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The Small Things

- The youth group
- The Book Do Hard Things by Alex & Brett Harris
- The challenge (where the rubber meets the road)

Noah

- God asks him to build an ark, but how did this happen?
- **ROLL FILM!**

What We Think

- The sad thing is that this is how people think that God works. That He magically shows up at the worst possible time to inconvenience our plans with pointless demands that we do not understand.
- We do not want Him when things are going great, but as soon as there is a little rain we are on our knees.

What was in the clip?

- My Plans
 - Jeremiah 29:10-13
 - Romans 8:28
 - Hebrews 12:5b-8 & 1 Peter 4:12-13
 - Where do I begin?
 - 1 Random act of Kindness?
 - Is this what Noah was really like?

Genesis 6

- Noah is defined by three things which in turn leads to an action.
 - Just man - Righteous, This emphasizes justification; it is inward and it shows salvation.
 - Perfect in his generations - Free from defect, This emphasizes Noah outwardly, different from the people around him.
 - Walked with God - Taking a stand for the Lord.
 - Obedience - The end result. 6:22, 7:5, 7:9, 7:16

Do You Want to be Like Noah

- There are three things in Noah's life that we need to see in our own lives.
- This is full on counter culture, it is going against the flow

Number 1

- Do You Believe?
 - Acts 16:30-31
 - All men need to be saved - Rom 3:23
 - God loves me - John 3:16
 - I have sinned - Rom 6:23
 - Jesus Christ died and came alive for me - Rom 5:8
 - I receive Him - John 1:12

Number 2

- The Small Things
 - They don't usually go away after you do them
 - They don't seem very important
 - They don't seem to make any difference
 - They don't seem very glamorous
 - No one is watching
 - What are the small things?
 - What gets in the way?

- Galatians 6:7 - Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
- We all want to do big and important things, but we tend to discount the equally important small things that get us there.
- Being faithful in the smallest things is the way to gain, maintain, and demonstrate the strength needed to accomplish something great.
- Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Colossians 3:23
- What happens when I slip up?

The Sheep



The Pig



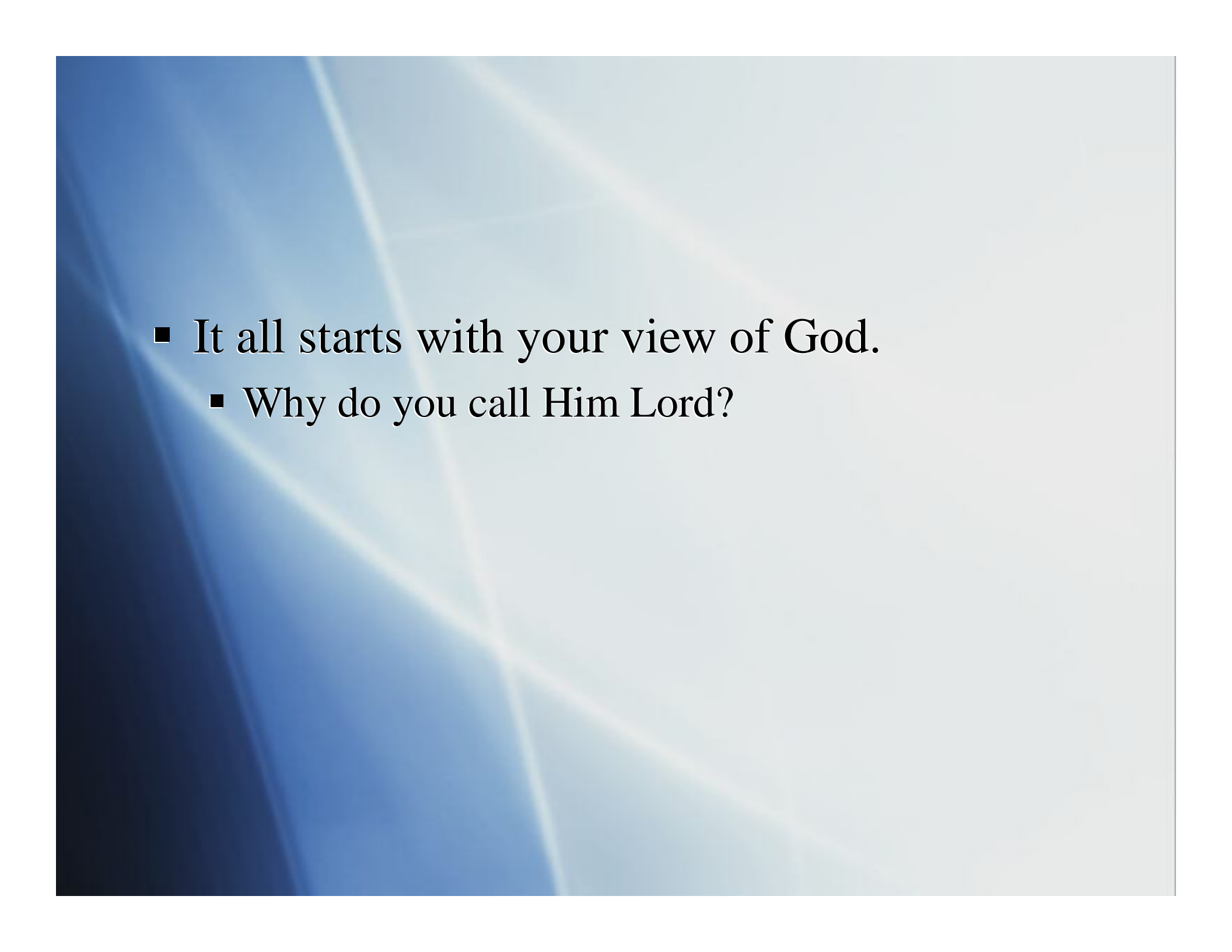
The Difference

- God's man may get into sin, but he will not stay in sin. That is what distinguishes God's man from the man of the world. A sheep may fall in the mud, but he will struggle out of it as soon as he can. A pig will stay in the mud and enjoy it.

- J. Vernon McGee

Number 3

- Take a Stand for the Lord
 - You could lose friends and popularity, you could lose opportunities, and in some countries you could even lose your life.
 - We have to care more about pleasing God than we care about pleasing man.
 - This shows up in our actions - James 1:22, 1 John 2:3-6

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- It all starts with your view of God.
 - Why do you call Him Lord?

- lord [lawrd] Show IPA
- –noun
- **1. a person who has authority, control, or power over others; a master, chief, or ruler.**
- 2. a person who exercises authority from property rights; an owner of land, houses, etc.
- 3. a person who is a leader or has great influence in a chosen profession: the great lords of banking.
- 4. a feudal superior; the proprietor of a manor.
- **5. a titled nobleman or peer; a person whose ordinary appellation contains by courtesy the title Lord or some higher title.**
- 6. Lords, the Lords Spiritual and Lords Temporal comprising the House of Lords.
- 7. (initial capital letter) (in Britain)
 - a. the title of certain high officials (used with some other title, name, or the like): Lord Mayor of London.
 - b. the formally polite title of a bishop: Lord Bishop of Durham.
 - c. the title informally substituted for marquis, earl, viscount, etc., as in the use of Lord Kitchener for Earl Kitchener.
- 8. (initial capital letter) the Supreme Being; God; Jehovah.
- 9. (initial capital letter) the Savior, Jesus Christ.
- 10. Astrology. a planet having dominating influence.

- Consider Noah
 - Doing the small things and taking a stand for the Lord might be hard now, but in the end it will be seen as the smarter easier choice.

The Bottom Line

- Are you willing:
 - To call Him Lord and mean it?
 - To do the little day to day things that He is asking you to do?
 - To take a stand for Him?

Will you be ready when it is your turn to build your ark for the Lord?