SERMON SERIES: 52

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Sermon Title:

"Is Life Random?"

Introduction

Last week we began our year-long study through *Quest 52* by Mark Moore. Last week we talked about the question "Is God Jesus?" We learned about how Jesus is the exact image of the invisible God. This week we are focusing on the purpose and plan of God. You may have heard the phrase "everything happens for a reason", and we will be learning this week what the Bible can tell us about this phrase.

- Has a funny "random" thing happened to you recently?
- How do you feel about the phrase "everything happens for a reason"?

Seek the Word

- How would you like God to describe your contribution to the story of Salvation?
- Read the story of Rahab in Joshua 2 and 6. What are the similarities between her life and yours?
- What was it about Rahab that made her such a model of faith according to Hebrews 11:31 and James 2:25?
- Relate the story of Rahab to Galatians 4:4.

Go Deeper

Choose a name or two from the genealogy of Jesus that you are unfamiliar with. Find where their story is in the Bible and spend time reading it. Ask questions like "how did God transform their life?" and "how is their faith a result of what God has done?"

Talk About It

- Share a bit of your family history. Where did your family come from? Was there anyone famous in your extended family?
- What strengths and weaknesses did you inherit from your father and mother?
- What verse would you like God to write about your contribution to the story of Salvation?
- What barriers might keep you from fulfilling your verse? What resources or skills will you need to acquire or develop to fulfill your verse?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Give Jesus a year and He'll change your life.

Challenge: Do one thing this week to acquire a resource or develop a skill you listed in our last Talk About It question.