The Me I Want to Be:
becoming God's best version of you

Week Seven: ***Ask for a Mountain*** **– 1 Samuel 14:1-14**

Sometimes we act and think that we would like a problem-free life of leisure; but that would leave us bored and empty inside. Instead, God calls us to seek a challenge bigger than ourselves to allow our hearts to be burdened by some great need that calls on our greatest strengths and compels us to be fully dependent on the power of God. So we pray and "ask God for a mountain" to climb with our lives that connects with God's larger mission in the world.

1. John Ortberg says that we sometimes yearn for a problem-free life, but such an existence would actually be death by boredom. Do you believe that? How do you tend to look at the challenges in your life?

2. What are some challenges you faced this past week, and what was your typical response?

3. Think of a time when you faced a challenge that made you focus on the needs of others instead of your own. Describe that experience to the group. Do you think you flourish more when you are focusing on your own needs or the needs of others, and why?

4. Read Romans 12:6-8. Which gift or ability is each person called to use in facing the mountain God has called them to? What happens if each person doesn't choose to use their individual gift? On the other hand, what could happen if everyone did?