

THE BIG IDEA: Living unscripted begins when we choose to let go of the pen.

The Take-Off

All of us on staff have felt the same thing that many of you have felt - I know because you've told us: what was going to be a quick 4 week series in The Love Buzz became something greater.

Something happened for a lot of us - something that has helped to clarify what we do and why we do it and we have felt like we're not supposed to rush away from that.

So, instead of starting a new series, we've decided to start the UNseries.

It will be a chance for us as a body to kind of hit the pause button and let God speak to us by speaking through us.

And I have absolutely no idea what will happen.

I don't really have a point this morning.

I only have a word.

Literally, one word.

Unscripted.

Living unscripted requires:

1. Trust

- a. Let's not kid ourselves. We love writing our own scripts.
- b. We love to be in control, to plan out our steps and then ask God to bless our plan.
- c. Proverbs 19:20-21 sums this up so well, doesn't it?
 - We plan, we prepare (and there's nothing wrong with that)
 - Unscripted doesn't mean unprepared
 - I didn't come unprepared this morning
 - But verse 21 is the key: God prevails
- d. Living an unscripted life requires trust that even though we aren't writing the script, there is one and God is the author of it
- e. Moses learned this when God called him, and we see the next thing living unscripted will require...

2. Discernment

- a. Basically, discernment means the ability to hear more than just words
- b. Jesus said in Matthew 11:15 (and in lots of others places, too) that he who has ears to hear, let him hear
- c. He's talking about discernment, and Moses learned about it in Exodus 4
- d. In verse 10, after being called by God to speak for the freedom of his people, Moses basically said "I don't know what to say of how to say it!"
- e. Translation: I haven't learned the script yet, so please send someone else!
- f. Look at God's response in verses 11-12: "You trust me and go and I'll give you the script."
- g. Think about it. If we're living unscripted but we know that God's going to give us the words to say, then we're going to try to be as close to God as we can be so we can hear what to do next.
- h. And when we discern, we'll need to have one more thing in order to live unscripted...

3. Courage

- a. Courage to open our mouths and speak the script that God gives us at the exact time it's needed
- b. Matthew 10:19 - Jesus told His disciples, "In your worst moments, I'll have the script ready. So don't fear."
- c. The unscripted life is at times uncomfortable, but it is the only way to see God come through.
- d. I love how Francis Chan says it: "But God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust Him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through."

The Landing

The key to the unscripted life? Today's Big Idea: Living unscripted begins when we choose to let go of the pen.

The promise to all who choose to put the pen down? Psalm 45:1 - our words become the pen and we speak from a script that is overflowing in us.