

God must
have needed
another angel
in heaven?



POPclichés
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Really?

Talk It Over

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Use the following questions to begin your conversation:

- How do your family members respond to family tragedies?
- What have you found comforting when you suffered grief and loss?
- How would you feel if you had been Martha in the gospel reading? Would you be mad at Jesus? Have you ever felt this way in your own life?
- Where have you seen Jesus present with you in suffering and grief? Did it change you? How do you explain this to others?
- Does the image of Jesus weeping bring you comfort or is it upsetting? Why?
- When someone says “God must have needed another angel,” what do you think they are trying to say? Is this a helpful message? Is there a better way to express it?
- What are some good ways to share someone’s pain?
- Can you think of anyone who has experienced a loss of a loved one? What might you do this week to show them you care?

Does God take children away from their parents because there’s a shortage of angels? Does God really cause children or our loved ones to die, or does God weep with us? What do you say to someone who has lost a loved one? What’s helpful? What’s hurtful? Jesus weeps at death, but also provides the hope of resurrection.

INSTEAD:

Don’t say a thing. Let your presence speak. If you must speak let it be an expression of love.

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**“God must have
needed another angel” Really?**

Prayer for this week: God, help us to believe that, whenever we face loss and grief, you enter into the depths of our pain and bring us hope. Show us how we can be the presence of Christ for others, not by having to say the right thing, but by simply being present. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Day 1: John 11:1-44

Day 2: John 3:1-21

Day 3: Psalm 23

Day 4: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Day 5: Isaiah 49:13-16

Day 6: John 15:9-17

Day 7: Psalm 8

God Didn’t Say That! Clichés & 1/2 Truths

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian – like something you might even find in the Bible: We’ve all heard these words. Maybe we’ve said them. They capture some element of truth – yet they also miss the point in very important ways. Join us as we look at these common clichés and discover God didn’t say that.

8/21 God said it, I believe it, that settles it

8/28 God won’t give you more than you can handle

9/4 Love the sinner hate the sin

Spencer's Mission is to Live daily in God's grace, Grow in our discipleship, Share Christ with all

Backpack Blessing Aug. 28, 9 am

Concession Stand Help at the Brad Bauer Tournament. We need people to work a four hour shift on Aug. 19, 20, or 21. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby or online. Youth may earn funds for upcoming events and 2017 summer mission trip.

New Spencer Photo Directory Photo sessions Sept 21—24. Schedule your time today. Online reservations www.stjohnsspencer.com.

"Life is _____" Bible Study begins Sept. 11, 9 am. Contact Cindy Weiler 715-252-3422 for info.

Financial Peace University begins Sept. 21, 6:30 pm. Sign up online or call the church office.

Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat—One Year to Live Sept. 16-18, brochures on bulletin board.

Living Actively & Staying In Your Home Longer – Senior Health Fair Friday, Sept 30th 9:30 a.m. – Noon at the Jr. Fair Expo Building, Marshfield fairgrounds.

Riplinger Potluck Sept. 18 following worship. Hope everyone can come!

COME help and food needs are posted on the bulletin board.

August Mission Project is school kits for Lutheran World Relief—notebooks, scissors, erasers, etc.

LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

John Ovans, Tom Cook, Karen Larson (Nancy Dietsche's sister), Doug Oelrich, Jeff Day, Gail Jicinsky, Linda Wunrow, Darlene Dommer, Jon Soderberg, Audrey Heldt, Art Halverson, Cathy & Jessica Buss,

Serving Today

9:00 am Spencer

Greeter: Dorene Matter
Tech: Nadine Willett
Sound: Paige Lawrence
Assisting Minister: Roxie Wetterau
Ushers: Jesse Klement,
Jim Christoherson
Reader: Jody Scidmore
Communion: Milt Viergutz,
Amy Weber
Acolyte: Danika Griepentrog
Basket bearer: Nathan Kieffer
Hospitality: Jesse Klement
Counters: Lori Helsten,
Larry Labrensz, Patty Behrens

11:00 am Riplinger

Reader: Don Newman
Communion: Gail Burns
Counters: Gail Burns,
Jane Meacham

Next Sunday, August 21

9:00 am Spencer

Greeter: Theresa Kenyon
Tech: Allen Jicinsky
Sound: Dennis Kopp
Assisting Minister: Gail Jicinsky
Ushers: Jan Ammons, Ed Bruger
Reader: Janell Kopp
Communion: Penni Cloud,
Inez Fosberg
Acolyte: Leah Nieman
Basket bearer: Bridget Cloud
Hospitality: Neil Schauer
Counters: Teri Schorer, Paul Christopherson, Jerry Marden

11:00 am Riplinger

Reader: Dorene Newman
Counters: Joy Miller,
Wayne Hendrickson

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship w/Baptism
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger

MONDAY

6:15 PM Yoga

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Fit Club
7:00 PM Children of the Day study

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Capital Campaign mtg

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Pastor's Day off
5:00-9:00 PM Concessions at Brad Bauer Tournament

SATURDAY

4:00-8:00 PM Concessions at Brad Bauer Tournament

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger
12:00-4:00 PM Concessions at Brad Bauer Tournament
6:00 PM Council meeting

MONDAY

6:15 PM Yoga

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