



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Mark 9:36-37,42; 10:13-16

Read and Listen to “What a Man Carries”

The above story follows [Freedom to Stand Right](#), a situation that influences Hank to what to change and come to faith in Christ.

Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch **Class Starter Discussion Questions**

1. In the story, Hank realizes he has been trying to prove himself and stand on his own strength.

How does this compare to Jesus’ teaching in Mark 10:15 about receiving the kingdom of God like a child? What does Hank have to “lay down” in order to come to God rightly?

2. Jake explains that a child comes trusting, not trying to appear strong.

What does it practically mean to trust God like a child rather than relying on yourself? How does Hank begin to understand this difference in his conversation with Jake?

3. Hank says, “I always thought I had to come to God after I got things right.”

Why is this a common misunderstanding about faith? According to both the story and the Bible lesson, why must we come to God before we are “fixed”?

4. The Bible lesson teaches that God disciplines His children in love to bring them back to Him.

How does this idea of loving discipline differ from punishment without purpose? How might this truth give hope to someone who feels they have wandered too far from God?

5. At the end of the story, Hank chooses to carry the Bible and begin again with a new way of living.

What does it mean spiritually “to carry” God’s Word in your daily life?
How can trusting God like a child change the way you approach your work, decisions, and relationships each day?