



GOD IS ←ON THE→ MOVE

WEEK 7 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Introduction: For the better part of three decades, Marla Day-Fitzwater has devoted her life to serving Jesus through serving the people of Jamaica. Marla is the founder & executive director of American-Caribbean Experience (ACE), an organization that works to change lives and transform communities one person at a time. Each step of Marla's journey & that of ACE has been a step of faith. Marla's story challenges us to examine our own story of faith & consider what God might be calling us to next.

Scripture:

"The Lord answered, 'I will be with you...'" -Judges 6:16

"For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." -Isaiah 41:13

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the farthest you have ever traveled from home?
2. Have you ever taken a trip or made a move that felt risky, or have you ever served on a mission team?
3. In each of these previous circumstances, what made you want to go?
4. Marla shared with us the story of Gideon in Judges 6, in which Gideon is facing overwhelming circumstances. Gideon seems to be defined by the oppression & suffering of his past and is unbelieveing that God would want to use him. When God first addresses Gideon, he speaks a word of anticipation by calling Gideon a "mighty warrior." Why do you think God calls Gideon (who is not a mighty warrior) by this title?
5. As God begins to call Gideon to live beyond himself, Gideon responds with questions & doubts. God's answer to all of Gideon's questions & doubts is "I will be with you." What kind of comfort do you think this answer provided to Gideon?
6. What doubts do you deal with & what effect should God's promise of his presence have on the way you that deal with them?
7. Has anyone ever spoken a word of anticipation into your life? What effect did it have on you?

Take the Next Step: This week, reflect on the story of Gideon in Judges 6 (especially verses 11-17) & consider what application it might have in your own life. Who in your life might you need to speak a word of anticipation to? What doubts & fears does God want to help you overcome so that he can use you in an even greater way? What is a step that you can take, with God's help, to impact someone around you or make yourself more available to God?