



## Here Am I. Send Me. Dave Roever

**Focus** No matter what difficulties you face or difficult thing you've gone through, God can redeem anything. He can take a tragedy and turn it into a triumph. The world needs Samuels who will say, "Here am I. Send me." and bring hope to dying communities.

**Fun** Memorial Day is a significant time to honor those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Have you served or do you have a family member who has served in the military? Tell us how this holiday is especially significant to you and what traditions you keep to honor this special day.

**Review** Key Scriptures: *1 Samuel 3:3–4*

- Dave Roever served in the Vietnam War when he was a young married man. While in battle, Dave was attempting to throw a grenade when a sniper shot it, causing it to explode in Dave's hand. Dave's face was blown off and he almost died.
- Dave began an extensive recovery process and was worried how his young wife would react when she saw his disfigured face. She chose to love him and stand by him. In the same way, God loves us no matter what we've been through and never leaves us alone.
- Dave now travels the world sharing his testimony and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. The U.S. military sends him to the most difficult places to encourage soldiers not to lose hope or give up. No matter what difficulty you face or what tragedy you've been through, God can redeem anything. There is always hope for your future!

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\*** Plan a time when each person will bring their favorite food to share a meal together. Make the event fun and creative. You could do a brunch where everyone brings their favorite breakfast dishes, or you could plan to meet for a picnic at the park. Summer is a great time to come together, play together, and build relationships.

## Discuss

1. Dave Roevers's testimony is a powerful reminder that God can redeem any tragedy. Share examples where God turned a tragedy into an opportunity to bring hope to others.
2. Can you think of anything difficult you've been through in your own life that God has redeemed and turned around for good? Share your experience with the group.
3. Why is it so important to always have hope? What does hope look like?
4. What are some things that can take away our hope? What does it look like and feel like to lose hope?
5. Read Philippians 4:13 and Romans 8:28. How do these Scriptures apply to your own life? How do they apply to any difficult situations you may currently be facing?
6. Take a few minutes for everyone to bow their heads and listen to the Holy Spirit. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? Is there an area of your life where you need hope? Is there something difficult you've been through that you would like for God to redeem? Take time to pray specifically for these things.

**Take Home** As we conclude, remember the following:

- No matter what you're facing, don't give up.
- God can redeem any situation.
- God can turn tragedy into triumph.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for those who have served our country so we can have freedom. We pray you would protect and bless those who faithfully serve in

our military. Give wisdom to our leaders and help us to never take our freedom for granted. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\***

Messages like this are reminders that it is easy for people to lose hope and that the enemy tries to steal our hope in Jesus. Be sensitive to people in your group who may be struggling in this area. Ask God to show you people in your group who may need prayer or extra encouragement in this area.