

# Media



## ✔ Prepare in Advance

- Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.
- Retrieve, review, and have ready the videos listed below (links are provided on this session's webpage).

## ✔ Struggles

Show the Bible Background Video *followed by the "Fantastic Four" and/or "McIntock!"* video clips, then use any or all of these questions to promote discussion:

- In what ways do these video clips match up with the scriptural narrative?
- What other "epic battle scenes," involving larger than life characters do you remember from our cultural narrative and why?
- How do you think things are different when the "epic struggle" is between two people who are not adversaries?
- In what ways does your congregation encourage people to struggle together in order to grow?
- In what ways do you think your congregation encourages people to contend with God in order to grow?
- What are some areas in which your congregation might want to contend with God more than it does, and how might you go about it??

## ✔ Struggling with God

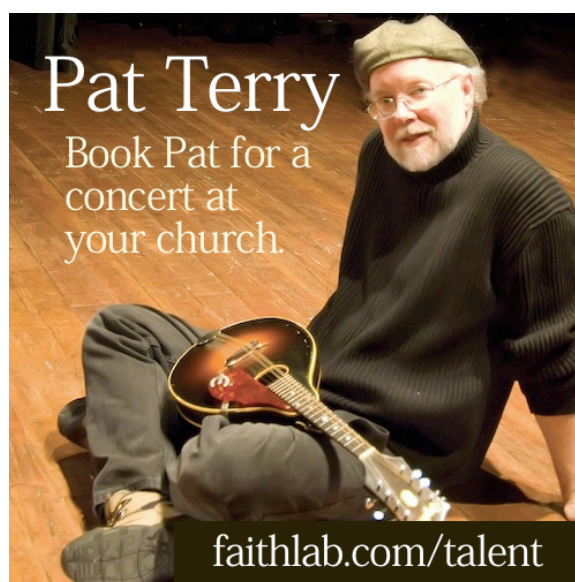
Play the "Diggtown" and/or "School of Rock" video clips, stopping briefly after each for any comments, then ask questions like:

- What do you think that these video clips have to say about the idea of contending with authority?
- Share with us about a time that you defied authority and learned from it. What happened and what did you learn?
- At what points in your life do you feel that you have contended with God and how have they helped you grow?
- What is it like for you, or what do you think it is like, when you and God are struggling together?
- What advice can you give for someone else who is contending with God?

## ✔ Close

Invite persons in your group to share about someone anonymous who they think is contending with God, then close with a prayer that they might find a way to help people grow closer to God through their struggles.

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