



Where is God in the midst of tragedy and suffering? As Kirk Cameron says at the opening of **UNSTOPPABLE**, this is one of the biggest questions we face, no matter our background or belief system. **UNSTOPPABLE** tackles this question based on what we can know from experience, along with what we can learn from history and from God's Word.

This guide provides the opportunity for dialogue after you've seen the movie by highlighting four key themes from **UNSTOPPABLE**. If you'd like to go more in-depth at your church, there is a four-part free message series at UnstoppableTheMovie.com/resources.

Part One: Unstoppable Victory

Kirk reminds us that God is the Author of History, and right in the middle of this story written by God, we are making real-world choices with real-world consequences, and somehow God is steering the whole thing. To begin to understand the question *Where is God in the midst of tragedy and suffering?*, we must go back to the very beginning of the story.

Question 1: How does God display mercy and grace to Adam and Eve? To Cain?

Question 2: Contrast the things Adam fails to do in the Garden of Eden with the things Jesus accomplishes in victory in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the cross.

Kirk points out Abel will forever be remembered as an example of someone who approached God the right way, by faith. 1 John 5:4 says, "for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." In other words, our faith is the victory that has overcome the world.

Question 3: How have trials and pain affected your faith?

Part Two: Unstoppable Vision: Understanding the Ways of God

To gain perspective, sometimes we have to take a step back. Kirk says, “The problem with stories that we think we know so well is that sometimes we become so familiar with them that we get confused because we overlook details that actually make the story make sense, the details that actually complete the whole story.” Speaking of God’s reaction to Adam and Eve’s sin, Kirk goes on to say, “what should captivate us above all other things is the fact that God is demonstrating his mercy and his kindness, his care, his protection and his grace toward them.”

Question 1: By building the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11, how were the people of the earth responding to God’s vision and blessing that He gave to Noah and his family in Genesis 9?

Question 2: In the flood and in the Tower of Babel, how did God protect His people?

As we ponder God’s ways in Scripture and discover His heart, heaven’s ways become our ways, and His thoughts our thoughts. God’s ways and His heart are demonstrated definitively in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In fact, throughout Scripture, the way God fulfills a promise He has given someone usually mirrors the story of Christ. When God gives someone a vision, the vision is born, the vision dies, and then the vision is fulfilled supernaturally.

Question 3: How do we see this in the life of Abraham (Genesis 12-21)? Joseph (Genesis 37-45)?

Part Three: Unstoppable Joy

Kirk tells us he has “hope that every tragedy in my life and in yours, every future tragedy and every future pain and struggle and suffering and death *God can and will use those things* for his greater glory and for our good. Because that’s what He’s been doing all along.”

Read Romans 5:1-8

Question 1: For what reasons do we rejoice according to Romans 5:1-8?

Question 2: In Romans 5:4-5, the word “hope” comes from the Greek word *elpis*, which means “overwhelming confidence.” How does God use trials in our lives to produce overwhelming confidence?

Question 3: According to this passage, how and when does God rescue us? How does He help us move from suffering to hope and compassion amidst the outpouring of His love in our lives? When and how have you seen this in your own life?

Part Four: When Life Tumbles in, What Then?

Kirk reminds us “the worst, most tragic thing that has ever happened to the most perfect and pure and innocent person turns out to be the greatest thing the world has ever seen. It brought the salvation of God to the world.”

Read James 1:2-12

Question 1: What aspects of Christ-like character do these verses describe?

Question 2: How do you think Matthew’s family might feel about this passage?

In James 1, we learn that through suffering, we can grow in Christ-like character, we can learn the power of prayer, we can develop unshakeable faith, and we can experience true riches.

Question 3: Why does suffering have this effect? What other circumstances create similar outcomes in our lives?

Wrapping Up

What insight from **UNSTOPPABLE** made you see suffering, pain, or hope in a new light? What deep pain, suffering, or situation is God asking you to trust Him with?

In 1 Peter 1:3-8, Peter says for a little while, we may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials, but those trials have come so that our faith, which God considers of greater worth than gold, may be proved genuine, and may “result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” Peter says that though we have not seen Him, we love Him, and even though we do not see Him now, we believe in Him and are “filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”

His purposes and His love are, indeed, **UNSTOPPABLE!**

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