



Audio Disc: #6

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Theme
Dependence -
The Need for God

Devotional
7 MORE REAL
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1 Start Up

Divide your students into four groups. Place them in the four corners of your meeting room. Explain that when you blow the whistle, each team is to try to be the first to get to the opposite corner of the room. When the groups reach the middle area, four teams will be converging all at once! In order to avoid any dangerous collisions, start off with students crawling crab-style. Attempt the second relay hopping on one foot; the third, forward-rolling somersaults.

2 Get Focused

After your contest is over, assign each of the four groups a Bible story that demonstrates God's authority over the natural world. For example, you can use the story of Moses and

the parting of the sea, Jesus walking on the water, the three men being thrown into the fiery furnace, etc. Send each team back to the four corners of the room to review their story for about 10 minutes. Then ask them to come back and share the story with the entire group, noting the ways in which God's actions defied what seemed possible to humans. When all the groups are finished, play the song, "More Real."

Isaiah 43:2-3 (The Message//Remix)

*"When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down. When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end -
Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior."*

- 1) God is the one who made us in the first place and He is the one who has authority over our lives and circumstances. In effect, His sovereignty and place in our lives supersedes any natural thing here on earth.
- 2) We are redeemed and we belong to Him. (Discuss with the students what it means to be "redeemed.")
- 3) Why is it that no circumstance can overtake us? Because God says he is ALWAYS with us. He is a personal God.
- 4) To what extent would God go to get us back? To what extent DID he go?

3 Wind Down

As you conclude, review the lyrics of this song and discuss them with your students. What is it about God that makes Him "more real" than our tears or heartache? Why is our fear no match for God? Ask them what they trust more: their senses? Their feelings? Their thoughts? Or...God? Finally, pray with your group that they would have the wisdom and wherewithal to remember who is in charge of everything and who it is that holds them in the palm of His hand.