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HEART OF A SOUL SURFER
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Theme:

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY



Discussion Questions:

Do you think God *planned* for Bethany to lose her arm? If yes, do you think that God has a hand in all the “bad” things that happen to people? If no, explain what you think God’s role was in the shark attack – or in any other kind of bad thing that happens?

Would you see a difference if Bethany had been warned of a shark prowling in the area or if some teenager became disabled because he or she was out doing something he or she shouldn’t have been doing? In other words, if you suffer because of your own stupidity or bad actions, is that part of God’s plan for you?

Since her childhood Bethany has planned on being a pro surfer. Although she still competes in and sometimes wins contests, having one arm will make it harder for her to stay on top. Do you think that her response to her trauma plus the resulting notoriety has made her a more effective mouthpiece for God in the world of surfing and beyond than she would be if she were the top world surfer?

From **Jeremiah 29:11**, do you think God has a plan for your life? If so, do you have any clue to what that is?

How does this Scripture help a person find hope despite the negative things that could take place in his or her life?