

GOD AT THE MOVIES

God at the Movies , Part 2: LIFE OF PI

Jason Denison, Worship Pastor // June 7 & 9, 2013

The Pursuit Of God

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- ▶ "Religion is irrational."
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The pursuit of God is not about religion (apprehending personal righteousness) it's about apprehending the creator of our soul.

The context of our pursuit — the Abyss.

- On the abyss we discover how little control we have of the sea below and the beast within. This is the place of our departing or deepening.
- The way of deepening is trust.

"I give myself to You" (entrusting of self)

The Abyss within reveals to us that we don't just default to who we are. But, as we give ourselves to Him, He reveals the real you to you.

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"Whatever comes" (entrusting of outcomes)

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