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## A Wrinkle In Time (2018) | *Discovering Who You Are* | BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators and parents to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.

### PRESS START

Back in the 90's, there was a program that came on Friday evenings, and later was moved to Sunday evenings. This program, called "The Wonderful World of Disney," often played old movies such as **The Computer Who Wore Tennis Shoes** (1969) and **The Parent Trap** (1961). These movies were family entertainment with the goal of being entertaining to adults and magical to children. **A Wrinkle in Time** seems to be harkening back to those days, providing an amusing movie for adults that children will love. **What is a movie you loved as a kid that fit into this category?**

### EQUIP

Throughout the movie, you repeatedly see Meg does not really and truly like herself. She has self-esteem issues because of her father's disappearance and bullying at school, and as the viewer this is quite obvious. The Mrs.'s come into the story and take the children on an adventure to save their father who we find out is imprisoned on another world. The act of interdimensional travel (going from one place to the other) is called "Tessering," and leaves everyone else feeling "glorious"...except for Meg.

Every time they change planets, Meg ends up unconscious and on her back. Why is this so hard for her while everyone else loves the experience? Mrs. Which explains it's because Meg does not like herself and would rather return home a different person, a person with less faults, issues, and less of what she perceives to be bad things. Mrs. Which asks her a question: "Do you realize how many events and choices had to occur since the birth of the universe leading up to the making of you?"

This is such a powerful statement! Let's put it through a Christian lens. God sent his son to die for you, and has an amazing and awesome plan for your life. He knew everything you were going to go through, every bad quality about you, and He still has chosen you...if you decide to accept His love and plan for your life. He has created you in His image and loves you despite all the things you have done or that have been done to you.

That is who you are, a son or daughter of the King of Heaven and Earth. Later in the movie, Meg accepts her faults as part of her even though they are not awesome and amazing, and she focuses on her strengths. As a result, she is able to defeat the hold the IT has on her brother and eventually Tesser home, without it being an experience that makes her feel sick. When we accept who we are

and let God take over our weaknesses or faults, then we can do what He has called us to do. It will leave us feeling "glorious."

## LEVEL UP

Let's look at the scriptures that back up this statement.

**Genesis 1:27 TLV version** *"God created humankind in His image, in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them."*

**Ephesians 1:11 TLV version** *"In Him we also were chosen, predestined according to His plan. He keeps working out all things according to the purpose of His will."*

## MOD

Ask: **What are some examples of things that can harm your views on yourself? (ex: negative talk about yourself, bullying, attempting to live up to unreasonable fashion standards, etc.)**

Ask: **How can we combat these thoughts? What are ways we can remind ourselves who God has created us to be? (ex: memorize scriptures, pray God will help us, etc.)**

## PRAY

Does anyone have anything we need to pray about?

Pray the next time we decide to think negatively about ourselves we would remember who we are in Christ and remember where we are weak, He is strong.

## THE NEXT LEVEL

**Philippians 4:13** *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

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