

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Greg Boyd - *Escaping the Matrix: Setting Your Mind Free to Experience Real Life in Christ* → this week's "Pastor's Pick"
- Jack Frost - *Experiencing Father's Embrace*
- Peter Kreeft - *The God Who Loves You*
- Charles Stanley - *Discover Your Destiny*
- Bill Johnson - *Strengthen Yourself in the Lord*
- Max Lucado - *Six Hours One Friday*
- Leif Hetland - *Baptism of Love*

## Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

### Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

### CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

### Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

### Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

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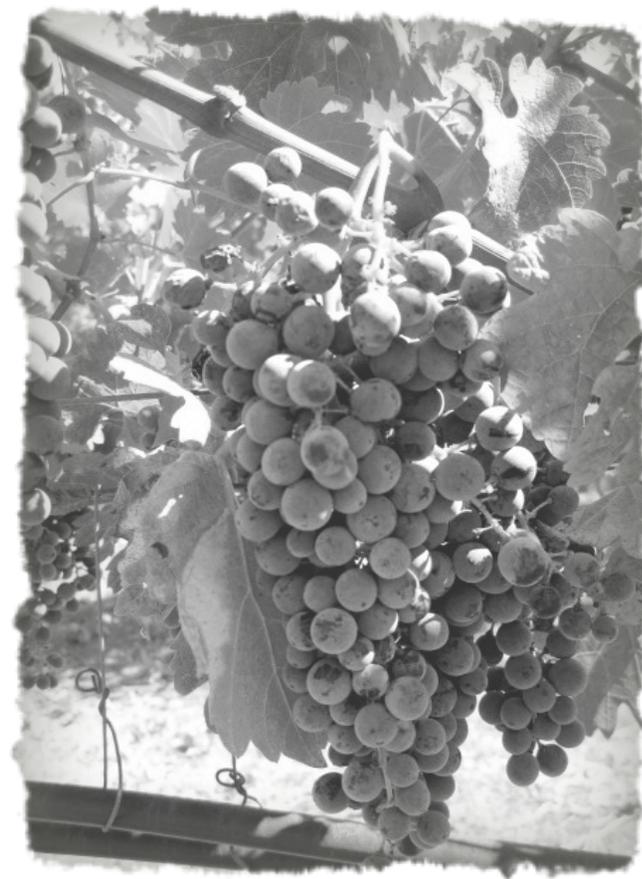
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## When a Voice Speaks from Heaven

Week 3 of Series: On Your "Mark"

September 24, 2017

**We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.**

# When a Voice Speaks from Heaven

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

# Digging Deeper Questions

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker: Think back to when you were a child or teen. What are some words of affirmation that a parent, coach, or teacher said to you, words that you still remember to this day?
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Imagine that God spoke directly to you. If He was looking down from Heaven at your life, would you hear words of disappointment and frustration or words of love and encouragement? Explain.
4. In *Discover Your Destiny*, Charles Stanley writes, "For the first time in my life, I felt emotionally that God loved me. I had known for a fact from His Word that God loved me. I had believed by faith that God loved me. I had accepted the fact that love is God's nature. But until that day, not very many years ago, I had never emotionally felt God loving me." To what degree does your spiritual journey mirror Stanley's experience, where you believe intellectually that God loves you but struggle with feeling and experiencing God's love?
5. In *Escaping the Matrix* Greg Boyd writes, "The Apostle Paul tells us that the main task of spiritual warfare is not trying to change our behavior through willpower; it's to take every thought captive to Christ (see 2 Cor. 10:5). To be transformed, we must renew our minds (see Rom. 12:2 and Eph. 4:22-23)." What are your thoughts on Boyd's perspective?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Unfortunately instead of "taking every thought captive" we let our minds run wild. We all talk to ourselves, either in our heads or out loud. And much of what we say is negative and simply not true. What are the lies you most commonly tell yourself? (please only share as much information as you feel comfortable)
7. We need to reject the lies we believe and embrace our true identity as followers of Jesus Christ. Here are some aspects of that identity:
  - You are inseparable from the Father's love (Romans 8:35-39).
  - You are one over whom the Father delights in, rejoices in, and sings over (Zephaniah 3:17).
  - You are the one for whom the Father throws a party (Luke 15:7-10).Which of these feels the most true to you? The least true? Explain your answers.

## Key Passage:

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. As soon as he came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."* - Mark 1:9-11 (CSB)