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The Nutcracker and The Four Realms (2018) | God's Provision | BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for more in-depth conversation and personal meditation.

PRESS START

In **The Nutcracker and the Four Realms**, we see several Easter eggs pointing back to both the original fairytale and the famous ballet. For example, the Nutcracker's name, Hoffmann, comes from the original author of the fairytale, E.T.A Hoffmann; Clara's name comes from Alexandre Dumas' book, which inspired the ballet; and Marie's name also comes from an E.T.A Hoffmann story.

Ask: What is your favorite Easter egg from a movie?

EQUIP

In this movie, we see Clara and her family struggling after the death of her mother, Marie. Clara is lost, not knowing what she should do or how to respond. Marie leaves a gift of an egg that is supposed to open up. It comes with a note that says everything Clara needs is inside. Clara takes that to mean everything she needs is inside the egg, but what her mother was saying is everything she needed was already inside of herself. She already had the creativity, the right words, and the knowledge of how to manage life and be a good human being.

Ask: Have you ever felt like you needed something, only to find you already possessed what was required?

LEVEL UP

In **Matthew 10:19-20**, Jesus tells the disciples how to handle situations that go south. He has already warned them of the impending problems on the horizon, and He tells them they should not be worried about what to say or how to say it because they would be given everything they needed. It would not be the disciples speaking, but the spirit of the Father through them; this is true of us today. We may be put into situations that are uncomfortable, but the Spirit will give us the words to say and speak the Father's words through us. This can also apply to actions. God will provide you with what you need to say and do His will. You only have to ask and listen for it.

Read Matthew 10:19-20

Another part of this is that we should not worry about situations we are unsure we can handle. Sometimes we spend so much time worrying about the future and the things we should say in situations that have never happened that we lose sight of what is happening right in front of us. But in **Matthew 6:34** we are told not to worry about our life, because there are enough things to think about for the day.

Read Matthew 6:25-34

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Ask: So how do we take this and apply it to our daily Life?

One of the ways we can use this in our daily life is through praying for the Lord to give us opportunities to speak, and then leave it with God. Do not worry about it. He will give you everything you need before you know you need it.

PRAY

End the discussion by asking for prayer requests. During the prayer, ask specifically that we listen to God when He is giving us the words to say or the instructions we need in any situation, and that when we do these things He receive the glory and honor.

THE NEXT LEVEL

2 Peter 1:3 "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and virtue."

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