

GOD AT THE MOVIES

A Monster Calls

God at the Movies, Part 3

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A MONSTER CALLS is about how God works, speaks and leads us to realities in our life that are the MOST real, most true, that are core to who we really are... things that heal and eventually transform.

The "Monster" — like God — shows us how He will get us through, but not in the "Genie" sort of way... He's working to redeem us even in our suffering, loss and confusion.

TO MAKE IT THROUGH WE NEED...

GRACE

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Give up the "save yourself" project / the "do-it-yourself" salvation project.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

1 Corinthians 15:10

Humble yourself, trust Jesus and receive the grace of God.

BELIEF

But Jesus...said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe."

Mark 5:36

The story you believe will shape your destiny.

- ✓ "Belief is half of all healing..."
- ✓ "...be careful who you believe, what you believe"

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Romans 8:31-32

- ▶ Keep praying with expectation using the key of "gift-noticing" thanksgiving.

PRESENCE

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, Nor will the flame burn you."

Isaiah 43:2

ASSURANCE

God is working a big and beautiful plan even in the midst of and using the materials of the "not good."

...but just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And which have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9

- ▶ Will I receive the gift of assurance?