



DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

If someone made a movie of your life would it be a drama, a comedy, a romantic-comedy, action film, or science fiction; and what would be the main plot points?

1. The songs on Easter weekend supplied vivid imagery and bold lyrics in the messages they proclaimed. Which of these songs connected with you and why? (Songs in order included *Ain't No Grave, Now Here, Hallelujah for the Cross, What He's Done/My Chains Are Gone and He Lives.*)
2. Following Dan and LuAnn's story, Pastor Tom asked, "So when you're in the middle of life's storms, what are you holding on to?" Describe what has worked and what hasn't when you've faced storms in your life and the role fear has played.
3. "Jesus is the ultimate embodiment of God's grace." Read [John 1:14](#), [John 20:19-21](#). How have you experienced God's grace in your life?
4. Many people at Riverside shared their story through cardboard testimonies. What stories captivated your attention and why?
5. Pastor Tom challenged, "Jesus can transform anyone's life, including your life; but it's your choice what you're going to hold on to." What will you hold on to during the storm you're currently facing or will face someday? How will you let Jesus transform your story this week? (See [Hebrews 6:16-20](#).)
6. If you haven't said your own personal 'YES!' to Jesus, what's holding you back from making that decision? Read [2 Corinthians 6:2](#), [Romans 10:9-10, 13](#)

Day One: [Psalm 22](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 22](#)

Day Three: [Joshua 22](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 22](#)

Day Five: [Acts 22](#)

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

PERSONAL GUIDE



Your story matters.



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"MORE THAN A STORY"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

MESSAGE NOTES

- So when you're in the middle of life's storms, what are you _____ on to?
- When we're in the middle of life's storms, the most common of human emotions comes front and center in our hearts and minds = _____.
- When life's storms and challenges arrive uninvited into our lives, we're faced with two choices = fight or flight (or fear or _____).
- Even though Jesus had predicted His death...what would Jesus' disciples do when their plans, dreams, and hopes would come _____ down from a blood-stained cross?

Note [John 20:19a](#)

- What changed? _____.

Note [John 20:19b](#)

Note [John 1:14](#) ("full of _____ and truth")

- Jesus is the _____ embodiment of God's grace.

Note [John 20:20-21a](#)

- Because Easter is more than just a story...God's grace and genuine faith become things we can hold on to when the unavoidable storms of life sweep _____ into our personal lives.
- Jesus can _____ anyone's life, including your life; but it's your choice what you're going to hold on to.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey by filling out a connect card (digital* or hard copy) at the end of the service and pass it in for the ushers to collect, or place it in the boxes at the doors on your way out.

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