

SUMMER AT THE MOVIES 2019

CAPTAIN MARVEL

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I AM SO GLAD TO BE BACK.... IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE A FEW WEEKS OFF BUT ABOUT HALF WAY THROUGH I JUST KEPT THINKING ABOUT BEING HERE AT CCC..... EVERY WEEK I WATCHED THE CCC FACEBOOK LIVE SERVICES AS WELL AS WENT TO OTHER CHURCHES... BUT I HAVE TO SAY DON'T WE HAVE AN AMAZING STAFF THAT SPOKE ALL THROUGH JULY!!!!

SEVERAL YEARS AGO JEFF METZGER THE LEAD PASTOR AT RIVER HILLS CHURCH AND I STARTED TALKING ABOUT THE SUMMER AT THE MOVIES SERIES... I REMEMBER HIM SAYING... IT IS SO MUCH MORE THAN WHAT IT APPEARS...

IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIGURE OUT THAT IT IS A NEW WAY TO APPROACH LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH.... YOU SEE THE TITLE SUMMER AT THE MOVIES AND THINK... IT'S JUST A FLUFFY FUN KIND OF TEACHING MAYBE I'LL CHECK OUT AND GO TO THE LAKE FOR A FEW WEEKS..... PLEASE DON'T THERE ARE SOME DEEPER TRUTHS TO BE TALKED ABOUT... AND SOME DEEPER LESSONS TO BE LEARNED THROUGH THIS SERIES....

IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT....

OUR FAITH IS A PART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

SOMETIMES WE WANT TO TRY AND COMPARTMENTALIZE OUR LIFE AND SAY I HAVE A BOX FOR WORK, I HAVE A BOX FOR FAMILY, I HAVE A BOX FOR FAITH, I HAVE A BOX FOR ENTERTAINMENT.... THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS..... ALL OF THOSE THINGS TRULY FLOW TOGETHER TO MAKE UP WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE....

I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY WELL... I JUST KEEP MY FAITH PRIVATE..... YOU KNOW THAT SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE STUFF... I DON'T INTERMINGLE THOSE..... THE ISSUE IS YOU ALL READY HAVE... YOUR FAITH HAS TO FLOW INTO ALL OF YOUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS OR IT'S NOT REAL....

PEOPLE GO TO MOVIES AND PEOPLE BELIEVE IN JESUS!!! IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT THEM..

ASK THE AUDIENCE: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

MY FAVORITE MOVIE OF 2019... IS YESTERDAY... I HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO TEACH ON IT.. BUT IT IS AN AMAZING MOVIE...

WHEN IT COMES TO THIS SUMMER AT THE MOVIE SERIES I LOVE IT BECAUSE....

I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK FOR GOD IN PLACES WE HAVEN'T LOOKED BEFORE

WHEN YOU START LOOKING YOU CAN SEE GOD EVERYWHERE....

JESUS IS IN OUR CULTURE EVEN IF PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT AND SATAN WANT TO KEEP HIM OUT.....HE IS THERE!!!!

AS WE WATCH MOVIES WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO LEARN AND INTERNALIZE SOME OF THE GODLY TRUTHS THAT ARE PART OF THEM..... MOVIES HAVE THIS POTENTIAL TO OPEN US UP TO NEW WAYS OF SEEING OUR LIVES AND OUR SITUATIONS.... THEY CAN BRING OUT SOME GREAT QUESTIONS THAT WE NEED TO STRUGGLE WITH.

AS CHRIST FOLLOWERS I THINK WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE LOOKING FOR GOD EVERYWHERE IN OUR CULTURE INCLUDING OUR MOVIES.

HERE IS ANOTHER REASON FOR DOING THIS SERIES

FINDING GODLY PRINCIPLES IN MOVIES CAN OPEN UP CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH

MOVIES ARE LIKE A BRIDGE OR A COMMON GROUND TO BRING UP DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, CLASSMATES OR NEIGHBORS... ABOUT FAITH AND LIFE...

IT'S LIKE THE APOSTLE PAUL WHEN HE WAS IN ATHENS. HE IS OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HAPPENING HANG OUT PLACES TALKING PHILOSOPHY AND POETRY AND THEN RELATING THEM BACK TO JESUS. WE CAN BE DOING THE SAME THING WITH MOVIES.

SO TODAY WE ARE DIVING INTO CAPTAIN MARVEL

AS I WATCHED THIS MOVIE IT REALLY JUMPED OUT TO ME THAT CAROL DANVERS LIFE AND STORY ARE SO MUCH LIKE WHAT HAPPENS IN ALL OF OUR LIVES AS WE BECOME CHRIST FOLLOWERS....

EVERYTHING STARTS WITH FINDING GOD

CLIP 1

START 3:43 HAS ANYONE EVER SEEN WHAT THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE LOOKS LIKE

END 3:56 IT'S SACRED, IT'S PERSONAL

CUT TO 4:15 WHAT'S THE POINT OF

END 4:41 BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF

HAS ANYONE SEEN WHAT THE SUPREME INTELLIGENCE LOOKS LIKE? THAT IS A GREAT STARTING QUESTION FOR ALL OF US... WHO IS GOD? WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE? HOW DOES HE ACT? DOES HE KNOW MY NAME? WHAT DOES HE WANT WITH ME?

THOSE QUESTIONS ARE THE BASIS FOR OUR FAITH... UNTIL YOU GET TO THE POINT WHERE YOU WANT TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS.... WHERE YOU WANT TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH GOD.... YOU WILL ALWAYS BE LOST....

HERE IS HOW IT WORKED FOR SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE...

Exodus 33:20

20 “But you may not look directly at my face, for no one may see me and live.”

THERE IS JUST SOMETHING ABOUT GOD’S HOLINESS THAT PEOPLE LIKE US... SINNERS... CAN’T LOOK AT WITH OUT DIEING... SO HE COMES TO MOSES IN THE FORM OF A BURNING BUSH...

Exodus 3:2-3, 5-6

Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” 6 Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

HE SHOWS UP TO ELIJAH IN A VERY COOL WAY...

1 Kings 19: 11-13

11 The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire

came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

YOU KNOW WHO I AM NOW IT'S TIME TO GO OUT AND CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPACT WITH YOUR LIFE....

IT'S INTERESTING WHEN WE ARE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT OUR LIVES AND HOW EVERYTHING WORKS... GOD SAYS I WANT YOU TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOU THAT YOU CAN BE... AND GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT US... AND HE KNOWS WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE FOR EACH OF US...

Psalm 139:1-18,23-24

'You have searched me, Lord , and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord , know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's

womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you. Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'

I LOVE HOW THIS NEXT CLIP SHOWS HOW DISCIPLESHIP WORKS

CLIP 2

START 2:12 WAKING UP

END 3:37 DURING PAUSE AFTER SHE BLOWS HIM BACK

THAT'S HOW JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES... HE WOULD BE WALKING ALONG AND SEE SOMEONE FISHING AND USE THAT AS A TEACHING OPPORTUNITY... HE SEE'S SOMEONE HURTING AND HE TAKES THE OPPORTUNITY TO STOOP DOWN AND START WRITING IN THE DIRT, HE HAS SOME FISH AND A FEW LOAVES OF BREAD AND HE TURNS THEM INTO AN INCREDIBLE TEACHING MOMENT...

WHEN YOU READ THROUGH JESUS LIFE MY FAVORITE TEACHING MOMENTS ARE IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT...

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. THAT IS A GREAT CONCEPT BECAUSE EVERYONE KNEW WHAT SALT DID... HOW IT MADE THINGS TASTE GOOD AND HOW IT PRESERVED THINGS.... But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. AND THEN HE RELATES IT TO OUR FAITH... In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.’

Matthew 5:21-24

“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment but I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, If you say to your brother, ‘Raca.’ you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. ALL OF US HAVE FOUND OURSELVES IN THE MIDDLE OF BEING ANGRY AT SOMEONE... SPOUSE, CO WORKER, NEIGHBOR... “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.’

Matthew 5:43-44

“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Bless those who curse you. Do good to those who hate you.

GOD WILL USE ALL KINDS OF TEACHING MOMENTS TO DISCIPLE US... YOU NEED TO START LOOKING FOR THEM...

SO IN OUR LIVES WE HAVE TO START WITH FINDING GOD.... THEN WE LEARN HIS TEACHINGS.... THEN WE HAVE TO LEARN WHO WE ARE

WATCH AS THE ENEMY IS SCROLLING THROUGH CAROL DANVERS MEMORIES TO FIGURE HER OUT.... AND HOW SHE IS TRYING TO PIECE TOGETHER ALL OF THESE MEMORIES SO SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE BELIEVES AND WHO SHE IS....

CLIP 3

START 14:30 WHERE'S YOU'RE HEAD AT

(TAKE OUT HELL @15:16)

END 15:41 THEY WILL NEVER LET YOU FLY

CUT TO 38:20

END 38:57

CUT TO 1:01:05 COME LOOK

END 1:01:59 (SHE IS SCROLLING THROUGH THE PICTURES)

ALL OF US HAVE A PAST... FOR SOME OF US THOSE PAST MEMORIES LEAD US IN A DIRECTION WHERE WE WANT TO HIDE AND LET LIFE CONSUME US... AND FOR SOME OF US OUR PAST MOTIVATES US...

ELIZABETH SMART THE GIRL WHO WAS KIDNAPED AT AGE 14 SAID, "LIFE IS SO WORTHWHILE THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR BACKGROUND IS, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PAST IS... EACH OF US DESERVE TO BE HAPPY... BAD THINGS DO HAPPEN BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY NEED TO DEFINE US OR DESTROY US. WE HAVE THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO US, YES, THEY SHAPE US AND THEY MOLD US BUT THEY DON'T HAVE TO DEFINE US."

YOU NEED TO KNOW THAT GOD LOVES YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY KNOW AND HE WANTS YOU TO HEAL AND TO USE OUR PAST TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON OUR FUTURE...

BUT IT ALL STARTS WITH FINDING GOD.... THEN LEARNING HIS TEACHINGS.... THEN LEARNING WHO WE ARE... AND FINALLY GETTING HIS POWER IN OUR LIVES

CLIP 4

START 1:06:21 GO CAROL FLY

TAKE OUT HELL 1:06:25

END 1:08:21 THE WARS ARE BIGGER THAN YOU KNOW

CUT TO 1:08:54 YOU GOT TO SAVE THEM WITHOUT ME

END 1:11:07 SHE ABSORBED IT'S POWER

DID YOU SEE HOW THE POWER OF THE ENERGY CORE JUST INFUSED DANVERS!!! THAT IS HOW I IMAGINE WE LOOK FROM A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE ONCE WE GIVE OUR LIVES TO JESUS AND COME UP OUT OF THE WATER OF BAPTISM... WE GET THE POWER OF SOMETHING EVEN GREATER THAN THAT ENERGY CORE... IT'S THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

ACTS 1:8

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

DANVERS CAN FLY, AND SHOOT COOL POWER RAYS FROM HER HANDS AND BEAT UP BAD GUYS AND EVENTUALLY SAVE THE UNIVERSE... WITH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVING INSIDE OF YOU IT'S EVEN BETTER....

SO HOW DO WE GET THIS POWER?

ACTS 2:38

'Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift THE POWER of the Holy Spirit. '

THERE IS A WAR COMING AND IT IS BIGGER THAN WE KNOW...

AND IT WON'T BE FOUGHT WITH GUNS AND BOMBS AND NUCLEAR
WAR HEADS AND POWER RAYS SHOOTING FROM OUR HANDS

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Ephesians 6:10-18

'Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT OR NOT... THAT IS A FAR MORE DEADLY
WAR THAN A PHYSICAL ONE...

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT THE DIVORCE RATE IS JUST BECAUSE
OF EMOTIONAL AND RELATIONAL ISSUES/?? NO! THERE IS A
SPIRITUAL BATTLE GOING ON.... DO YOU THINK THAT YOUR
TEMPTATIONS ARE JUST PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL STUFF
HAPPENING? NO! THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE GOING ON

THE QUESTION IS ARE YOU READY TO MAKE AN IMPACT...

BECAUSE FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE CHRIST FOLLOWERS WE
HAVE BEEN GIVEN A POWER SO GREAT THAT WE CAN CHANGE
ETERNITY FOR MILLIONS OF PEOPLE BUT MOST OF US AREN'T
EVEN AWARE THAT THE POWER IS OURS...

THERE IS A WAR COMING AND IT IS BIGGER THAN WE KNOW...

ARE YOU READY????

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.