

Get Freedom,
Give Freedom



The Search for Significance
and Beyond

Review – The Light Comes On

- Lack of Objectivity
- The need is real
 - <https://movingworks.org/project/vapor/>
- How we can help each other

The Grid

<p>PERFORMANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All truth and no grace• Relationships are fake and performance-based	<p>GRACE & TRUTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationships as God intended• Full knowledge & expression of truth in love
<p>ISOLATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No truth or grace• No relationships	<p>TOTAL EXCESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All grace and no truth• Behaviors are excessive and relationships are shallow

Chapter 2 – The Origin of the Search

- Life before the fall:
 - Intimate fellowship with God
 - Security and freedom
 - Complete and perfect
- Man's purpose is to reflect God's glory
 - We were to be a "showcase for God's glorious character"
 - What is His character?

God's Character

- Psalm 99:3-5
- I Corinthians 13:4, 7
- James 3:13, 17
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- Hebrews 10:17
- Psalm 89:1-2, 5, 8
- Psalm 111:4

The Fall

- Eve was deceived
- Adam deliberately rebelled
- Rebellion: our attempts to find security and purpose apart from Him

Source: <https://www.dare2share.org/resources/free-teen-resources/>
and <https://www.gotquestions.org/Dare-to-Share.html>

The Gospel

- G** – God created us to be with Him (Psalm 100:3; Genesis 1 & 2).
- O** – Our sins separate us from God (Romans 3:23; Genesis 3).
- S** – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds (Romans 3:10-12; Genesis 4 to Malachi 4).
- P** – Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again (Romans 5:8; Matthew to Luke).
- E** – Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life (John 3:16; John).
- L** – Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever (John 10:28; Acts to Revelation).

Two Questions

- On a scale of 0 to 100 percent, how sure are you that you would spend eternity with God if you died today?
- If you were to die today and stand before God and He were to ask you, “Why should I let you into heaven?” what would you tell Him?

Express your faith in His plan for salvation:

Lord Jesus, I need You. I want You to be my Savior and Lord. I accept Your death on the cross as the complete payment for my sins. Thank You for forgiving me and for giving me new life. Help me to grow in my understanding of Your love and power so that my life will bring honor to You. Amen.

Trusting Christ = New Life

- All your sins are forgiven: past, present, and future (Col. 2:13-14)
- You become a child of God (John 1:12; Rom. 8:15)
- You receive eternal life (John 5:24)
- You are delivered from Satan's domain and transferred into the kingdom of Christ (Col. 1:13)
- Christ comes to dwell within you (Col. 1:27; Rev. 3:20)

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- You become a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
- You are declared righteous by God (2 Cor. 5:21)
- You enter into a love relationship with God (1 John 4:9-11)
- You are accepted by God (Col. 1:19-22)

Two Truths and a Lie

Satan's Snare

- Relies on deception
- Effects of the Fall
 - Lost secure status with God
 - Struggle with inadequacy, arrogance, and despair
 - Value others' opinions over God's
 - Difficulty distinguishing between our behavior and our identity

Link between behavior and beliefs

- “If we base our worth on our abilities or the fickle approval of others, then our behavior will reflect the insecurity, fear, and anger that come from such instability.”
- Impact of home environment
- Internalizing the lies

Satan's Lie

- Self-Worth = Performance + Others' Opinions
- How well do you play the game?
- Compulsiveness vs. Withdrawal

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'Have to' vs. 'Want to' Mentality

- When we believe Satan's lie, we 'have to' have success and the approval of others to feel good about ourselves.
- When we believe what God says about us, we don't 'have to' have these things anymore.
- It would be nice if..., but...

Change is a Process

- These false beliefs are deeply rooted, therefore the bondage to them often persists past salvation
- Change requires:
 - Time
 - Encouragement of others
 - Truth and application of God's Word
 - Power of the Holy Spirit

Small Group Discussion Time

Next Steps

- Prepare your heart and pray
- Read Chapter 3 and work through Step 3
- Invite others
- Next meeting:
 - November 12th