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**Discussion Questions Due 05/08/19**

**Thorsen Chapter 15**

1. Page 172: Thorsen recounts the story of Jesus and the disciples on the boat. Jesus invites Peter to walk on the water, but because of the storm, he is unable to, and starts to sink. In this instance, was Peter wrong for adhering to his humanity and committing a sin, or is it really a sin for someone to fall to their basic human instincts? Where is the line drawn?
2. Page 173: A hot debate that my family has always had is about the various interpretations of the Bible. If one person, based on their personal factors, comes to a slightly different but honest interpretation of the Bible and follows it well, is that wrong? Is there a one true way to follow the Bible that doesn’t lead us astray?
3. Does the Bible describe the traits of Mary that allowed her to be chosen to bear Jesus? Surely, she had sinned before and was not immaculate, but what made her stand out in the eyes of God. Was she predestined to bear Him or was she chosen just prior to the conception?
4. Page 178: I think it’s important for us as a church to remember to keep in mind that Jesus did his best to stay out of the limelight, like Thorsen said. Jesus came here out of humility to teach the world. His plan was not to build a megachurch and teach weekly to thousands of people as a routine and a job. While most Christian officials tend to think along these lines, I think it’s still important to keep in mind to keep the officials in check.