

# God is Moving

## Men, Women & Angels

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Sermon Discussion Guide  
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It is becoming more and more apparent that God is moving in the earth in a scope and a scale greater than anything we have seen in our lifetimes. As we witness the evil around us, it's important to understand God is moving in a far more profound way than anything in the darkness. We need to be prepared to participate with Him—and that means allowing Scripture to reveal God's nature and character to us in such a way that we are more able to recognize God's involvement in our circumstances. Unfortunately, many of us would rather maintain our daily routines and give God a polite round of applause when we see Him do extraordinary things that change the world around us. But that is not the pattern God uses to bring change. God calls on people—even in all our brokenness—to accomplish His purposes. *So, if we want a different outcome, we need to be willing to become a part of that transformation.*

### I. MEN, WOMEN & ANGELS

#### Angels

Hebrews 1:14 *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*

Daniel 12:1 *"At that time **Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise.**"*

#### Men & Women

Ephesians 1:22–23 <sup>22</sup> *And God placed all things under his feet (Jesus) and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

Romans 5:10 *For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

2 Corinthians 5:19 *... that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he **has committed to us the message of reconciliation.***

1. **Angels are active and present around us today. How does accepting this truth change your perspective on the spiritual realm and your thoughts about angels?**
2. **When have you observed or experienced the Lord's work of reconciliation between two people? In what ways was that similar to your reconciliation to Christ?**

### II. GOD MOVES THROUGH PEOPLE

Judges 6:11–16 <sup>11</sup> *The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." <sup>13</sup> "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian."*

<sup>14</sup> *The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" <sup>15</sup> "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." <sup>16</sup> The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."*

Judges 6:23–24 <sup>23</sup> *But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." <sup>24</sup> So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.*

3. **Describe a situation when you were recruited to do something you felt you were not prepared to do, but you persevered through it anyway. What did you learn about yourself?**

#### Abram

Genesis 15:3 *And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."*

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## Moses

Exodus 3:11 *But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"*

## Esther

Esther 4:10–11 <sup>10</sup> *Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, <sup>11</sup> "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."*

### 4. In what ways has the Lord uniquely positioned you in your sphere of influence to do Kingdom work?

## Rahab

Hebrews 11:31 *By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.*

## Peter & the Disciples

Matthew 26:33–35 <sup>33</sup> *Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." <sup>34</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." <sup>35</sup> But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.*

## Paul

1 Timothy 1:12–13 <sup>12</sup> *I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.*

### 5. Describe a time in your life when you felt God calling you to take a stand. What was the outcome?

## III. AN INDIVIDUAL STRUGGLE

1 John 1:6–7 <sup>6</sup> *If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.*

### 6. It can be tempting to bury or ignore the sins you committed in the past. But we can find new freedom when we repent of these sins, renounce them, and release them to God. What are the spiritual repercussions of burying our sins? What are the spiritual benefits that come into our lives when we repent?

*\* You can find prayers to help you repent, renounce, and release on the Allen Jackson Ministries website:*

<https://allenjackson.com/prayers-proclamations/>

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I rejoice that through the blood of Jesus I have been delivered out of the hand of the devil. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin. In humility, I acknowledge my need for forgiveness and my need to forgive others. I release all of those who have wronged me, harmed me, or caused me pain—I entrust them to Your care. I thank You now that I am free. I have been reconciled to God, set free to fulfill God's purposes for my life. In Jesus' name, amen.