

SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Join Us For A 5 – Week Bible Study Based On The Movie:

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WHAT DO YOU ALLOW TO DEFINE YOU?



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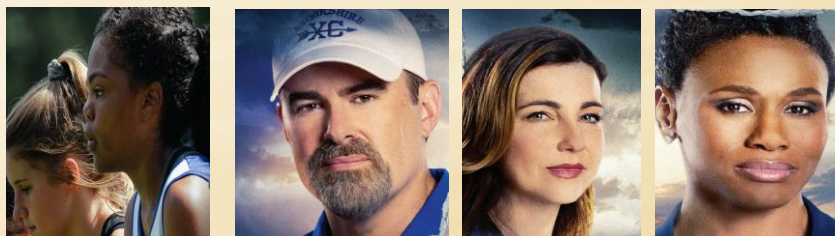
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Session 3: You Are Chosen



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With everything spinning in Hannah's life, Principal Olivia finds an open door to present the Gospel. As Hannah wrestles with feelings of abandonment toward her earthly father, Olivia explains the great lengths that her **Heavenly Father** went to in redeeming her.

Questions

- What part of Olivia's Gospel presentation stands out most to you?
- In what ways do you feel Hannah's heart was prepared to receive the Gospel?
- How confident do you feel in presenting Christ to someone? (Give yourself a score of 1 to 10).

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Highlights of The Life of King Solomon

- Solomon was the third and last king of the united kingdom of Israel, following King Saul and King David.
- He was the son of David and Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah whom David had killed to hide his adultery with her.
- Solomon wrote the Song of Solomon, the book of Ecclesiastes, and much of the book of Proverbs.
- Solomon humbly asked God for the wisdom he would need to rule God's people justly. God not only gave him wisdom but also tremendous wealth as well (1 Kings 3:4–15; 10:27).
- Solomon was charged with and completed building the Temple of the Lord per the instructions and provisions of his father, David (1 Kings 6; 1 Chronicles 22).



King Solomon

Note: God will equip us to accomplish the tasks He calls us to if we will rely on Him (1 Kings 3; Romans 12:3–8; 2 Peter 1:3), but the spiritual life is a marathon. A good start is not always enough to finish well (1 Kings 3; 11).

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II Chron 3:1 – 4 (NKJV)

1 Now Solomon began to build the house of the Lord at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

2 And he began to build on the second day of the second month in the fourth year of his reign.

3 This is the foundation which Solomon laid for building the house of God: The length was sixty cubits (by cubits according to the former measure) and the width twenty cubits.

4 And the vestibule that was in front of the sanctuary was twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the height was one hundred and twenty. He overlaid the inside with pure gold.

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II Chron 3:8 – 10, 14 (NKJV)

8 And he made the Most Holy Place. Its length was according to the width of the house, twenty cubits, and its width twenty cubits. He overlaid it with six hundred talents of fine gold.

9 The weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold; and he overlaid the upper area with gold.

10 In the Most Holy Place he made two cherubim, fashioned by carving, and overlaid them with gold.

14 And he made the veil of blue, purple, crimson, and fine linen, and wove cherubim into it.

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II Chron 3:15 – 17 (NKJV)

15 Also he made in front of the temple two pillars thirty-five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

16 He made wreaths of chainwork, as in the inner sanctuary, and put them on top of the pillars; and he made one hundred pomegranates, and put them on the wreaths of chainwork.

17 Then he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left; he called the name of the one on the right hand Jachin, and the name of the one on the left Boaz.

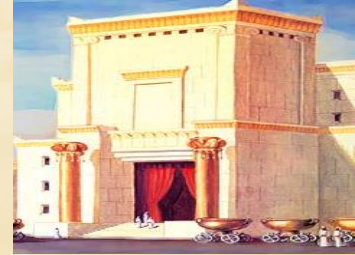
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1. What was the purpose(s) for Solomon building the Temple – particularly the Most Holy Place?

The Holy Temple

- To provide a Dwelling/Resting Place for the Spirit of the Lord.
- A meeting place for Worship/Praise and Prayer for the people of God
- A place to make Confession of sin and give offerings to the Lord.



The Holy Temple

The Holy of Holies

- To House the 10 commandments/ The Law of God.
- To provide a place of intimacy for the High Priest to commune with God.
- To present a blood offering for the Atonement for Sin and come close to the Mercy Seat of God.



The Holy Of Holies

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2. What did the pillars mean to the Israelites? What does this mean for Christians today?

- The column names **Jachin** (“He will establish”) and **Boaz** (“Strength is within Him”).
- The Pillars were a physical reminder that is **God** that established Israel is His Strength.
- It is God who chooses, saves and strengthens. He does that through His salvation.
- Instead of a Temple dwelling place for God, Jesus is called “**Emanuel**” – “*God is with us*”.
- Christ’s Death tore the veil of temple – giving us access to God.
- In Christ we are established as God’s people, clothed in His Righteousness and Strength.

*Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of **the household of God**, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**. (Eph. 2:19 – 20)*



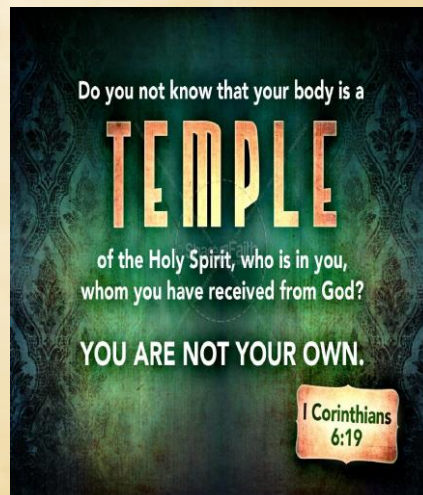
The Holy Temple

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3. What does it mean to you that the God who created you wants to be right here with you? How does His presence give you strength?

- **I am Honored, Humbled** – I feel special – because God wants to be with me (Even though He knows me).
- **I am Secure** – Even though everyone may Leave or desert me – God is always with me. (I am His).
- **I Am Loved** – He Loves Me And I Can Trust That He Will Never Take His Love And Presence Away.
- **I Am Empowered** – The Same Power That Raised Jesus From The Dead Is In Me And Gives the Strength To What I Can't Do On My Own.



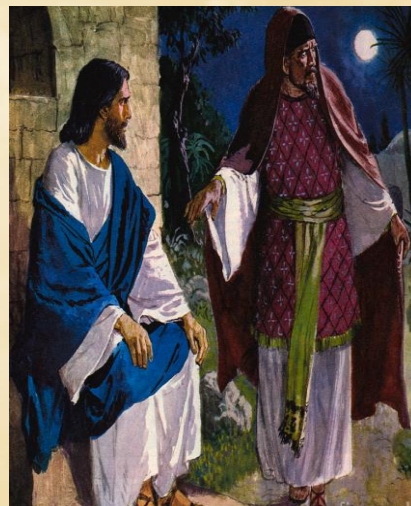
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Highlights of John 3:16 – 17

- Jesus during His earthly ministry met with Nicodemus at night.
- Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus' words and actions as coming from God.
- Jesus challenged Nicodemus that he (we) needed to be "*Born Again*" of the Spirit in order to be saved and enter the Kingdom of God.
- After showing how Moses lifting up the Serpent to save the Jews in the OT (Num 21:9) was a reference to Himself, Jesus proclaimed this wonderful promise of the Gospel.

Note: *Nicodemus is described in John 19:38 as a disciple of Jesus, albeit a secret one because he was afraid of the Jews. Nicodemus also assisted Joseph of Arimathea in Jesus' burial.*



Jesus and Nicodemus

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John 3:16 – 17 (NKJV)

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.





17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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4. What words or phrases resonate most with you? Why?

- **God so loved** – The fact that God so loves **me** – 1st I am grateful, valuable – and I love me (How can I not love **me** – whom **God loves**).
- **He Gave His Only Son** – God's Love motivated Him to give me his very best – His Son. I can trust Him to give me whatever else I need.
- **Shall Not Perish** – O what a comfort – 1st for those loved ones (Dad, Mom, Wife, Friends...) but most for me – **that death is not final**. PTL!!!
- **Everlasting Life** – O, what a joy and peace I have because I life everlasting. I have Joy for Today because my eternal future is secure.

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4. What words or phrases resonate most with you? Why?

- God did not send His Son into the world to condemn – Even though I am truly guilty of sin – In Christ, God does not condemn me (He will convict and correct but never condemn Rom 8:1).
- But that the world through Him might be saved – Through Jesus: His suffering, His blood, His death on the Cross and His Resurrection is what saves me. This salvation is available for/to the whole world.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him

John 3:17



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5. Compare Ephesians 3:16 – 19 with John 3:16. Describe the dimensions of God's Love for you.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

[That you] ...may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; (Eph. 3:18 – 19a)

- For God so loved the world – The Width of God's Love.
- He gave His only begotten Son – The Depth of God's Love.
- Whoever believes in Him should not perish – The Height of God's Love.
- But have everlasting life – The Length of God's Love.

MAY YOU HAVE THE POWER TO UNDERSTAND ...
how wide, how long,
HOW HIGH,
AND HOW DEEP
HIS LOVE IS. --Ephesians 3:18

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Ephesians 2:1 – 5 (NKJV)

- 1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
- 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
- 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
- 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
- 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

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Ephesians 2:6 – 10 (NKJV)

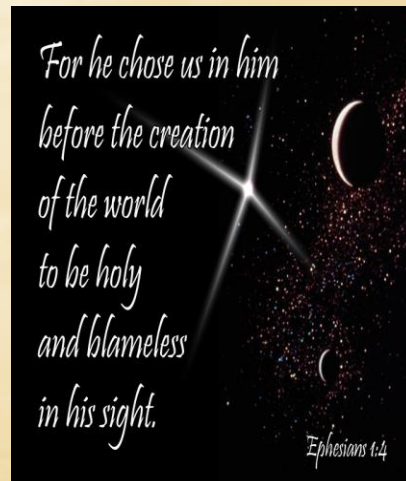
- 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
- 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,
- 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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6. According to this passage, how does God save people?

- **He Made [Us] Alive, Who Were Dead In Trespasses And Sins** – We are regenerated by His Spirit – not from what we do.
- **But God, Who Is Rich In Mercy** – His Mercy - Not giving us what our sins deserve (Death, Eternal Separation and Punishment from God).
- **His Great Love With Which He Loved Us** – He is the One loved us first – even while we were disobedient to Him (1 John 4:19) .
- **By Grace Through Faith In Jesus Christ** – His Grace giving us a Salvation that we don't deserve. All because of the Work of Christ.
- **By A Free Gift – All His Doing** – A Precious Invaluable gift – That is given without merit.



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7. Read through vv. 5 – 10 again and identify specific reasons God saves people.

Eph. 2:5 – 10

Even When We Were Dead In Trespasses, Made Us Alive Together With Christ (By Grace You Have Been Saved), And Raised Us Up Together.

Made Us Sit Together In The Heavenly Places In Christ Jesus.

That In The Ages To Come He Might Show The Exceeding Riches Of His Grace In His Kindness Toward Us In Christ Jesus.

It Is The Gift Of God, Not Of Works, Lest Anyone Should Boast.

For We Are His Workmanship, Created In Christ Jesus For Good Works, Which God Prepared Beforehand That We Should Walk In Them.

Reasons God Saves

For Unity With Christ And With Each Other (To Worship, Serve, Proclaim, Thanksgiving Pray, Enjoy God's Blessings - Together).

To Place Us At His Heavenly Table With Him And His Son Jesus Christ.

To Have A People That He Can Enjoy And Bless And Display His Glorious Grace For The Praise Of His Glory.

That Everyone Will Know That Salvation Only Comes From The Lord And Is Free To All.

To Do The Work Of The Lord – That He Has Created And Pre-determined For Us To Do (We Are Saved For His Purpose – Not Our Own).

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8. What are the good works God has created you to do? In what ways can you be more about your Father's Business (Cf. Luke 2:49)?

- **Seeking God** – His Word, His Will, In Worship.
- **Serving God** – With His/My Gifts, In His Church and For His Cause/Gospel
- **Serving God's People/Creation** – Sharing the Gospel, Serving my Family, Community, Workplace.

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"
LUKE 2:49

{ ... a QUESTION to ... }
PONDER

How can I be about
my Father's business?

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*Glorious Father, I thank You for Your unconditional love.
Thank You for sending Christ to die for us while we were
still sinners. Lord God, I thank You for the precious gift of
eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Father, I dedicate my life to you in every area. You have a
plan for me in every area of life.*

Empower me with Your Holy Spirit To Live for You.

I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.