

“BRACE YOURSELF LIKE A MAN...”

MOVE THE STARS

JOB 38:31-38 NLT “Can you direct the movement of the stars—binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? ⁽³²⁾ Can you direct the constellations through the seasons or guide the Bear with her cubs across the heavens? ⁽³³⁾ Do you know the laws of the universe? Can you use them to regulate the earth? ⁽³⁴⁾ Can you shout to the clouds and make it rain? ⁽³⁵⁾ Can you make lightning appear and cause it to strike as you direct? ⁽³⁶⁾ Who gives intuition to the heart and instinct to the mind? ⁽³⁷⁾ Who is wise enough to count all the clouds? Who can tilt the water jars of heaven ⁽³⁸⁾ when the parched ground is dry and the soil has hardened into clods?”

GOD IS ALL POWERFUL

AMOS 5:8-9 NLT It is the LORD who created the stars, the Pleiades and Orion. He turns darkness into morning and day into night. He draws up water from the oceans and pours it down as rain on the land. The LORD is his name! ⁽⁹⁾ With blinding speed and power he destroys the strong, crushing all their defenses.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:41 NLT The sun has one kind of glory, while the moon and stars each have another kind. And even the stars differ from each other in their glory.

GOD USES HIS POWER

PSALMS 135:6-7 NLT The LORD does whatever pleases him throughout all heaven and earth, and on the seas and in their depths. ⁽⁷⁾ He causes the clouds to rise over the whole earth. He sends the lightning with the rain and releases the wind from his storehouses.

EXODUS 9:22-24 NLT Then the LORD said to Moses, “Lift your hand toward the sky so hail may fall on the people, the livestock, and all the plants throughout the land of Egypt.” ⁽²³⁾ So Moses lifted his staff toward the sky, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed toward the earth. The LORD sent a tremendous hailstorm against all the land of Egypt. ⁽²⁴⁾ Never in all the history of Egypt had there been a storm like that, with such devastating hail and continuous lightning.

PSALMS 8:3-6 NLT When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place— ⁽⁴⁾ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? ⁽⁵⁾ Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁽⁶⁾ You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. How have you personally experienced God’s power?
2. Share with the group how you’ve seen God use His power through you?
3. How are you being responsible with the authority God has given you?

THIS WEEK’S CHALLENGE:

1. Read and mediate on: **PSALMS 8:3-6 NLT** When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place— ⁽⁴⁾ what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them? ⁽⁵⁾ Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁽⁶⁾ You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—
2. Pray that God might display His power through you.

