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AN ARTIST'S JOURNEY *to* REDEMPTION



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OVERVIEW

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The upcoming documentary “COLORS OF CHARACTER: An Artist’s Journey to Redemption” shares the extraordinary journey of prolific artist Steve Skipper. With no formal training, Skipper has broken down walls of racism in the world of fine art. God radically saved Skipper when he was a member of a notorious Birmingham, Alabama, street gang and immediately his life was transformed. Focused on his new-found faith and his talent for painting, Skipper faithfully seized opportunities that only God could have provided and he quickly began gaining notoriety in the sports world for his meticulous artistic style of super-realism.

Skipper is now continuing his journey, painting the stories of the pioneers of the Civil Rights movement, including celebrating the pilgrimage of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to Bimini, Bahamas, where he wrote his Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech. Recently his work has become a part of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Belafonte’s collection and he is focused on formal commissions from the Bart Starr Family and Ambassador Andrew J. Young.

In this discussion guide, you will journey through some of the characteristics that shine brightly through Skipper as a result of the relationship he has with God. Each day you’ll watch a clip from the film, read a short devotional and related Bible verses, and be challenged with questions that will give you an opportunity to live out what you are learning. Share this with a friend and go through the five days together!

You can see COLORS OF CHARACTER in select theaters on Nov. 11, 12, 14, and 15th, 2020. Visit colorsofcharactermovie.com for details!

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DAY 1: GRACE

DAY 1 CLIP: [WATCH HERE](#)

Have you ever felt less than, maybe because of something you did or something that was done to you? Have you ever felt like you are “too much” or too far gone for God to redeem and love you?

Our pasts are all dirty, whether our stories look exactly like Steve’s or not. If you are human, then you have sinned and fallen short. And yet, God is more than capable of washing us clean, simply because He is our Redeemer and He allowed His Son to take the punishment for our sins. Maybe all that is standing in between us and redemption is us accepting God’s healing. But sometimes accepting the grace that God freely offers us feels undeserved—but we should never let that stop us from embracing it fully and walking in the new life that Christ’s death and resurrection offers us!

God is the ultimate example of grace. Let us model our lives after Him, by showing grace to others and ourselves and walking in the corresponding freedom that comes with knowing who and Whose we are!

SCRIPTURES

- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- Ephesians 4:7
- Hebrews 4:16, 10:19-25

TALK IT OVER

1. What is the difference between how merited and meritless grace feels?
2. In what ways has God shown you grace, and how have you reacted to & walked in that grace?
3. How can you show grace to others?

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DAY 2: OBEDIENCE & FAITH

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It has been said that obedience is God's love language. Take what Jesus says in John 8:31-32: "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free."

But God does not want us to follow Him out of obligation — He wants us to follow Him because a life lived walking in obedience to the Holy Spirit is a full, adventurous life. (John 8:32, 10:10)

Now that we are learning to show ourselves the grace God shows us, we should have a deeper motivation to serve God with obedient, faithful hearts. Steve has experienced the rewards of living a life submitted to Christ's callings. Sometimes God's commands can sound strange or unexpected, but Steve has chosen to obey and has seen the fruit of that, namely in the doors God has faithfully and lovingly opened in Steve's life.

Obedience doesn't have to be complicated. If you think He is saying "Go" and it lines up with His Word, then go. Don't miss what He's doing.

SCRIPTURES

- Psalm 143:10
- John 10:10, 14:23
- James 1:22-25

TALK IT OVER

1. How do you listen to God?
2. Has God ever asked you to do something hard? What was your response?
3. Think of a time when something kept you from joyfully obeying God. What was it, and why did it keep you from obeying?

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DAY 3: ENCOURAGEMENT

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The word “encourage” means to gift someone with confidence or hope. Imagine you have just handed someone a beautifully-wrapped gift box. When they open it, they find exactly what they needed to push them to do something great. Like timely, personalized gifts, our words can be used by God to spark world-changing fires in others. The tongue is a small yet mighty element of the body; one word, good or bad, can have a life-altering impact.

Unfortunately, words also have the power to devastate and destroy. A harsh, discouraging remark can stay with us long after it was spoken, proving the destructive reach and longevity of the tongue. Thus, we have a great responsibility to approach conversation wisely and filled with God’s grace and love.

Let us surrender our speech to the One who created it, trusting Him to use our words for His glory and the benefit of others!

SCRIPTURES

- Proverbs 18:21
- Ephesians 4:29
- Colossians 4:6
- James 3:2-12

TALK IT OVER

1. Have you experienced the effects of someone speaking words of both death and life to you? If so, how did it feel?
2. What is one piece of encouragement you have received that has impacted your life?
3. Who is one person you can speak life to/encourage today?

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DAY 4: HUMILITY

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As humans, the pull to want to take credit for things and not give honor where honor is due can be strong, but God will give us the tools we need to practice humility to honor Him.

Humility isn't just about what we're doing, though; it's about how and why we are doing it. Like obedience, humility can become rote and impersonal if it is done with the wrong motives. However, when we again remember who we are and Whose we are, we remember that we serve a God who is worthy of being feared, honored, and glorified.

The benefits of humility are vast. The Bible tell us that, as a result of humbling ourselves through His strength, God will lift us up and bless us with wisdom. When we do not humble ourselves, we miss out on the blessings that result. Humility is a learned art that makes everyone's lives richer.

Steve has experienced God's hand in his life and he beautifully models humility by giving God credit for the gifts and abilities He has given Steve.

SCRIPTURES

- Proverbs 11:2
- Luke 14:11
- Romans 13:7
- James 4:6, 10

TALK IT OVER

1. What is one way you have recently chosen to act in humility instead of pride?
2. Have you experienced any benefits from being humble? What were they?
3. What is one way you can practice humility today?

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DAY 5: BOLDNESS

DAY 5 CLIP: [WATCH HERE](#)

The power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in Christians (Romans 8:11). Does that make you feel empowered? Realizing that we have an other-worldly power within us, to be used for God's glory, is a life-changing thing that demands both active use and responsibility. As followers of Christ, we have a commission on our lives to live a full and bold life for God's glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31 says that we should do everything for Him. As a result, when the Holy Spirit nudges us to do something, we should:

1. Remember who we are and the grace that God has shown us
2. Act joyfully and obediently, from a starting place of our identity being in Christ and His love
3. Remember the power of our words & seek to yield their power for good
4. Ask God for His eyes through which to humbly and lovingly view the world and His beloved creations

Now, it is time to act. World-changers cannot let fear keep them from living out God's call on their lives. Humble boldness is a gift from God, and we should use it to share the Truth with others!

SCRIPTURES

- Romans 8:11
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Ephesians 6:19
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- Hebrews 13:6

TALK IT OVER

1. Does anything keep you from sharing your faith with others? If so, what? If not, how can you continue to model boldness for others?
2. What is one time you felt bold for Jesus?
3. What is one step you can take to increase your boldness for Him?



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