

Running the *Rapids*





I

Moving water with small waves that tug at the boat - it's a relaxing way to spend the day. Most rivers have some stretches of calm class I water, creating a pleasant break between rapids.

II

Easy rapids, waves up to three feet tall that are readily seen, and wide channels that can be discovered without scouting. Some maneuvering is required during this little rock and roll.

III

Waves up to four feet and narrow passages that send the boat shimmying and water gushing over it's sides. Plenty of excitement.

IV

Long, difficult rapids, narrow passages, turbulent water that requires precise maneuvering and sends hearts racing.

V

All of class IV and then some. You'll see large waves, complex, gushing rapids, twisting, and spinning. Delivers the consummate adrenaline rush.

VI

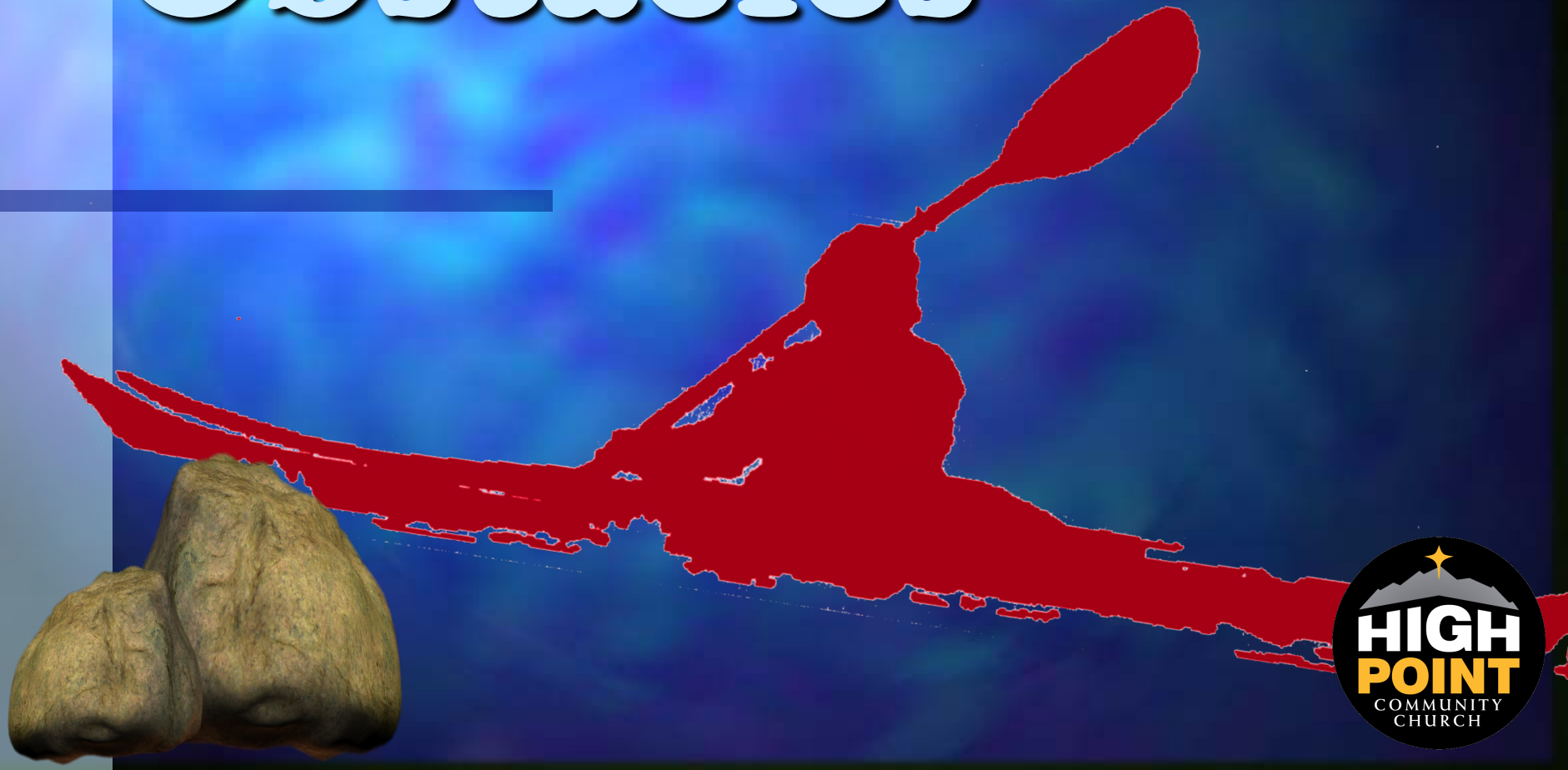
The extreme "un-runnable" rivers or waterfalls. Only the most expert should attempt this - usually seen in extreme kayak videos, etc. Outfitter raft trips don't go here - there's too much other water to enjoy without risking it all!

⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, **you have been grieved by various trials,** ⁷ so that the **tested** genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though **it is tested by fire**—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:6-7, ESV



The Lesson of Obstacles



The Greatest Obstacle

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God,



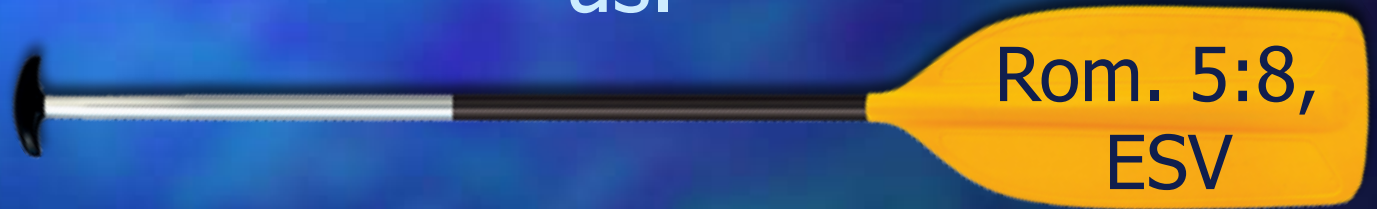
The Lesson of Guided vs. Unguided?





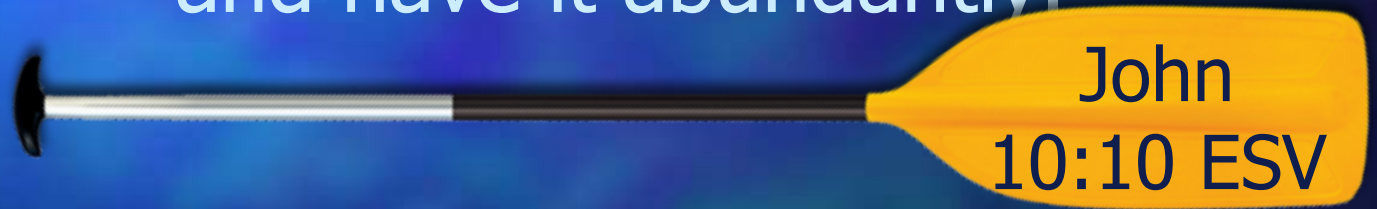
The Greatest Rescue

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



The Very Best Guide!

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.



**What fears, obstacles,
“trials,” are you facing
this summer?**

**Financial? Health?
Loneliness? Fear of the
Future? Faith?
Relational (Marriage,
Children, Estrangement
Issues)? Other?**

