







Genesis 1-11

 God is at work in the transcendent process of creativity



Genesis 11-50

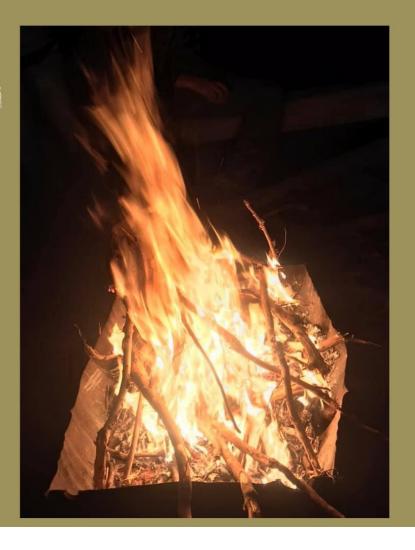
 The family as the place where love and compassion are learned



Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

- Prophecy
- Priesthood
- Law

flow from Moses's rage



Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings

 Authorizing power, not overwhelming dominance







Interior Castle

"Oh, souls set free by the blood of Christ! Learn to understand yourselves. Have compassion for yourselves. With self-awareness, how could you not strive to lift the black veil that darkens the crystal of your soul?"



Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

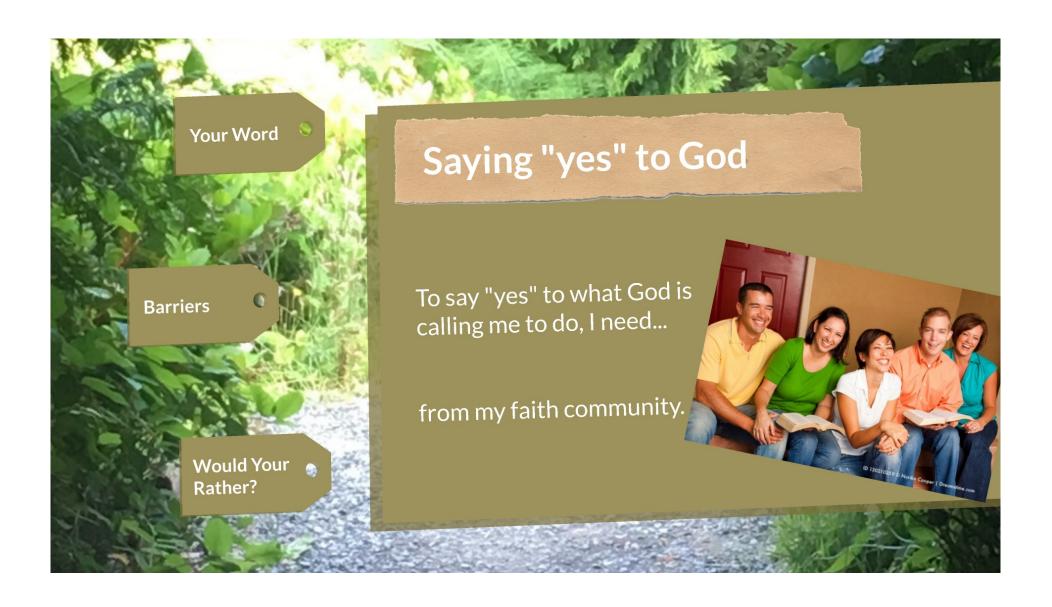


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"But we were sent into the world by God, just as Jesus was. Once we start living our lives with that conviction, we will soon know what we were sent to do."







Remember

Remember the word you selected in the first lesson that describes God's activity in the world? What was it?

Has this study affirmed your selection, or challenged it? Why?



Barriers to "Yes"

What prevents you from saying "yes" to God's invitation?



Would you rather...

- Pray out loud or take a meal to a family in need?
- Distribute food on the streets to those experiencing homelessness or serve communion during worship?
- March in protest of unfair treatment of immigrants or write letters to congress to influence legislation?
- Teach toddlers or visit nursing homes?





