



### 3. Humankind needs God's great GRACE.

- None of us are UNBROKEN.
- We were made to need GOD.
- We are all the recipients of God's COMMON GRACE.
- God's SAVING GRACE in Jesus is provided for those who receive it.
- It is SAVING GRACE which enables us to FORGIVE and LOVE our enemies.

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*The 2014 movie Unbroken tells a portion of the true life story of Louis Zamperini and reminds us of 3 indispensable and stark Gospel truths . . .*

#### 1. Humankind is created with great POTENTIAL.

- Great POTENTIAL to ACHIEVE
- Great POTENTIAL to INFLUENCE
- Great POTENTIAL to ENDURE

#### 2. Humankind is capable of great EVIL.

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## Gospel Shadows in **Unbroken**

### Questions for Family & Small Group Discussion

1. If you saw *Unbroken*, did you like or dislike it? Explain why.
2. *Unbroken* has a spiritual dialogue running through it. Read Acts 17:22-31. Where is Paul speaking and to whom? What is Paul saying in verse 27? Do you feel like God is "not far" from you? If you seek God, do you think you will find Him?
3. The Bible says that you and I are created in God's image. *Unbroken* and the life of Louis Zamperini shows us that humankind has been created with great potential, which is part of being created in God's image. How is this seen in the movie? Do you think you have great potential? In what areas?
4. The Bible and *Unbroken* both tell us that we are all capable of great evil. What did you think and feel when you saw "the Bird" torturing Louis? Social experiments have shown that very normal people will do some really evil stuff if put in certain circumstances. Do you see that potential in yourself?
5. *Unbroken* doesn't really tell the whole story of Louis Zamperini. After the war, he experienced PTSD, was filled with hate, drank too much and abused his family until he trusted Jesus at a Billy Graham Crusade in 1949. Louis spoke of his need for grace and finding it in Jesus for the last 65 years of his life until he died just before the movie released in December 2014. Like Louis we all need grace (the undeserved favor of God). What evidences of grace do you see in your life? Are you in touch with your need for the saving grace of God in Jesus?
6. The most extraordinary part of Louis Zamperini's story is how he went back to Japan to forgive his torturers. Read the challenging words of Matthew 5:38-48 and discuss how this crazy stuff is only possible through the Gospel. In other words, how does the Gospel give us the power and ability to forgive and love even our enemies? Do you have an enemy you need to forgive or love?