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Application

STRANGER THINGS 2: WHEN DONKEYS TALK

GOD BLOCKS BAD PATHS

LEADER: Look at; Numbers 22:22-27. Nobody likes someone blocking you from going where you want. But what if you are going in the wrong direction or headed to danger.

Illustration: How many of you guys are familiar with GPS? Don't you love it when you go past your turn and then the GPS says, "rerouting rerouting rerouting." Well God's kind of like that. If you are a Christian, the Holy Spirit will tell you to reroute when you are off the path.

LEADER: Balaam wanted to do things his own way, but God cared too much to let him crash. God will sometimes use discomfort, delay, or even something ridiculous to stop you before you destroy yourself.

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GOD SPEAKS IN STRANGE WAYS

LEADER: Look at Numbers 22:28-29. God opens the Donkey's mouth to make a point. I've blocked your path but you were too stubborn to understand it so now I'm going to have to get really weird!

Illustration – How many of you have a dog? How weird would it be if your dog suddenly started talking? What would you do?

LEADER: Sometimes we are so stubborn aren't we? We just have to do what we are determined to do. For you it may be to hang with that crowd, or dress a certain way, or listen to that music, or fall into that habit. And then sometimes God has to speak through someone, usually a Pastor, parent, or friend, not a donkey, and has to stop you from going the wrong way!

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GOD OPENS EYES TO OBEDIENCE

LEADER: Look at Numbers 22:30-34. God stopped the donkey. God opened the donkey's mouth to speak. And then finally God shows Ballam the Angel of the lord blocking his path.

Illustration – Have you ever been saved from a disaster? Like you were late to work one day and then there was a crash at an intersection you would have been at? Or you were about to say something stupid but then you decided not to and it saved you big time?

LEADER: God is patient and merciful. We may ignore him once or twice and yet he still gives us another chance before disaster comes. Its this mercy that should open our eyes and turn us towards obedience.

It's hard to **follow** a God you won't **listen** to.

Stranger Things: When Donkeys Talk - Intro

Illustration – have you ever ignored a warning? Maybe your gas light came on in the car and you thought, I can make it. Or your parents said don't do that and you did it anyway and you instantly regretted it. Some warning signs are easier to ignore than others right? Some can't be ignored at all!

We are in week two of our Stranger Things series, looking at the weirdest and wildest, the most unexpected events in the Bible and here's what we're learning; God does some strange things. Not because he's random or weird, but because he's trying to get our attention! Sometimes he has to shake up our normal so he can wake up our hearts. Look again at our main passage for this series.

Isaiah 55:8–9 - “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

God doesn't always do things the way we expect but every “strange thing” in scripture reveals something true about who He is and how He works. Last week we saw a ghost on the lake where Jesus walked on the water and told Peter to get out of the boat and join him. This week we are looking at an even stranger thing.. a talking donkey! Yep, the Bible actually has a story about a talking donkey in it. And as weird as it sounds, it's one of the clearest examples of God trying to get someone's attention. Look at this passage...

Numbers 22:28-30 - “Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and it, said to Balaam, “what have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?” Balaam answered the donkey, “you have made a fool of me! If I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now.” The donkey said to Balaam, “am I no your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?”

We laugh because its ridiculous to think of a donkey talking like that, but what's really wild is that God used one to stop a man from destroying himself. Sometimes God speaks through very strange voices and sometimes those voices are the voice of a donkey. It kind of reminds me of this...

[Video Illustration: Shrek – Maybe Donkeys Shouldn't Talk](#)