

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. Share something that you want to accomplish that is big and scary to you.

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Paul the Apostle says a famous prayer for the church of Ephesus. This is a prayer that can be applied to our life as Christians today. Please read this prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21. Verse 20 is one of the legs ThornCreek stands on. What does it mean to you?
3. The other leg ThornCreek stands on is a quote from A.W. Tozer. "God is looking for people through whom He could do the impossible, what a pity we only attempt things we can do on our own." (A.W. Tozer).
  - a. If you evaluated your life, what percentage of your life requires God to show up or it will fail?
  - b. What does this quote mean to you?
4. Ephesians 3:20 talks about this "power". It means "dunamis" which is where we get the word "dynamite". Compare this word with
  - a. Ephesians 1:11
  - b. Ephesians 1:19
  - c. Ephesians 2:2
  - d. Ephesians 3:7
  - e. Ephesians 4:16
5. Pastor Ruben talked about some "Defining Moments" in our life that we may overlook.
  - a. According to Exodus 3:1-6, what was Moses' defining moment?
  - b. What was Moses response to God?
  - c. According to Exodus 4:10, what was Moses concerned about?
6. Another person that had a defining moment was Gideon.
  - a. According to Judges 6:12-16, what was Gideon's defining moment?
  - b. How did God see Gideon?
  - c. What did he call Gideon?
  - d. How did Gideon see himself?
  - e. What can we learn from Gideon?
7. Another person that had a defining moment was David.
  - a. According to 1 Chronicles 14:2, what was David's realization?
  - b. Why did David say this? (Hint: Previous chapter).

8. Simon Peter also had a defining moment. Please read Matthew 14:22-31.

Compare this with John Ortberg's quote, "There is always a call. God asks an ordinary person to engage in an act of extraordinary trust, that of getting out of the boat."

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Your boat is whatever represents safety and security to you apart from God Himself. Your boat is whatever you are tempted to put your trust in, especially when life gets a little stormy. Your boat is whatever keeps you so comfortable that you don't want to give it up even if it's keeping you from joining Jesus on the waves. Your boat is whatever pulls you away from the high adventure of extreme discipleship.
- Henry Blackaby writes, "I have come to the place in my life that, if the assignment I sense God is giving me is something that I know I can handle, I know it is probably not from God. The kind of assignments God gives in the Bible are always God-sized. They are always beyond what people can do, because He wants to demonstrate His nature, His strength, His provision, and His kindness to His people and to a watching world. This is the only way the world will come to know Him."
- John Ortberg, "Those who say yes to God's call don't walk the walk perfectly – not by a long shot. But because they say yes to God, they learn and grow, even from their failures. And they become part of His actions to redeem the world."
- Francis Chan said, "Something is wrong when our lives make sense to unbelievers." What are your thoughts about this quote?