

Part One: You Should Be More Dramatic // Carey Nieuwhof // November 1, 2020

If you look at how most people live their lives, we design them to minimize risk and maximize stability. While that can sometimes be a wise strategy, it makes for a terrible storyline. You're attracted to the drama in other people's lives, but you resist it in your own. Maybe it's time for you to become more dramatic, because when you resist drama, you may be resisting God.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17 (selected verses)

Bottom Line: When you resist drama, what if you're resisting God?

Getting Started:

- 1. What's your favourite movie of all time? Why?
- 2. What makes for a good story in your mind? What are the elements that keep you engaged?

Jumping In:

- 3. You're attracted to the drama in other people's lives, but resist it in your own. Have you ever felt that tension? Why do you think you resist drama?
- 4. In the message, Carey talked about the right kind of drama and the wrong kind of drama. What's the difference?

Discuss:

- 5. First Samuel 17 is one of the most famous dramas of all time. Read through it as a group, and imagine being David. What are you feeling? What are you sensing? Why are you doing this?
- 6. Do you sometimes feel promptings to act...to do something? How do you decide if you are going to act or not? Do you find it easy or difficult to respond to a prompting?
- 7. Why do you resist the promptings you think are good but decide not to act on? Can you share an example from your life?

- 8. Discuss this question: When you resist drama, what if you're resisting God?
- 9. Is there a particular prompting you've been feeling that you need to obey? Share with your group. As a group, take time to pray for the courage required for each group member to respond to a prompting from God.

Moving Forward:

This week, start listening for the prompting. And if you feel it, surrender it to God and obey it.

As you pray this week, ask God, "God, is there anything you want me to say or do today that would further your work? Make me sensitive to your promptings, and give me the courage to obey them."