

Seminal Moments

Seminal moments are pivotal moments in our lives. They can be big national events that change history on a big scale, like the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001. They can also be personal. Events that change us, mold us, grow us to raise us up to new heights. But if we don't respond well, they can sink us to new lows. God used these moments to guide Israel and many of the Patriarchs in the Bible.

Five Lessons for us from Scripture:

1. Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 3) – Listen and Obey
2. Jacob wrestled with God (Genesis 32) – Pray Intensely
3. Peter denies Jesus and is forgiven (John 13, John 21) – Move Forward
4. Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9) – Answer the Call with Passion
5. The Cross, the Grave, the Resurrection (John 19, Luke 23 & 24) – Eternity's Choice

1. What have been pivotal moments in your personal history? Why were they pivotal? What did God teach you in that moment?
2. What are Psalm 1 and Psalm 23 trying to teach you about spending time with God?
3. The Bible bares the failures of the Patriarchs as much as extolling their successes. Why? What was their spiritual walk like when they failed and when they succeeded? How do your failures and successes line up with theirs?
4. Why is it so hard to listen to God? How do you know when he is speaking to you?
5. What does the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:5-15 teach us about prayer? Are you praying correctly – is there a right way to pray? Does Luke 18:10-14 change your view?
6. When have you denied Jesus or pretended not to know him? Why? What does the Bible say about forgiveness of sin? How does that help you move on?
7. Sin entered the world in Genesis 3 – How? Why? Jesus paid for sin according to all four Gospels. What does Romans 5 and 1 Corinthians 15 say as they compare Adam and Jesus?