

When God Stops Moving

Not As Bizarre As We Think:

Exodus 32 James 1:2-8 Galatians 3:3 Matthew 6:24

- ✓ God's delays tend to either **detour** us or **deepen** us.
- ✓ We are always **generous** toward what we **desire** most.
- ✓ Idolatry is simply worshipping **God** the way **we want**.

What Does Holiness Look Like?

Exodus 32:25-29 Proverbs 14:12 Daniel 1:8 2 Chronicles 16:9 James 2:18-24

- ❶ It starts with a firm **decision**.

True Christianity doesn't just **happen**, it's **intentional**.

The pursuit of **happiness** will always kill our **holiness**.

- ❷ It will always take **action**.

The only difference between a **saving** faith and **demon** faith is **obedience**.

- ❸ It will always lead to **separation**.

The two greatest enemies of holiness are:

Personal desires

Popular opinion

Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 29, 2016

This is our final week of the Spring Quarter. Along with an abbreviated study, you will take some time to reflect on your group experience and then have Communion together. You will also fill out Feedback Forms about your group experience and your plans for the fall. Growth Groups will take a summer break and resume the week of September 18. Thanks for being part of your Growth Group and have a great summer!

If you'd like to stay connected this summer, we'll be offering a wide range of classes between June and August. See the back of this homework for a listing and visit northcoastchurch.com/classes to see complete class details and to register.

MY STORY

1. Summer is just around the corner! Do you have any special plans, activities or prayer requests for the next few months?
2. Looking back at this weekend's teaching, was there a particular point, comment, or verse that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. None of us want to be surprised that what we did to follow Jesus was actually of little to no value. How does Matthew 6:19-24 help us evaluate our focus and efforts? What one phrase or concept catches your attention the most in this passage and why?

Matthew 6:19-24 *New International Version (NIV)*

Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

2. All too often we're turned off by the idea of being "holy" because of the negative associations we have with this word, including it being not fun, weird and or unpopular. In reality, there are blessings for those who are set apart. What picture do the following verses paint that would counter negative associations of the word "holy"?

Psalms 16:7-11 *New International Version (NIV)*

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Isaiah 40:31 *New International Version (NIV)*

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Psalms 84:11 *New International Version (NIV)*

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

Which of these verses is most encouraging to you in continuing to live a holy life?

REMEMBERING HOW GOD WORKED

1. Looking back at this past quarter and year, how has your Growth Group experience encouraged, challenged or helped you in your walk with Jesus and in connecting with other people?

2. Jesus knows we forget things we wish we remembered, even when it comes to what he's done for us. That's why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together and take Communion. Taking Communion is about remembering all that he accomplished through his death on the cross and his resurrection. It is through this sacrifice that Jesus' grace and mercy are made available to us.

This week, your Growth Group will conclude by doing as the disciples did and taking Communion together. To prepare for this, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow him.

1 Peter 2:22-25

Romans 5:7-11

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This Summer: Meeting week to week in our Growth Groups helps us stay encouraged and focused on God's priorities and applying his word throughout the week. As you take a break from your weekly group meetings for the summer, is there a specific spiritual health marker/discipline you want to make sure you keep active to help keep you growing?

Ideas: Bible study, prayer, connection with others, service, Scripture memory, taking a class, etc.

NORTH COAST Classes

Growth Groups are off for the summer and we'll be offering classes on everything from marriage and parenting to finances to enhancing your spiritual walk. Check out our currently scheduled classes below. Visit northcoastchurch.com/classes to see the most up-to-date class offerings and to register.

- **Financial Peace University** – Mondays, June 6-August 8, Carlsbad Campus
- **United in Marriage** – Mondays, July 11-September 12, Vista Campus
- **How To Talk to Your Kids About Sex** - Dave Enns, Date TBA, Vista Campus
- **Parenting: What I Wish I Knew** - Dave Enns, Thursday, August 4, San Marcos /Escondido Campus
- **A Closer Look At Islam** - Alan Shlemon, Monday, June 13, Vista Campus
- **Love, Sex & Dating (Singles Only)** - Thurs., June 23, 30, & July 7, Vista Campus
- **Who Am I? Understanding Yourself and Others Through Myers-Briggs Personality Assessment** - Ned Mervich, Mondays, July 11 & 18, Vista Campus
- **Summer Connections** (for those new to North Coast Church) - Thursdays, July 14, 21 & 28, Vista Campus
- **Leading With Questions** - Ned Mervich, Thursday, July 14, Vista Campus
- **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts** - Gary VanDerford, Mondays, July 25 & August 1, Vista Campus
- **Ephesians from a Jewish Perspective** - Rabbi Barney Kasdan, Mondays, August 1 & 8, Vista Campus
- **Homosexuality: Truth & Compassion** - Alan Shlemon, Thursday, August 11, Vista Campus
- **Christianity 101** - Mike Hodson & Jay Foulk, Tuesdays, August 9, 16 & 23, San Marcos/Escondido Campus

For complete information and to register for any of these classes,
go to northcoastchurch.com/classes



REAL MAN WEEKEND - "The Palomar Experience"- Oct. 28-30

We've got another epic weekend planned that will get you recharged and refreshed as a man following God. Our new location includes paintball and skeet shooting onsite! Of course there will be plenty of other man event options including sports, hiking, golf, sleeping, eating, etc. **More info coming soon!**