



Message Study Guide

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

Warming up

1. Have you ever heard God's voice, either audibly or through some other means?

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. Please read Numbers 22:1-5. Who was the King of Moab?
 - a. What was his concern?
 - b. What did this king do?
 - c. Who did the king hire?
 - d. Have you ever been afraid of something that "might" happen?
3. According to Numbers 22:6-8, what was this king's first request?
 - a. What was the purpose?
 - b. What did Balaam say in response?
4. According to Numbers 22:9-14, what did God tell Balaam?
 - a. Did God want Balaam to go with this king?
5. Balak sent a second request to Balaam. According to Numbers 22:15-20, how was it different from the first request?
 - a. Do you think it was a mistake for Balaam to have them stay another night? Why or why not?
 - b. What did God tell Balaam?
6. Please read Numbers 22:21-22. Why was God angry at Balaam?
 - a. Didn't God give him permission to go?
 - b. What is God upset about? Compare with 2 Peter 2:15; and Jude 1:11.
7. Please continue to read Numbers 22:23-27. How many times did the donkey make an attempt to get by?
 - a. What did the donkey do each time?
 - b. How did Balaam respond?
 - c. Have you ever been angry because circumstances didn't go your way?
8. According to Numbers 22:28-30, what did God do for the donkey?
 - a. What was the donkey's case?
 - b. How do you treat those who have lived with you?



9. Based on Numbers 22:28-33, what did God do for Balaam?
 - a. Why do you think he wasn't able to see beforehand?
 - b. Why was the donkey able to see, but Balaam wasn't?
 - c. Do you think you need to say this same prayer, "Lord, open my eyes."?

10. Finish reading the rest of Numbers 22, and look at Numbers 23 and 24. What verse is the messianic prophecy?
 - a. Where do you see Jesus?
 - b. How many places did Balak take Balaam?
 - c. What was Balaam's response?
 - d. Compare with Deuteronomy 23:3-5.

11. Balaam never cursed Israel. But what do these verses tell us he did? Please read Numbers 25:1-9; Numbers 31:15-16; and Revelation 2:14.

12. What can we apply to our own life from this story?

Application

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

- Don't fight against God's will.
- Fear will cause you to overthink, overreact, and make you overwhelmed. God wants you to trust Him regardless of the proximity of any perceived threat.
- Reasoning through disobedience to still disobedience in God's eyes.
- Sometimes we think we're fighting against a person. But, you're really fighting against God's will.
- "Satan's tactics haven't changed. Since he can't curse you, he will try the back-door approach, and idolatry and sexual immorality are his go-to temptations."
- Pray, "Lord, open my eyes."
- God wants to bless you.