

Heroes of Scripture and Screen: Abraham and Avengers End Game

After watching the movie, read these **questions** and the Bible passage and talk about them as a family. It's best to do this right after watching the movie but you can also do it in the next day or so. The conversation could take anywhere from 10-20 minutes but we hope that it sparks an interest in noticing and sharing God throughout your daily life.

A Moment to Remember: Which moment in the movie did you like the most? Why?

Read this passage from the Bible (Genesis 18:20-21, 23-24, 26-32 NRSV):

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

*If you have the time, take a look at this Venn Diagram and talk about whether it lines up with how you interpret the scripture and the movie (or just skip to the rest of the **questions**):*

Abraham

Likes to talk to God.

Humble.

Known as a life-bringer.

Lives an extraordinary life.

Holds the fate of many lives in his hands.

Makes mistakes.

Thanos

Likes to play God.

Ego-driven.

Known as a destroyer.

Theme in Scripture – People Worth Fighting For:

In this Bible passage, God is set to completely destroy two entire cities and all their people. Abraham stands before God and asks for mercy on behalf of the righteous people in the cities. Eventually God allows for the cities to be saved if Abraham can find just 10 good people among all the inhabitants. Can God really so easily be talked into changing plans, or was God hoping and counting on Abraham to stand up for the people? God's willingness to listen to Abraham places the fate of many people in Abraham's hands. Abraham clearly thinks that all the people are worth saving, even if that means wicked people will be saved and forgiven by God too. **Why does Abraham admit before God that he is nothing but dust and ashes?**

Theme on the Screen – People Worth Fighting For:

When *End Game* starts, Thanos has already succeeded in killing half of all the people in the world. Thanos is like an anti-Abraham. Instead of trying to save everyone, Thanos has decided that righteous and wicked people alike should die. In fact, the alternative version of Thanos even decides to destroy all life. He's trying to play God, and utterly failing. Thanos concludes that not one single righteous person is enough to spare the world, let alone a whole team of heroic avengers. His version of God—himself—has given up on people. His plan to help people by killing half of all life so that the other half has more resources is so obviously doomed to hurt people that it's hard to believe that Thanos actually believes it himself. He's not motivated by helping people. **What does Thanos misunderstand about people and his place among people such that he sees all others as nothing more than dust in the wind?**

The Scene that Says it All: Which scene in the movie best represents this theme of People Worth Fighting For. Why? *(Is it when Captain Marvel reminds the others that there are a lot of others out there in need of her help, or when Captain America commits to reversing Thanos's plan, or when Tony decides to rejoin the Avengers, or when Natasha decides to sacrifice her life, or when Valkyrie steps up to replace Thor, or another scene?)*

Bonus question: Who is your favorite Avenger? Why?

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