



# The Stormy Monk

**FAMOUS MOMENTS IN HISTORY**

**JULY 1505:** LUTHER PREPARES TO RETURN TO HIS LAW STUDIES FOLLOWING SUMMER VACATION...



**SHARE**

**your highs and lows**

Break into pairs.  
Listen carefully and record your partner's thoughts in the space provided. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows.

**MY HIGH THIS WEEK**

**MY LOW THIS WEEK**

**MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK**

**MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK**



**READ**

**and highlight the theme verse in your Bible**

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:78-79



**TALK**

**about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows**

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

## IMAGES IN WORDS AND ART

1. What do you see in the cover art? In the cartoons?
2. Where are you in these works of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might they relate to your highs and lows?

## CATECHISM ENCOUNTER

Open up your Small Catechism and dig deeper. Flip through Luther's Small Catechism, looking for words that describe God. Write five of them here:

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Have you ever tried to make a deal with God? What happened?
2. How do you picture God? As a friend? A parent? A judge? An unknowable far-off being? A cosmic force? A Santa Claus who is watching to see if you are bad or good?
3. On what do you base your picture of God?

## QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Use the FINKlink code (lower right) to access interactive games, Bible songs, and additional devotions on this theme.

*The grave of one who dies for the truth is holy ground.*

**German Proverb**

*Restlessness and discontent are the first necessities of progress.*

**Thomas Edison**

*Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputations... can never effect a reform.*

**Susan B. Anthony**

*Anyone who afflicts the human race with ideas must be prepared to see them misunderstood.*

**H. L. Menchen**

*It's the end of the world as we know it, and I feel fine.*

**REM**



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LC01 [www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com)

Write a definition...

**BLACK PLAGUE**

**EISLEBEN, GERMANY**

**LUTHER, MARTIN  
(1483-1546)**

**MONASTERY**

**POPE**



**PRAY**  
for one another's  
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

**Prayers for Highs**

**Prayers for Lows**



**BLESS**  
one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER  
1 THING**

One young man's struggle to find peace with God led him to the Scriptures where he came to see righteousness—a right relationship with God—as a gift to those who have faith in Christ Jesus.

