

### Read Matthew 13:10-17

5. How does the lesson that Jesus gives to his disciples relate to the 1 Samuel 5 passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Was there something from the message not covered by this study that you want to mention or discuss?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Here are more passages for the 30-day challenge?  
  
1 Samuel 5:1-6:12; Isaiah 40:12-31; Matthew 13:10-17; Acts 3:17-26; Romans 11:25-36; Phil 3:10-21; Col 2:1-5

### Response – Making it Practical

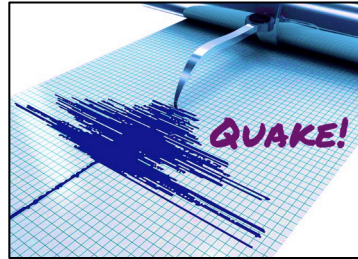
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1. Have you ever allowed a particular situation in your life to cast doubt on your faith in God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What issues does this study raise that are still issues for you today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How did this study challenge the way you've been viewing God? Yourself?

# Life Group Study Notes

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We often find ourselves in situations that make us wonder, "Where is God?" Those are the moments when discouragement can get the best of us. But time after time we can be guilty of not having a right understanding of God or asking the question too soon, because God tends to show up at exactly the right time.



## Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

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1. What was the big takeaway for you from last week's study?
  
  
  
  
  
2. We celebrated Communion this week. Can you summarize the message given during this time?

### Read 1 Samuel 5:1-12

3. What is the significance of the Ark of the Covenant? What did it represent for the people of Israel and how does it set the stage for this story?

4. What are the five lessons given in the message that we can learn from this story?

a. God is most \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Attempts to \_\_\_\_\_

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c. To awaken us \_\_\_\_\_

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d. The very thing \_\_\_\_\_

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e. God is most \_\_\_\_\_

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