

I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 6: God's Dream

Lesson 5: Distractions

The Cave of Wisdom

The Cave Opening: The Burning Bush – Distractions from your path

Welcome back to the cave of “Distractions”. Are you prepared for things to go wrong in your life? If you know and understand the things that can happen in your life, you can prepare yourself to overcome the bad times. No matter how right you are in your actions, something will go wrong sometime to derail you from God's Dream. There are many kinds of distractions we can encounter, but most are the same for all of us. Learn the distractions and how to handle them when they appear.

The Circle of Fire: Overcoming the Distractions in your life

Scripture: Acts 26:19; 24

19 So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

24 At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane."

Biblical Character(s): Festus

Act the part of Festus. Paul was giving an inspired account of his conversion and his mission. King Agrippa could have been close to believing in Christ. He didn't stop Paul from

speaking. But no matter the rightness of Paul's speech, it was interrupted and called insane. But King Agrippa recognized that Paul was not insane. He said in verse 31-32, "This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment. This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar."

Paul encountered a big distraction in Festus. But he did not let the outburst detour him from his course. Paul was prepared to face adversaries like Festus. He had done it often and it came as no surprise.

But had he handled his arrest correctly when he was taken by a Roman soldier commander in response to an angry crowd: he claimed to be a Roman citizen. The choice was made and Paul would have to live with the results, which soon put him on a ship bound for Rome as a prisoner. And the ship would encounter a great storm and sink.

Distractions in your journey can detour you to unexpected places. Trust God and learn the responses needed. "History has demonstrated that the most notable winners usually encountered heartbreaking distractions before they triumphed. They won because they refused to become discouraged by their defeats." ~ B. C. Forbes

Show the video "*I Know You Do*" of Paul facing King Agrippa in Appendix 2, Unit 6.

Modern Character(s): Maria Gonzalez discusses the five distractions to your success in video. See Attachment 2 under this lesson.

Show the two “Distractions” videos, and “Too many hindrances”. Discuss with members.

The Cave Dark Side Journey: Distraction keeps you from focusing on the path to the Dream.

The Tribe: Distractions can cause you to miss the opportunities God places in your path to achieve His Dream for you.

Craft: “No Noise Zone”. See Attachment 8 Craft for instructions to make the “No Noise Zone” door hanger.

Recreation Activity: “Peg Game”. Go online or visit a Cracker Barrel store and purchase the “Peg Game” for each member of the tribe. Or alternately see Attachment 8 Craft for plans to make the “Peg Game” as the craft for this lesson.

<http://shop.crackerbarrel.com/online/shopping/Product.asp?cat%5Fid=4&sku=606154&mscssid=P6WCD73GP2VH9PAVGVPA412CQW8LCPKC>

Tell the members to start at the same time and the first to complete the game is winner. Do several times with the winner dropping out each time.

At the completion of the recreation time, do the craft “Peg Game” using the Peg Boards. Glue the pegs into the holes and place the labels on the back of the boards.