



## *Life's Defining Moments*



## *Defining Moments*

- Defining moments mold, shape and direct our lives.



*Deciding to follow Christ is a defining moment...*

## *Examples of Defining Moments*

### GOOD MOMENTS

- Giving your life to the Lord
- A marriage
- The birth of your child
- Finding peace, joy or contentment
- A significant life accomplishment
- Realization of a dream

### BAD MOMENTS

- Loss of a loved one
- Loss of a job
- A significant financial crisis
- Conflict with friends or family
- Crisis with your child
- A personal crisis
- A divorce

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happens in our life that  
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*Sometimes our defining moments  
happen when there is a life **emergency...***



## *The Life of Jesus*

- Matthew 4: 1-11
  - Jesus is confronted and tempted by the Devil. This is a defining moment because Jesus responds by standing firm against evil, thus demonstrating His dedication to His Father.
  - Jesus passes His test. How do you respond during a significant life test? Do you stand firm or do you crumble under the pressure? The Lord would have us to be strong.

## *The Life of David*

- 2 Sam 15: 13-16
  - David has lost control of power to his own son, Absalom. This is a defining moment in his life because his mistakes as a person and as a parent come back to haunt him. His reaction to this moment is to flee, which tells us that David is not the warrior he used to be... He also is not the man of faith he used to be either.
  - We can say that we have faith, but we really don't know how much faith we have until it is tested.

## *The Life of Job*

- Job 1: 1-22
  - Job loses everything. He has lost his children, his wealth and his health. This is a major defining moment in his life. Job's immediate response is to continue to serve and honor God.
  - During the difficult defining moments of our life, we should continue to serve and honor God.
  - Like Job, sometimes, we endure difficult tests because the Lord wants to see how we will respond.

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*How have you responded to your life's defining moments?  
How will you respond in the future?*

