. What do these two things teach you about who Jesus is?

Just as Anderson shared his sins in the film, what darkness has God rescued you from? Be honest with yourself as you consider the sins of anger, gossip, addiction, lies, lack of love towards others, etc.

In verse 12, John writes that to all who received and believed in Jesus, “He gave the right to become children of God”. How does having access to God as His child change the way you come to Him?

Anderson and Robson couldn’t help but tell others about the love and grace they found in Jesus. How might God be inviting you to bear witness about His light to others?

Love Your Neighbor



DWIGHT BURNIER | CANADA

If you have followed Jesus for any length of time, you know His command to “love your neighbor”. It’s a familiar phrase, but it’s often misunderstood and even ignored. Who is your neighbor, and how does God want you to love them?

FILM: LOVING NOAH | 6 MIN.

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LOVING NOAH

Noah is homeless. Dwight and his family are his neighbors. Their friendship will challenge you to “love your neighbor as yourself”.

Watch “Loving Noah” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Dwight and Noah’s story.

Read Luke 10:25-37 and observe what the Scripture says about what it looks like to love your neighbor.

Reflect on the following questions:

Considering verses 25-28, why is it important that we first love God before we can love our neighbors as ourselves?

In verse 29, the lawyer attempts to justify himself. What are ways that you attempt to justify yourself in not loving your neighbor?

After reading the passage in its entirety, what qualities of the Good Samaritan mirror the nature of Jesus?

In the film, Dwight and his family show love to Noah because Christ has loved them. How is God stirring you to love your neighbors in response to His love for you?

Living Sacrificially



DOROTHEA VON OCHSENSTEIN | GERMANY

Loving the people in your life who can receive and return that love is extremely rewarding. But how do you continue to persevere in loving those around you when it demands much more than you originally thought?

FILM: MADE OF IRON | 6 MIN.

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MADE *of* IRON

At the age of seventy, Dorothea could have long retired and enjoyed a life of rest and recreation. But God has other plans for her, and she is more than determined to follow His lead.

Watch “Made of Iron” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Dorothea’s story.

Read John 15:12-14 and observe what the Scripture says about the sacrificial reality of true love.

Reflect on the following questions:

In verse 12, Jesus commands us to love one another. Is it easy or difficult to follow His command to love others? Take some time to consider why or why not.

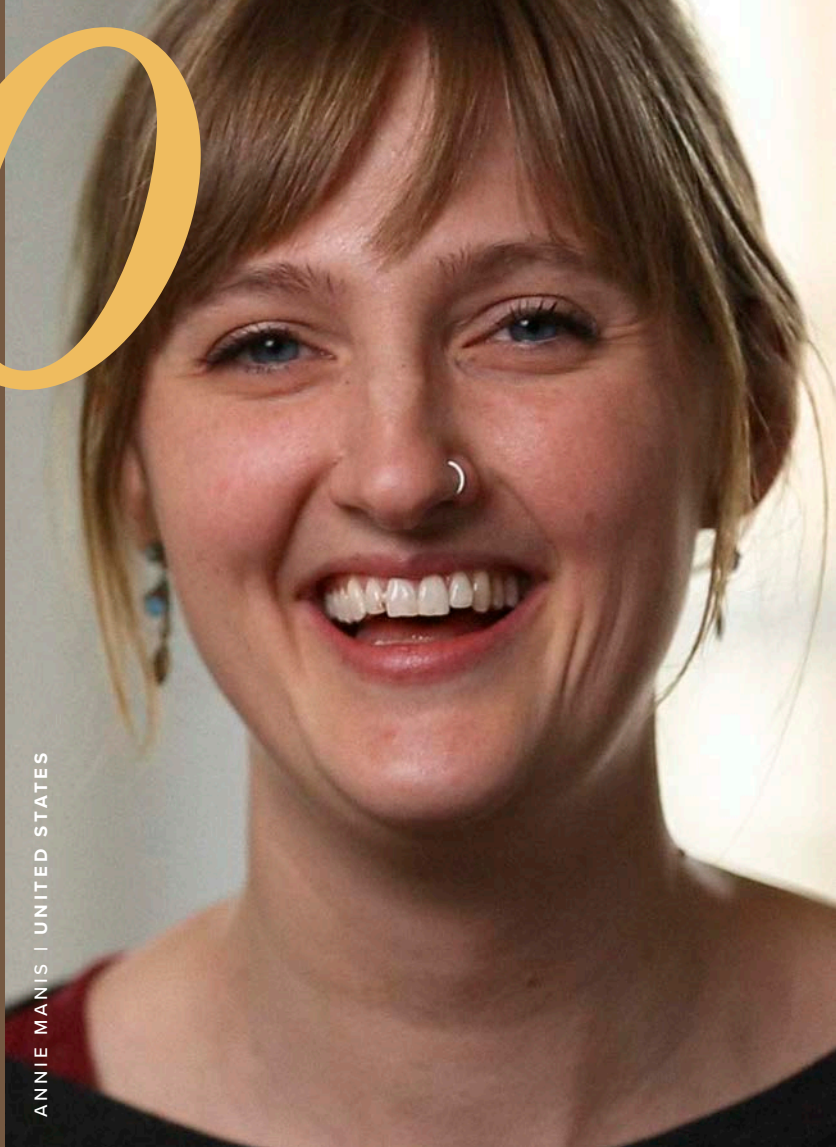
Jesus says to love others as He has loved you. Taking into account other passages of Scripture, what are ways that Christ revealed His love for people?

Christ ultimately shows His love for you by laying down His very life. Considering Dorothea’s story, how did His sacrificial love towards her change the way she loved others?

Because of Christ’s love, Dorothea can joyfully lay down her life to love those in need. What are some practical ways God might be calling you to love someone right now?

God's Better Plans

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ANNIE MANIS | UNITED STATES

We all have hopes and dreams that we want to see accomplished in our lives. But what happens when your plans are different from God's plans? Do you work harder to achieve your own will, or do you humble yourself and surrender to His?

FILM: CHLOE | 14 MIN.

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Chloe

For years, Walt and Annie struggled with infertility, but in a single moment they realized that God was writing a beautiful story for them that was over twenty years in the making.

Watch “Chloe” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Walt and Annie’s story.

Read Proverbs 16:1-9 and observe what the Scripture says about how God views the plans we make in our lives.

Reflect on the following questions:

In the film, Walt and Annie planned to have children. What plans are you presently waiting for God to fulfill in your life?

Considering verse 2, are there plans that you have made that seemed pure in your eyes, but you later realized were not pure before the Lord?

Reflecting on verse 9, what is your response to the truth that, despite your plans, the Lord establishes your steps?

In the film, Annie realized that true fulfillment came from the Lord, not from having kids. Are there any areas in your life where God is inviting you to surrender and find true fulfillment in Christ instead?

The Miracle Maker 1



MARTIN BENTSEN | DENMARK

Do you ever feel alone in the struggles of life? Fighting sin and striving to change on your own can often feel like an impossible task. What might happen if you began to believe that you're not alone in these struggles?

FILM: THE IMPOSSIBLE MAN | 10 MIN.
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I M P O S S I B L E
M A N

Since his youth, Martin's life has been marred by chaos, violence, and rejection. But just when all hope seems lost, he begins reading a book that ignites what most people believed would never occur in Martin's life...transformation.

Watch The “Impossible Man” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Martin's story.

Read Psalm 103:1-5 and observe what the Scripture says about how God loves His children.

Reflect on the following questions:

In the film, Martin believed no one loved or cared for him. In your own life, how have you been tempted to believe the same?

What specific truths from Psalm 103 might encourage you when you feel unloved or rejected?

Christ's love and mercy redeemed Martin's life “from the pit”. How has Jesus' life, death, and resurrection done the same for you?

Who in your life needs to hear the truths of Psalm 103? Pray for them, and ask God to help you share His steadfast love with them this week.

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Children of God

PERLA SALGADO LÓPEZ | MEXICO

When you take a moment to consider who you are, what words come to mind? Rich or poor? Strong or weak? Beloved child or forgotten orphan? If you follow Jesus, how you view yourself reveals how you view God and His love for you.

FILM: CROWNED | 10 MIN.
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Crowned

Growing up in poverty, Perla could only dream of one day celebrating her quinceañera, but when she turns fifteen, something even better comes her way.

Watch “Crowned” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Perla’s story.

Read 1 John 3:1-2 and observe what the Scripture says about how God views those who know Him.

Reflect on the following questions:

1 John 3:1 says that God’s love for those who know Him is so great that He calls them His children. When you think about God as a loving Father, is this easy or hard to believe? Take time to consider why.

Like Perla shares in the film, becoming a child of God isn’t earned or deserved, but rather received as a gift. How does this change the way you think about being God’s child?

There is no greater gift the Father has given than sacrificing His own Son to make us His children. How does the gift of Jesus reveal God’s great love towards you?

1 John 3:2 talks about what is to come for those who are children of God: becoming like our Father and seeing Him as He is. How does this promise give you hope for today?

Sacrifice & Reward

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LINN JANSEN BRU | NORWAY

If there's a God who gave up everything to have a relationship with you, how should you respond? Do you find yourself worrying about the cost of following Jesus more than rejoicing over the reward?

FILM: LINN BOUGHT THE FARM | 24 MIN.

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Linn Bought the Farm



Linn asked God to send her wherever He'd like. Little did she know God's response would involve pigs, ducks, and a way of life that would bring hope across her community.

Watch "Linn Bought The Farm" and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Linn's story.

Read Matthew 13:44-46 and observe what the Scripture says about the Kingdom of God.

Reflect on the following questions:

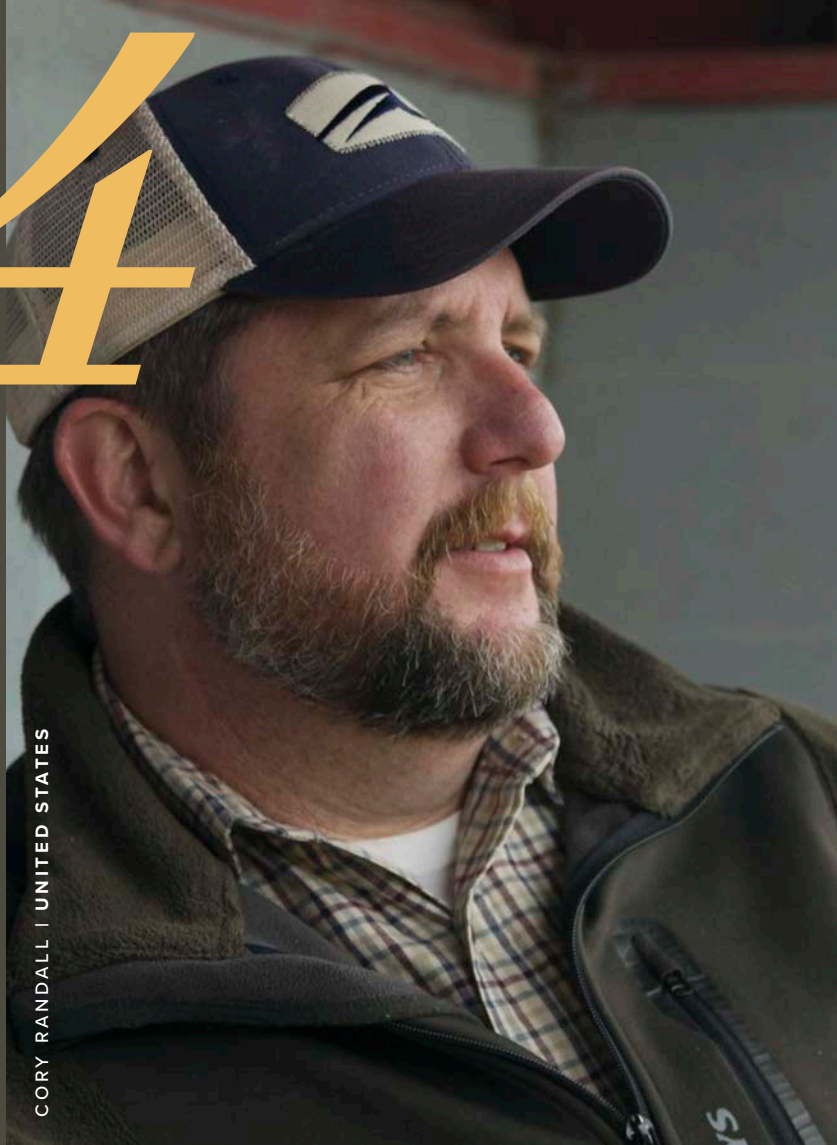
In the film, Linn takes a big risk to obey Jesus by loving and serving those around her. Have you ever made a difficult decision to follow Jesus and found that it gave you great joy? What was your experience?

In Matthew 13, Jesus speaks of someone who finds a treasure so valuable that he sells everything he has to buy it. What is Jesus communicating about the nature of God's Kingdom, and why is it significant?

The greatest treasure is Christ, who loves you and gave Himself for you. Reflecting on the priceless grace and sacrificial love of Jesus, how might it compel you to follow where He leads?

Linn's story is a hopeful reminder that following Christ can be as simple as caring for your neighbor. What is one practical way you can give your time, attention, or service to someone who needs it today?

Comfort in Suffering



CORY RANDALL | UNITED STATES

Living in an unpredictable and sinful world, we all face trials and suffering at the hands of others. But what if there is purpose in the midst of your suffering, not only for you but also for those God has placed in your life?

FILM: OUT OF THE DARKNESS | 11 MIN.

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OUT OF THE DARKNESS

At the age of forty-one, Cory starts having horrific nightmares of extreme abuse. Once he realizes that his dreams are actually repressed memories from his childhood, Cory begins a life-changing journey that will forever transform his relationship with God.

Watch “Out of the Darkness” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Cory’s story.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 and observe what the Scripture says about comfort and where it can be found.

Reflect on the following questions:

Paul describes God as the “Father of mercies and God of all comfort”. Do you have a hard time believing this is true? Why or why not?

Like Cory, everyone suffers and experiences pain in life. How has God brought you through suffering with a comfort that only He can offer?

In verse 6, Paul writes, “If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation.” Looking to Christ as the ultimate example, how can one person’s sufferings be for another person’s “comfort”?

Considering the comfort Christ has given you, how might you view your own suffering as a way to comfort others?

Life-Changing Love

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NAOKO SEKI | JAPAN

We are all searching for love. This desire to be known and cared for defines how we view ourselves and how we relate to others. But how might our lives change if we truly believe that, in Christ, our search for love is over?

FILM: BELOVED | 6 MIN.

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B E L O V E D

Takashi and Naoko's shame and brokenness left their marriage on the brink of total collapse. Then they found true love...not in each other, but in a person that would transform their family completely.

Watch “Beloved” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Takashi and Naoko’s story.

Read 1 John 4:10-12 and observe what the Scripture says about God’s life-changing love.

Reflect on the following questions:

Takashi and Naoko dealt with anger, depression, and loneliness, which led to conflict in marriage. How have you experienced brokenness in a relationship with a spouse, friend, etc.?

When you think about God’s love, what comes to mind? Do you doubt His love for you, and if so, why?

In verse 10, how has God demonstrated His love for you? How does this love change the way you view yourself, and in turn, love others? Be specific.

In Christ, Takashi and Naoko could truly love one another. Who is God calling you to love in response to Him loving you?

Doers of the Word

6



SAMUEL GETAHUN | ETHIOPIA

From the beginning of Scripture to the very end, one thing is certain about God's Word... it demands a response. How is the Bible influencing your day-to-day life right now? What would it look like to take the Word at its word?

FILM: HELPER OF THE FATHERLESS | 5 MIN.
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HELPER OF THE FATHERLESS

Samuel loves Jesus and loves children, so God used him in a very big way.

Watch “Helper of the Fatherless” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Samuel’s story.

Read James 1:19-27 and observe what the Scripture says about how to faithfully respond to God’s Word.

Reflect on the following questions:

James writes about being doers of the Word, but he first discusses two important actions in verse 21 that we need to take to produce a righteous life. What are they?

Do you find it difficult to be a doer of the Word? If so, what are the obstacles or temptations in your way?

In verse 27, James says that “pure and undefiled” religion includes caring for the orphan and widow. Why do you think he focuses on these two groups of people?

Considering Samuel’s story, how do you feel the Lord leading you to care for the orphan and widow?

The Father's Love 7

CARLOS ESTRADA | MEXICO

What comes to mind when you think of your father? While some people might have examples of concern and care, others have memories of absence or abuse. But what kind of father is God, and how might knowing Him change you?

FILM: WAYWARD | 13 MIN.

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W A Y W A R D

After his father abandons his family, Carlos sets off on a similar path of self-centeredness that ultimately comes undone by one simple act of love.

Watch “Wayward” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Carlos’ story.

Read Luke 15:11-32 and observe what the Scripture says about God’s fatherly love.

Reflect on the following questions:

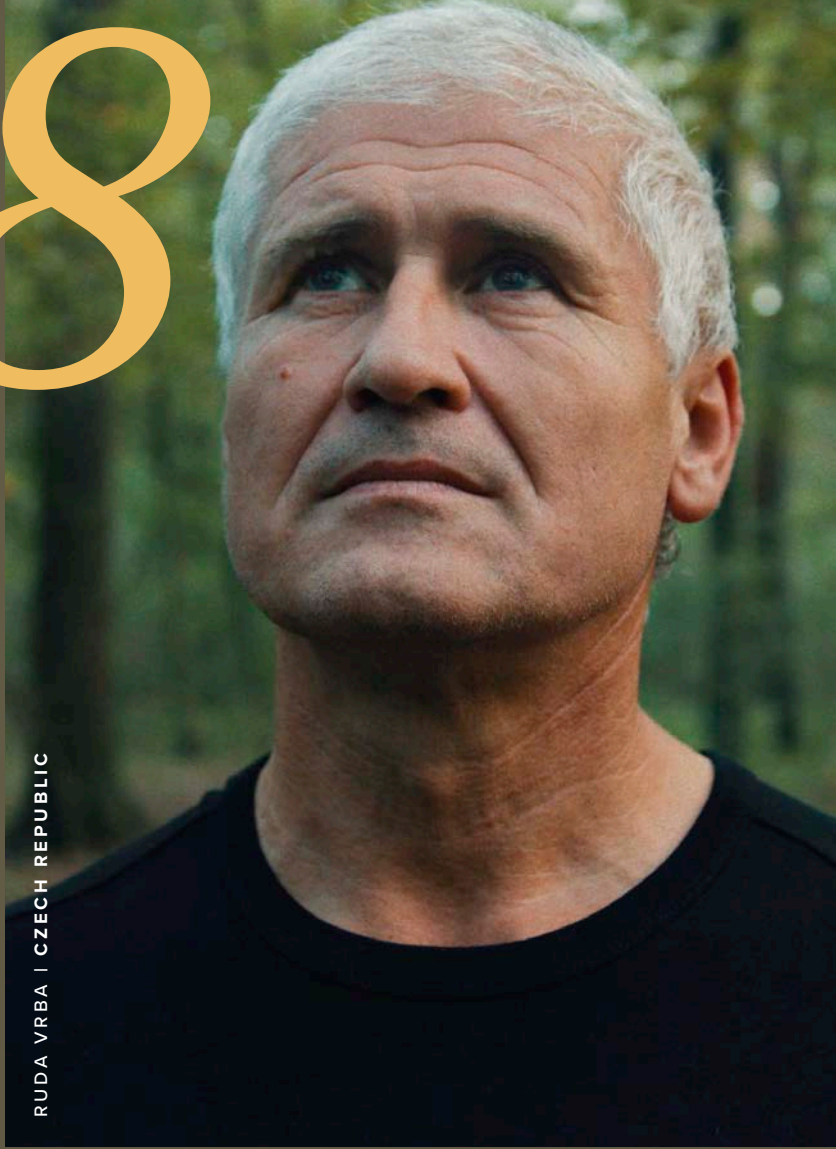
This passage in Luke 15 tells of a father who greatly loved both of his sons. Do you relate to either of these sons, and if so, how?

In light of God’s love for him, Carlos shares that he is learning how to be a son. If you were to describe what it means to be a son or a daughter of God, what would you say?

Like Carlos, we can see how this parable reveals God’s love as the Heavenly Father, who willingly gave up His Son to bring you into His family. What does this say about the lengths God goes to in order to make you His beloved son or daughter?

Take some time to pray and thank God for welcoming you into His family and loving you as His child. Ask Him to give you an opportunity to share that love with someone you know this week.

Restoring the Soul 18



RUDA VRBA | CZECH REPUBLIC

We all go through dark seasons in life. Sometimes they come upon us due to circumstances outside of our control, but oftentimes, we are the source of our own pain. How does God respond when our sin leads us into dark valleys?

FILM: THE GOOD FATHER | 9 MIN.
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THE GOOD FATHER

Yearning for the Bohemian life, Ruda turns to alcohol to escape the responsibilities of being a husband and father. Before long, his entire world falls apart, leaving him to choose between ending his life or surrendering to the person he's always rejected.

Watch “The Good Father” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Ruda and Mira’s story.

Read Psalm 23 and observe what the Scripture says about how God cares for us as our Shepherd.

Reflect on the following questions:

Ruda was restless and felt empty before meeting Christ. How have you experienced restlessness or emptiness in your own life?

Verses 1-4 depicts the image of a shepherd and his sheep. What do these verses tell you about God and the tender care He provides?

Like Ruda, we can’t find rest and peace on our own. How does Christ and His victory over sin and death grant you the restoration described in Psalm 23?

Ruda found true satisfaction in God through Christ, and this impacted his family. What does it practically look like for you to live in the peace of God and share it with others?

Peace in the Storm

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LORE COTTONE | UNITED STATES

It's tempting to believe that peace is found only when everything works out the way you hoped. But what happens when everything falls apart? Is there peace available no matter how challenging your life becomes?

FILM: GIVING UP GRAHAM | 12 MIN.

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GIVING UP GRAHAM

Lore and Michael started their family with great hope for the future, but when their son's life begins to spiral downward, they come face to face with what it truly means to trust in God.

Watch “Giving Up Graham” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Lore’s story.

Read Philippians 4:4-7 and observe what the Scripture says about anxiety and prayer.

Reflect on the following questions:

Both the film and passage tackle the subject of anxiety. How do you struggle with anxiety? What are you anxious about right now?

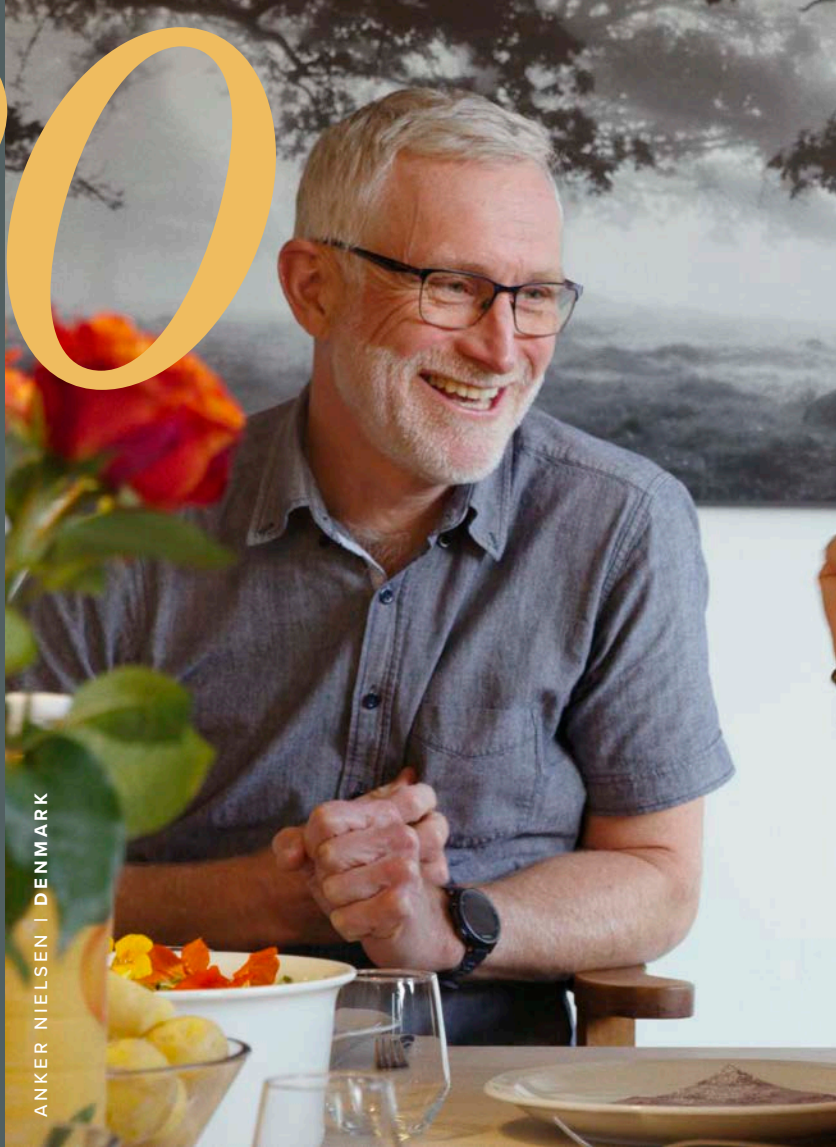
Verse 6 commands us to pray with thanksgiving. How does a thankful heart combat anxiety?

Like Lore, we often pray for circumstantial change, but the promise God gives us instead in verse 7 is “the peace of God, which surpasses understanding”. Why is that much better?

How does Jesus’ finished work on the cross give us peace in difficult times? Spend time thanking God for His grace towards us in Christ.

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Obedience & Joy



ANKER NIELSEN | DENMARK

How would your life be different if Jesus called all the shots? Not just how you behave morally or ethically, but practically as well...where you live and who you love? What would it look like to submit to Jesus in all of life?

FILM: MOVED | 9 MIN.

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MOVED

Anker and Tine are just like any other normal Danish couple. They enjoy gardening, camping, and spending time with their two sons. But where they live and why they moved there make Anker and Tine's lives a little different from most.

Watch “Moved” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by Anker and Tine’s story.

Read Philippians 2:5-11 and observe what the Scripture says about the humility and obedience of Christ.

Reflect on the following questions:

Anker and Tine left their familiar life to follow God’s call to a new town with new neighbors. What comforts of your own might hinder you from following God’s call?

Verse 7 says that Christ “emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men”. What comforts did Christ give up, and how did He serve you by becoming human?

Christ served you further still by being obedient to death on a cross to give you true life in Him. How does His sacrifice confront your comforts mentioned in the first question?


Anker and Tine served others with the Gospel because Christ served them. Take a moment and ask God to help you do the same.

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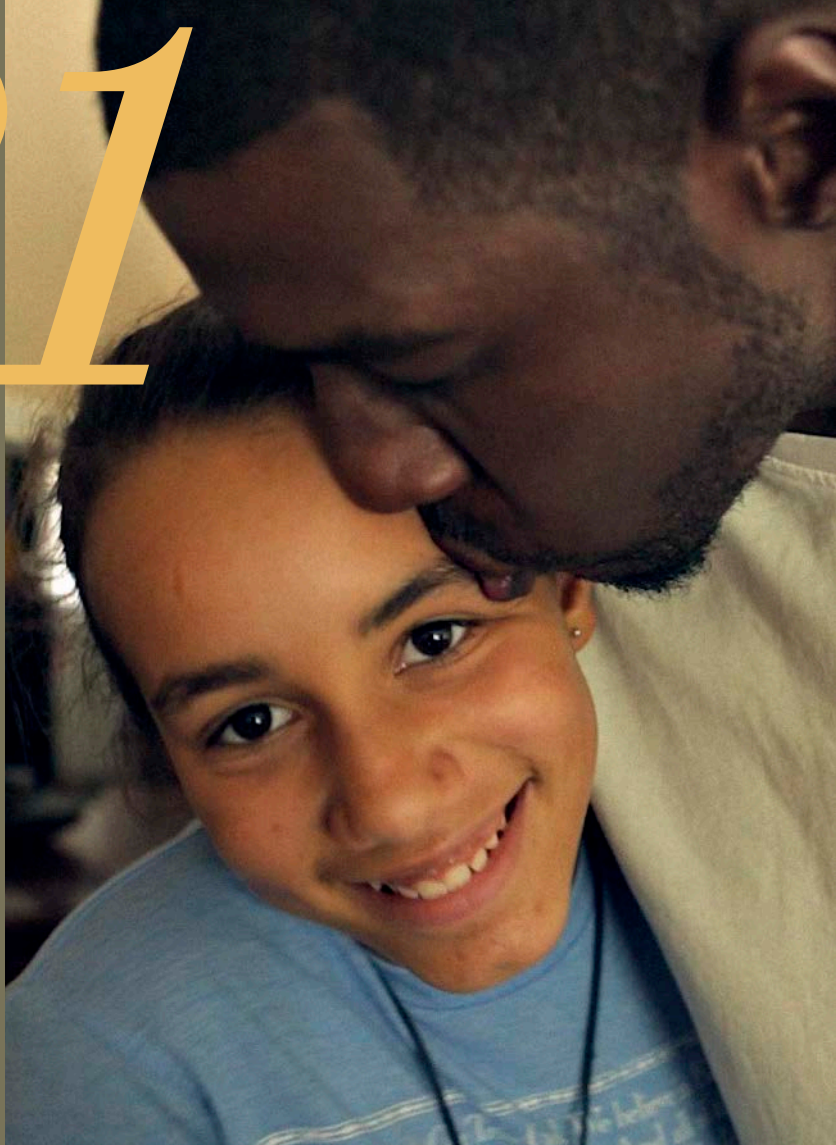
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*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a
light to my path.”*

Psalm 119:105

Jesus is Everything 21



Whether you place your faith in Jesus or not, His presence in our world is difficult to ignore. Calendars and cultures have been reshaped by Him, but what about you? Will you allow the reality of Jesus to reshape your life?

FILM: SOMETHING MORE | 4 MIN.
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SOME+HING MORE

One man's life changed the course of history for billions of people across the globe. He is both revered and reviled, famed and feared, and you know who he is without a single mention of his name.

Watch “Something More” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by truths revealed in the film.

Read Matthew 16:13-17 and observe what the Scripture says about the identity of Jesus.

Reflect on the following questions:

Peter calls Jesus “the Christ, the Son of the living God”. When you think about Jesus, what words come to mind?

How have you, or how do you presently, wrestle with believing that Jesus is who He says He is?

What is your honest response to Jesus’ answer that “flesh and blood has not revealed this...but my Father who is in heaven”?

If Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God, what does this mean for your life right now? For non-believers (seeking, repentance, faith, etc.)? For believers (deeper trust, obedience, proclaiming the good news, etc.)?

Renewed Strength 2



When you think about what it means to be strong, what concepts come to mind? Financial success? Physical achievement? A balanced and well-ordered life? What if faith was the path to true strength? How might your life change?

FILM: STRENGTHEN ME | 3 MIN.
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STRENGTHEN ME

When life gets hard and weariness sets in, where do you turn to find strength?

Watch “Strengthen Me” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by truths revealed in the film.

Read Isaiah 40:28-31 and observe what the Scripture says about where strength can be found.

Reflect on the following questions:

If someone asked you what makes a person “strong” in life, what would you say? (e.g. achievements, relationships, wealth, lack of problems, spiritual maturity, etc.)

These verses reveal how God is the one true source of a person’s strength. What do you think it means to make God your strength?

God shows His ultimate strength through His saving power. While you could do nothing to save yourself from sin and death, God rescued you through His perfect Son, Jesus. How does this good news encourage you to look to Him today for strength?

Take time to pray and ask God for faith to trust in His strength. If there is a particular area of life where you are relying on yourself, ask Him to help you rely fully on Him instead.

A Growing Kingdom



Jesus often taught in parables to reveal the upside-down nature of the Kingdom of God. These teachings aren't only true, but they are visible around the world today. What part is God calling you to play in serving His Kingdom?

FILM: THE MUSTARD SEED | 2 MIN.

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THE MUSTARD SEED

Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to one of the smallest seeds on Earth, and over 2000 years later, the truth of this teaching can be seen all across the globe.

Watch “The Mustard Seed” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by truths revealed in the film.

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and observe what the Scripture says about Jesus’ call to His disciples.

Reflect on the following questions:

Jesus often taught about the Kingdom of God. What is it and why is it so important?

In the film, we’re reminded that the Kingdom of God grows. Considering Matthew 28:18-20, what are the most tangible ways it grows today?

These verses reveal that the Kingdom grows by baptizing and teaching others to follow Jesus. What’s your honest response to this (fear, joy, hope, etc.), and why?

In Matthew 28:20, Jesus promises to be with us to the end of the age. How does this free you to joyfully seek and serve God’s Kingdom today?

Unrelenting Love 24



Do you ever feel tempted to believe that God's love for you changes day by day? What factors are you inclined to think might influence Jesus' affection for you? Your sins? Your righteousness? Your sufferings? What if you let God's Word put you at ease?

FILM: NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US | 2 MIN.
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nothing can separate us

In life, we are often met with affliction and heartache. But there is a reason for great hope, and absolutely nothing can take it away.

Watch “Nothing Can Separate Us” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by truths revealed in the film.

Read Romans 8:31-39 and observe what the Scripture says about God’s everlasting love for His children.

Reflect on the following questions:

Verse 31 says that “if God is for us, who can be against us”. Do you struggle to believe that God is for you? In what ways specifically?

In looking at this passage of Scripture, how does God ultimately show that He is for you?

Nothing can separate you from the love of Christ. How can this promise help you fight for faith when you are tempted towards sin or weary from suffering?

Read Romans 8:31-39 again out loud, and slowly. Take some time to pray and thank God for His steadfast love towards you that will never be taken away, no matter what comes in this life.

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Child-Like Faith



It's tempting to believe that knowledge or accomplishment is the way to gain access to God and His Kingdom, but Jesus teaches something different altogether. To receive God's Kingdom, you must come to Him like a child.

FILM: LIKE A CHILD | 3 MIN.
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Like a child

Filmed in six languages across five continents, this short film captures the faith-filled thoughts of children as they contemplate the many attributes of God.

Watch “Like a Child” and consider how you were personally encouraged or challenged by truths revealed in the film.

Read Mark 10:13-16 and observe what the Scripture says about how to receive the Kingdom of God.

Reflect on the following questions:

When you think about the Kingdom of God and who belongs to it, what comes to mind?

What characteristics of children does Jesus want His disciples to recognize and emulate in receiving His Kingdom?

Why is receiving Jesus and His Kingdom better than anything this world has to offer?

What would it look like in everyday life (work, finances, relationships, neighborhood, etc.) to receive the Kingdom of God like a child?



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