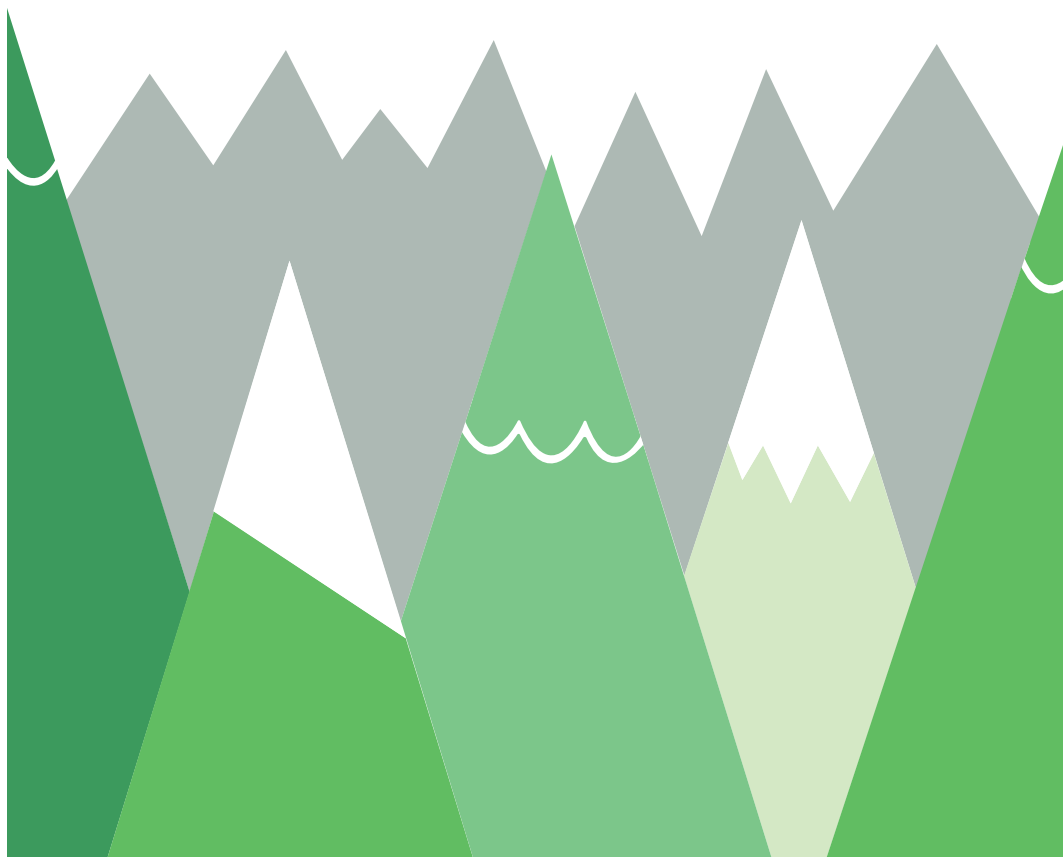


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Bible Navigation:

Have you ever been confused by how to navigate the bible?
Well, you are not alone! We were all once in a place of not knowing how to get from one place of the bible to the next. We are hopeful that this step-by-step guide will help you learn how to find your way around your bible.

First let's look at a verse and break down what it is telling us.

John 3:16

Let's use some color to help us remember all the different parts.

John 3:16

John- is the book we are looking for

3- is the chapter we will find in the book of **John**

: -This semicolon is used to separate the chapter from the verse so we can clearly see where the chapter number ends and the verse number begins

16- is the verse that we will find in chapter **3** of the book of **John**

Now let's use the information we get from this verse to find it in our bible!

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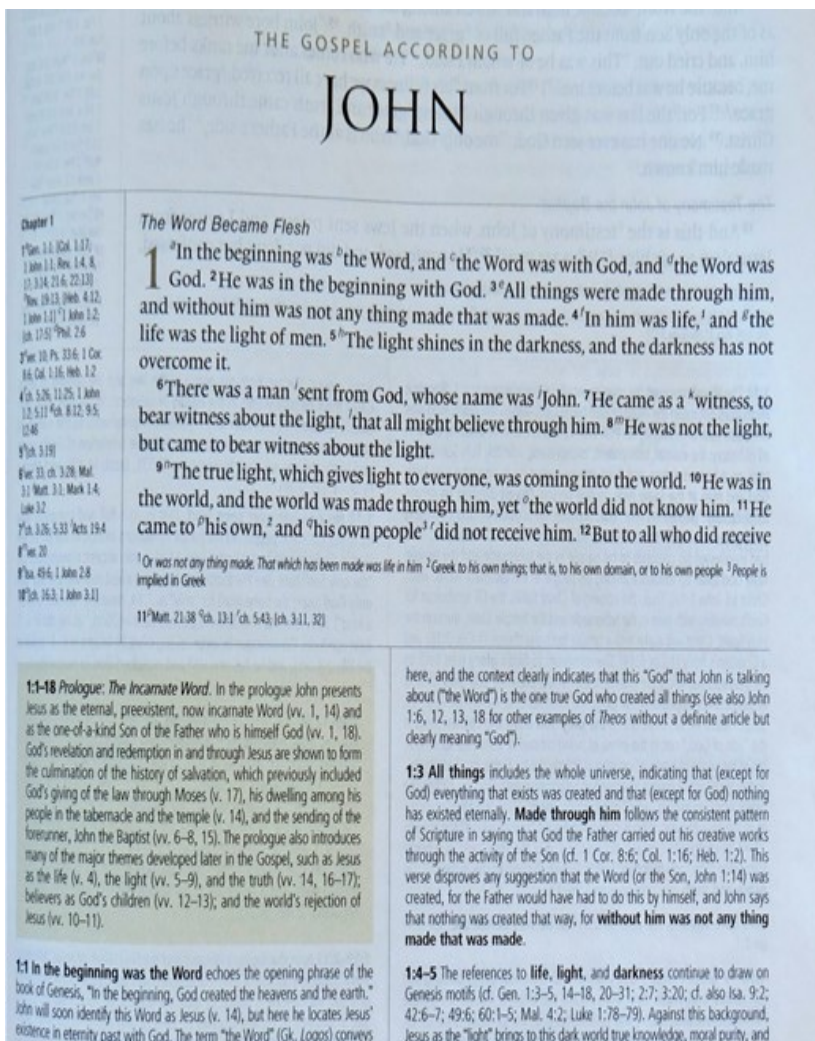
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Step 2: What book are we looking for? **John**. All those names like Exodus, Numbers, John, Corinthians, etc. Are considered books of the bible. Before the bible was created these books were on their own, separate from each other. For our convenience, the bible was created by putting all those individual books together into one. What page number does the book of **John** start on?

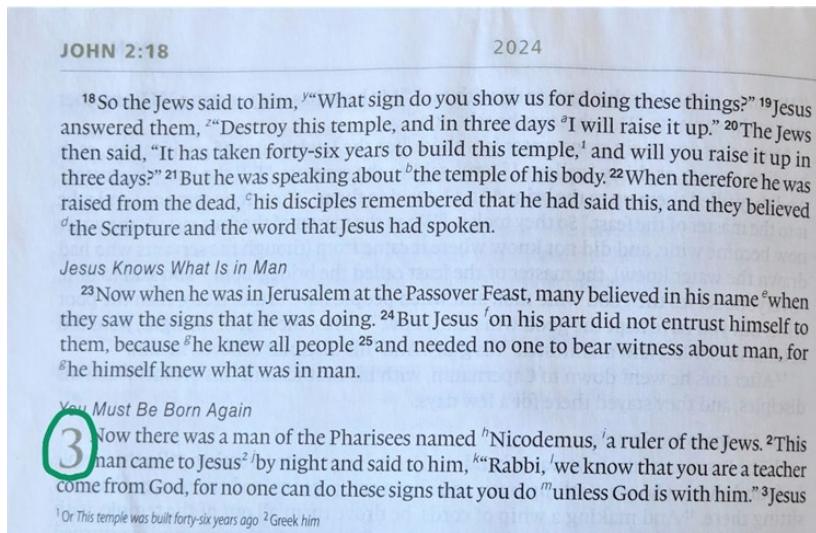
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Step 3: Now that we know the page our book starts on, let's go there!



Step 4: Now that we are at the beginning of the book of **John**, let's search for chapter **3**. The chapters are marked by the large, bold numbers that go in order throughout the book. They look like this; we have circled the chapter number in green below:



Step 6: Once we have found chapter **3** of the book of **John**, it is time to find verse **16**. The verse can be found by looking at the little numbers that go in order throughout the text. Every time a chapter ends, the verses are numbered starting back at number 1. We have circled the number of the verse we are looking for in red on the next page:

answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is ^aborn ^aagain¹ he cannot ^csee the kingdom of God."⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born ^aof water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.⁶ ⁷That which is born of the flesh is ^aflesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."² ⁷"Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You³ must be born ^aagain.'⁸ ⁸"The wind⁴ blows ^awhere it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel ^aand yet you do not understand these things?"¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, ^awe speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but ^ayou⁵ do not receive our testimony.¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?¹³ ¹³"No one has ^aascended into heaven except ^ahe who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.⁶ ¹⁴And ^aas Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man ^abe lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes ^ain him ^amay have eternal life.⁷

For God So Loved the World

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¹ Or from above; the Greek is purposely ambiguous and can mean both again and from above; also verse 7 ² The same Greek word means both wind and spirit ³ The Greek for you is plural here ⁴ The same Greek word means both wind and spirit ⁵ The Greek for you is plural here; also four times in verse 12 ⁶ Some manuscripts add who is in heaven ⁷ Some interpreters hold that the quotation ends at verse 15 ⁸ Or For this is how God loved the world

Step 7: We did it! We found the **16th** verse of the **3rd** chapter of the book of **John**. Otherwise known as **John 3:16**.

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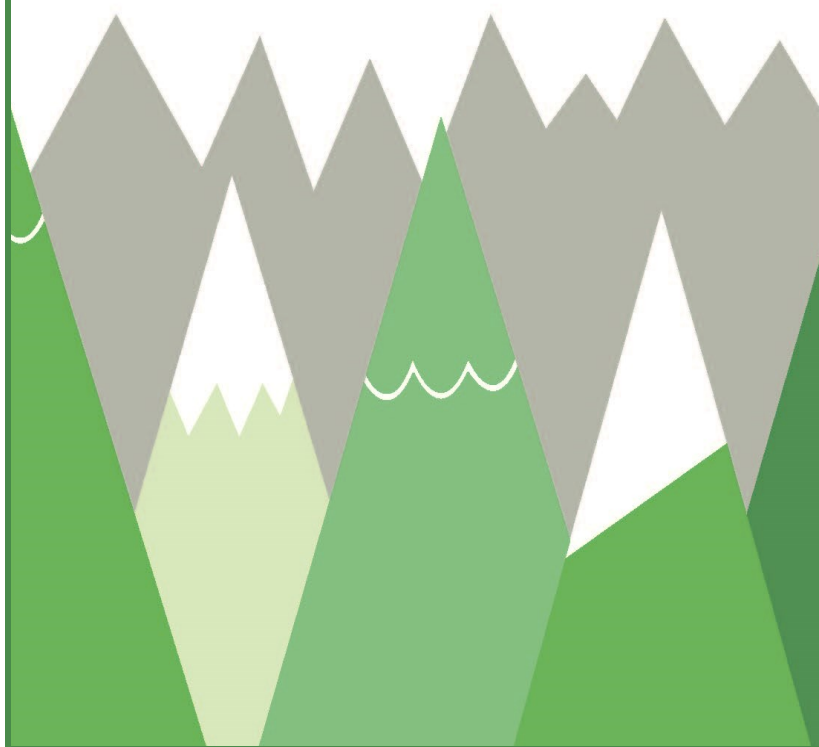
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Forward

ONWARD! This is our war cry as we head back out into the world and everyday life! This devotional is meant to be a tool to help you get to know Jesus better and grow in your relationship with Him each and every day. A relationship with God does not stop at the end of Indian Youth Camp (IYC). A relationship with God doesn't stop at the end of church on Sunday. It's something we choose to pursue every single day! God's love for you is so great and He wants you to know Him more, He wants you to love Him more. He want's to be in a relationship with you and to do that we have to spend time in His word (the Bible), in prayer, in worship, and in fellowship with other believers. My friends, use this devotional as a tool to help you walk with Jesus daily. We love you, and more importantly, Jesus loves you. ONWARD!

June

Bible Basics



June 1 - Matthew 6:33

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Question:

Receiving all these things sounds so easy and often we focus on what we can get from God. Focus instead on the first part of the verse, seek first HIS kingdom and HIS righteousness. Not YOUR kingdom or YOUR righteousness. What does His kingdom and righteousness look like to you?



June 2 - Hebrews 11:1

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

Question:

This verse is used a lot to encourage us to continue to believe for things we cannot see. The part that gets missed at times is that the confidence we have in our faith should go beyond just believing and inspire us to take actions that display our faith, especially when we can't see the outcome yet. What is something you are sure of but can't see yet? How can you live in a way that displays that you are confident in your faith?

June 3 - 2 Corinthians 5:20

“So, we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God.”

Question:

If you have received Christ, you have been called to communicate the good news of Jesus and what He’s done on the cross no matter where you are. Your voice is important to the Lord. How are you using your voice?



June 4 - 2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Question:

To be in Christ is to be in relationship with Him. This means that we’ve accepted Him into our hearts and currently engage with Him every day. Through this process we become a new creation, which means we’ve died to our old self and are now His children. As a child of God, we have the opportunity to receive forgiveness for our sins and pursue His character in us. Who are you in Christ?

June 5 - Psalm 119:11

“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Question:

There is a difference between having God’s word stored as head knowledge and having His word stored in your heart. You might logically understand biblical principles but it’s heart knowledge that enables genuine freedom from sin. How can you transition God’s written word from your head to you heart?



June 6 - Romans 8:1-2

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Question:

Every day you have a choice to walk with the Spirit, in the way of life, or according to the law of sin and death. The law of sin and death calls you guilty, but Jesus has declared that you are pure and right before God. How will you choose to walk today and what does that look like to you?

June 7 - Revelation 3:20

“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”

Question:

Jesus sends an invitation. When you open up and let Him into your heart, He will come in. What do you think it means to open up your heart and let Him in?



June 8 - John 1:1

“In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.”

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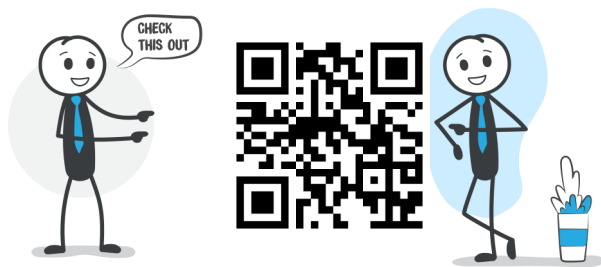
The Bible is the written word of God. It is a compilation of books written by many different authors over approximately 1,500 years. All of it being divinely inspired by His spirit. As His children we MUST know His word for ourselves, is there anything holding you back from taking God's written word seriously?

June 9 - Joshua 1:9

“This is my command- be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord you God is with you wherever you go.”

Question:

Just as God gave this promise to Joshua, it can also be for you. Is there anything that you have going on in your life that makes you feel afraid or discouraged?



June 10 - Romans 1:16

“I refuse to be ashamed of sharing the wonderful message of God’s liberating power unleashed in us through Christ! For I am thrilled to preach that everyone who believes is saved – the Jew first, and then people everywhere.”

Question:

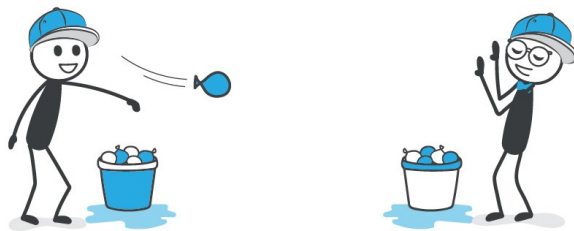
Have you ever been ashamed of living for Christ? I think we’ve all been there, what makes you feel ashamed? What do you need from God to overcome this shame?

June 11 - 1 Peter 5:7

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.”

Question:

Is there anything that you are worried or anxious about that you can give to God today?



June 12 - Matthew 4:4

“But he answered, “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

Question:

God’s word gives us life! When we read His word, we create intimacy with Him because through His word we learn about who He is. In turn, we also learn about who we are. Our purpose and identity are revealed through His word. What is the biggest thing you’ve learned about God and yourself through reading the bible?

June 13 - Psalm 139:13-14

“For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.”

Question:

Have you ever felt like no one understands you? What do you think these verses say about that?



June 14 - Matthew 7: 1-3

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?”

Question:

Why do you think God emphasizes that we are not to judge others?

June 15 - John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

Question:

The thief, who is Satan, throws things in front of us that look tempting and fun, but the truth is that all it leads to is destruction. Jesus brings life abundantly! What can you do to focus more on the fruit of following Jesus and less on the fruit of following the world?



June 16 - Romans 8:31

“What shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us who can be against us?”

Question:

In this world we will face obstacles and problems. We will not always have people who approve of who we believe in, but have no fear. Remember that no matter what problem you are dealing with, God is on your side and He is bigger than anything that you may face. Are you facing anything that is trying to bring you down? If so, take a moment and pray that God's will would be done in the situation and trust Him.

June 17 - Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,”

Question:

Think about it, the God that we know, love, and serve created everything that is around us. The earth, the sky, the flowers, the trees, animals and humans, etc. are all His handiwork. Now that is an amazing God! What is something that God has created that you really admire? Give Him praise for it!



June 18 - Romans 12:2

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is- His good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Question:

This verse calls us not to live according to the ways of the world, but to let the word of God and His ways transform our mind. Our lives should be lived in the way that most pleases God. How can you do that today?

June 19 - Isaiah 40:31

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.”

Question:

The Bible says that when we trust in the Lord and turn to Him, He will renew us, He will strengthen us. When was the last time you ever felt weary or weak? What did you do? Did you ask God to help you?



June 20 - Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Question:

Has there ever been a time in your life where you felt discouraged, alone, or fearful? Just as God encouraged the Israelites, He also wants to be there for you. Remember that He is your God and will help you. What can you ask God for help in today?

June 21 - 2 Corinthians 12:9

“But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.”

Question:

The more we use God's strength instead of our own the more we bring Him glory which then, enables us to get closer to Him. What is something you need God's strength for? How can this bring you closer to Him?



June 22 - Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

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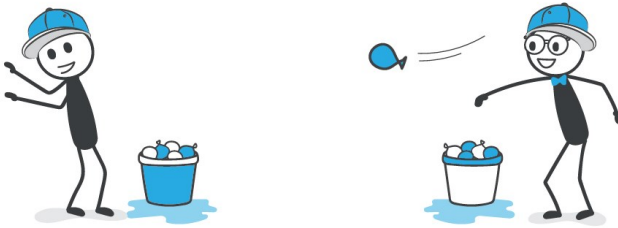
Another term for the Bible is the word of God. The Bible of course is not literally a sword, nor can it literally divide bone and marrow but this is a metaphor for how it can spiritually cut deep into our lives and changes us. Have you felt a change in you since you started reading the Bible? If so, what kind of change is it?

June 23 - Philippians 4:6

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Question:

What are three things you are asking the Lord for help with? In what ways can you be thankful for those things?



June 24 - Isaiah 53:5

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.”

Question:

Because Jesus died on the cross, we can now be forgiven for all the wrong things we do, and we can have a relationship with Him. Have you asked for and accepted the Lord's forgiveness for the wrong things you have done?

June 25 - Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

Question:

Think of something for every descriptive word above. How can these things bring you closer to the Lord?



June 26 - Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight”

Question:

On many occasions, the path of our life does not seem straight, especially when we're in a relationship with God. This is why trusting in the Lord is so important. Believing that His understanding is superior to ours and trusting God with each step as He reveals them through our obedience. Has there ever been a time in your life where things seemed chaotic and uncertain? If so, did you completely trust God through it? How can you trust the Lord more in your current circumstances?

June 27 - Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Question:

Do you believe the plans God has for you are good? Do you pursue understanding the plans He has for you?



June 28 - 1 Corinthians 9:13-14

“Don’t you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.”

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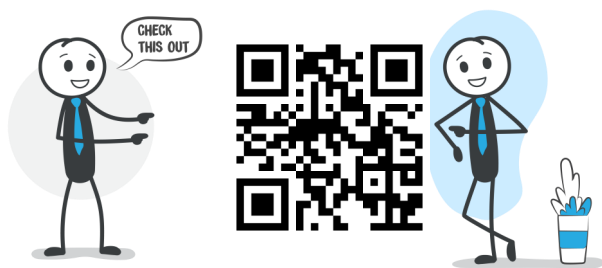
This sounds like a sweet gig. You get to go and preach and everything is provided for you. Though, remember that teachers are held to a higher accountability for what they teach and not everyone wants to hear what God has to say. Is there a time that you felt you should share the gospel but didn’t because of fear? How can we put aside our fear and do the things the Lord has called us too?

June 29 - Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Question:

While this verse sounds like our magic fix all, it is not. What we are missing is that it takes self-sacrifice to allow God to strengthen us to accomplish His will, not our own. What is something God is calling you to do that you don't feel strong enough to accomplish?



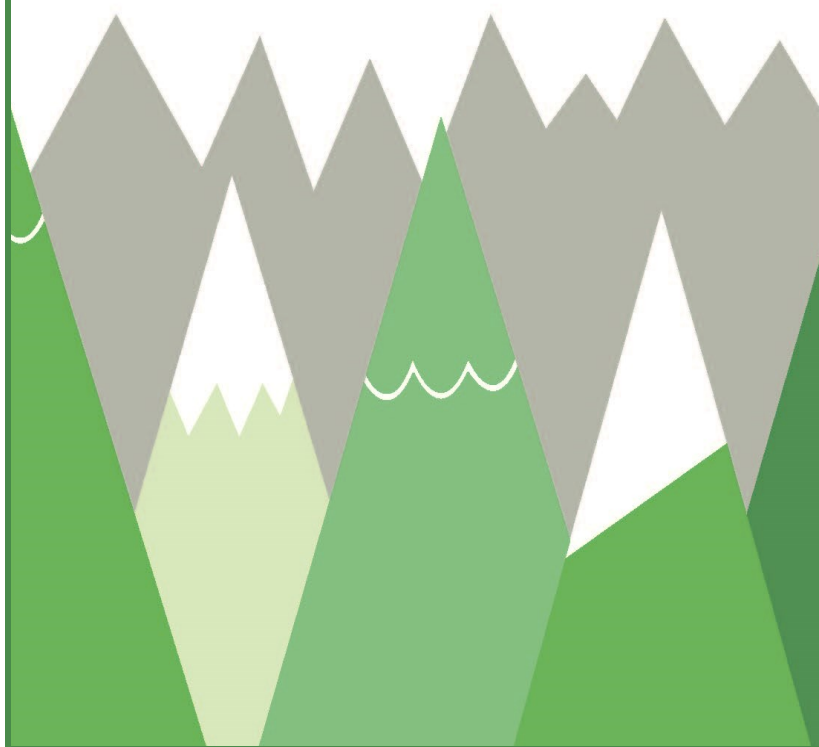
June 30 - Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Question:

Often, we do not think about how the sin that we commit, has consequences. Most of us probably didn't do anything to break the law or to try to hurt someone on purpose but that doesn't mean that our actions don't have consequences. The Bible says that even though in the end we don't deserve it, God decides to give us life and excuses all of the wrong that we have done in our lives when we accept Jesus into our heart. This gift is free but you have to choose to accept it. Have you asked Jesus for this gift?

July Jesus

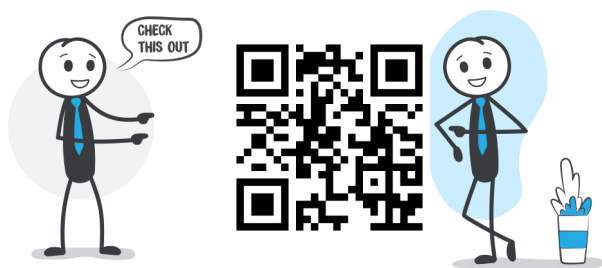


July 1 - John 16:33

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Question:

Jesus is our way to peace in this crazy world. What troubles do you need to share with Jesus to give you peace?



July 2 - John 8:10-11

“Jesus stood up again and asked her, “Woman, all of those people have gone. Has no one judged you guilty?” She answered, “No one has judged me, sir.” Then Jesus said, “So I also don’t judge you. You may go now, but don’t sin again.””

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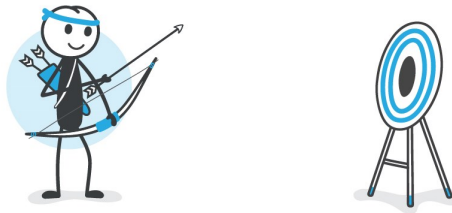
Are there things in your life that you think are too bad for God to forgive? Did you know that Jesus didn’t simply forgive you? He actually took your sin on Himself and took the punishment for those sins. This means that those sins no longer get to weigh you down, after you give them to Jesus. What is weighing you down that you need to give to Jesus?

July 3 - Romans 10:9-10

“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

Question:

When you look in your heart what do you see? Do you see a belief in Jesus? Or do you see rebellion?



July 4 - Revelations 3:20

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”

Question:

How has Jesus been trying to get your attention lately?

July 5 - John 14:23

“Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

Question:

Just like our parents and teachers ask us to obey them; God desires our obedience. When we obey God, He feels loved by us. What is something God has asked you to do, but you are struggling to be obedient in?



July 6 - Ephesians 5:1-2

“Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

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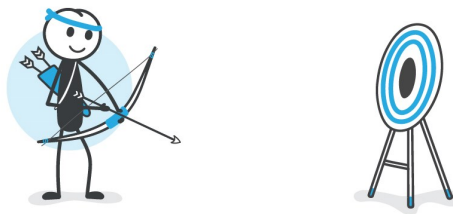
We may never make an offering as significant as Jesus, but we should always strive to love with the same passion Jesus had. What can you do to show love to someone today?

July 7 - Mark 10:43-45

“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Question:

Jesus is the ultimate example of being a servant. How can you be like Jesus in serving others today?



July 8 - John 8:12

“Again, Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’”

Question:

Jesus has given us the light of life, which means the same light that was in Him is in you after you accept Him into your heart. How can you show the light of Jesus to the world around you today?

July 9 - 1 Peter 3:15

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; do it with gentleness and respect.”

Question:

Remember that Jesus is not only a friend but also our Holy Lord who deserves respect. How might you be able to gently and respectfully defend why you believe in Jesus?



July 10 - Hebrews 1:3

“The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command. When He had cleansed us from our sins, He sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.”

Question:

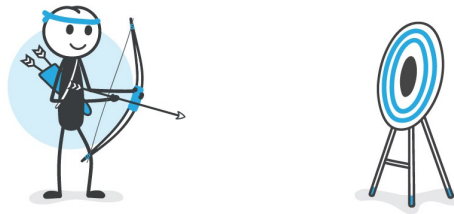
According to this verse when you see Jesus, you see the Father, because they are one. He could give a command make you obey it, yes He is that powerful! Instead He laid down His life for us and allows us to choose if we want Him or not. Knowing this, are you able to trust Him to cleanse you of your sins?

July 11 - 2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Question:

Jesus helps us to become a new person when we turn to Him. What is something new Jesus is doing in your life?



July 12 - Matthew 19:13-14

“Then the people brought their children to Jesus so that He could put His hands on them and pray for them. When His followers saw this, they told the people to stop bringing their children to Jesus. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me. Don’t stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people who are like these children.””

Question:

Jesus valued the children that were brought to Him. Did you know the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of you? Have you ever felt disqualified to do something because you were too young? Jesus won’t leave you out because of your youth! Do you believe that Jesus can do something amazing through you regardless of your age?

July 13 - John 13:5

“After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.”

Question:

Jesus washed His disciples’ feet, showing how He would make us clean by dying on the cross. He took off His royal clothes to make us royal. How much did it cost for God Himself to become a humble man in order to make us clean and bring us back into His family?



July 14 - John 15:9-10

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

Question:

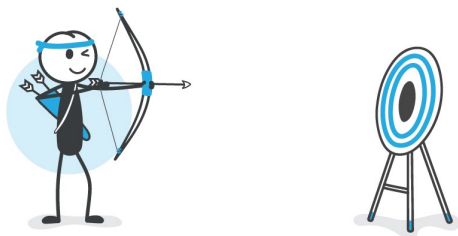
Jesus was perfect. He never sinned. He was always abiding in God and the Father’s love. Jesus said that He loves us. How does knowing that Jesus loves you help you keep His commandments?

July 15 - John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Question:

The “word” is the bible. Jesus’s life was the perfect fulfillment of all the prophecies from the Old Testament. Thus, when He was born, the words of those prophets became flesh! What do you think it would have been like to see Jesus face to face?



July 16 - John 7:18

“He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but he who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.”

Question:

Jesus came to share God’s glory with us. Jesus allowed Himself to be used to share God’s glory not through his own strength, but through God’s strength. In what areas of your life are you seeking glory for yourself? In what areas are you seeking God to be glorified?

July 17 - Mark 10:27

“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Question:

Looking at your life right now, what seems impossible to accomplish? Do you believe God can do the impossible?



July 18 - Matthew 4:10-11

“Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’ Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him.”

Question:

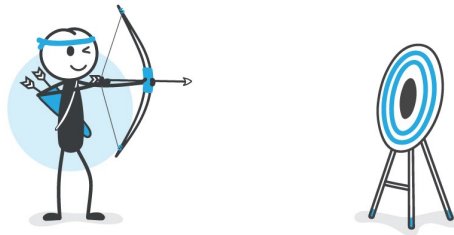
After 40 days of fasting the devil wanted Jesus to sin and so he tempted Him, but Jesus did not sin, but told the devil to leave. The devil had to flee when Jesus told him to leave. Then, Jesus had angels come and take care of Him. How powerful do you think Jesus is? Do you think He used His human strength or God’s strength to resist the devil? How can we resist the attacks of the devil?

July 19 - 1 Timothy 2:5

“For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”

Question:

Jesus was our ultimate mediator. He took our sin upon Himself and gave up His life so that we could be reconciled with God. What does Jesus’ death on the cross mean to you?



July 20 - 1 Timothy 6:11-12

“Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

Question:

Pursuing something means to go after it with passion. It won’t always be cool to pursue things like righteousness, godliness, faith, love, etc. But, the Bible asks us to do this because it leads us closer to God, creates healthy relationships and helps the world look more like heaven. Which of these have you had a hard time pursuing? Which one will you pursue more this week?

July 21 - Hebrews 13:8

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Question:

Jesus never changes. This can be a hard concept since everything in our life changes so often. It can be a great comfort that Jesus is always the same. What part of Jesus are you glad never changes?



July 22 - 2 Timothy 4:7-8

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

Question:

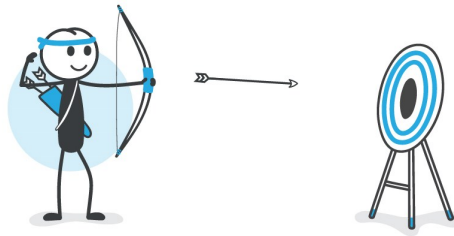
Not everything good that we do will be rewarded on earth. There are times when you do something good and you don't get rewarded on earth but there is a reward in heaven. What good things are you going to do and not seek credit for?

July 23 - John 14:6

“Jesus answered “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me.”

Question:

There is absolutely no other way to the father except through His son Jesus. This is accomplished through being in relationship with Jesus consistently. What is one thing you can do today to improve your relationship with Jesus?



July 24 - Mark 3:33-35

“And He answered them, “who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking about at those who sat around Him, he said “here are my mother and my brothers.” For whoever does the will of God, He is my brother and sister and mother.”

Question:

Jesus was all about family and relationships. He wants us to be a part of His family by doing the will of God, the father. What do you think God's will is for your life?

July 25 - Galatians 3:28

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Question:

Jesus doesn't put people into groups like we do. He sees people that He loves, God's children that were made in His likeness. What groups do you put people in? How can you break those barriers in your mind?



July 26 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures”

Question:

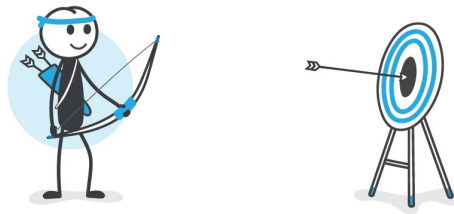
Jesus dying and being raised from the dead is the fulfilment of scripture that was written hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Jesus knew He was fulfilling what the Bible said would happen. Do you believe that He was raised from the dead?

July 27 - 1 John 3:5

“You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.”

Question:

Jesus made a way for our sins to be forgiven. Once we give them to Him, we can trust that we are forgiven. What is something you want to give to Jesus so that you may be forgiven?



July 28 - Hebrews 12:2

“Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Question:

Jesus decided to die even though He knew it was going to be brutal. Now He is sitting next to God the Father waiting until it's time to come back to earth. What is something hard that you have to do that you know will have a good reward in the end?

July 29 - 1 John 4:15

“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.”

Question:

God living in us and us in God means that we have a deeply connected relationship with Him. Have you asked God to have a deep relationship with you? What steps can you take to grow your relationship with God?



July 30 - 2 Corinthians 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

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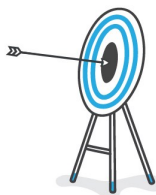
Jesus never sinned on this earth even though He was in the form of man, He withstood the temptations this world threw at Him. That is why Jesus was able to take on the sins of everyone in the world and become a sacrifice to restore everyone back to God. What are some sins you have committed lately? Did you know that Jesus has paid for those sins also if you repent?

July 31 - Ephesians 5:2

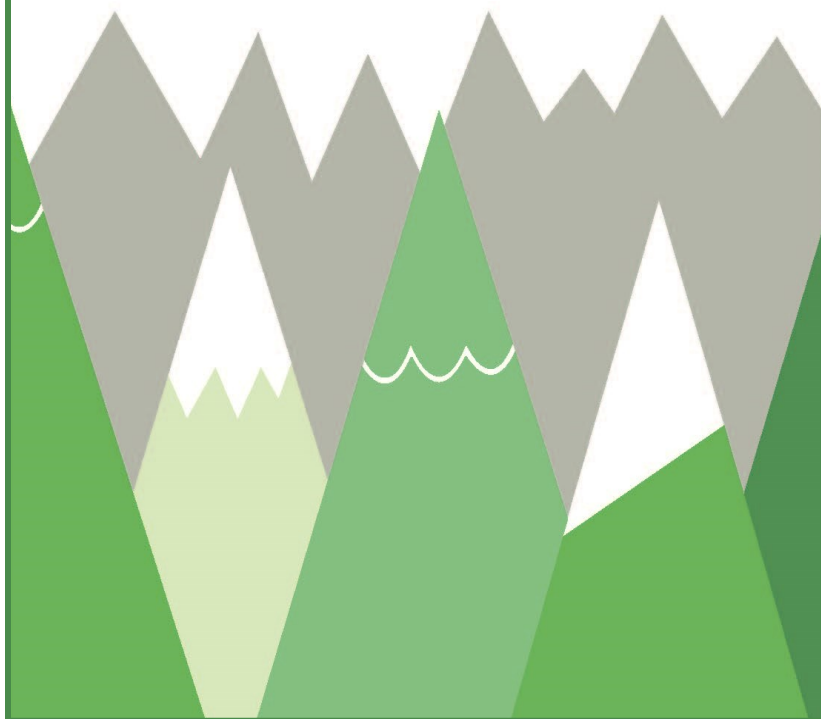
“And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Question:

Walking in the way of love can mean sacrificing things in our lives for the good of others. What have you sacrificed for someone else? How did it feel when you made that sacrifice?



August Prayer

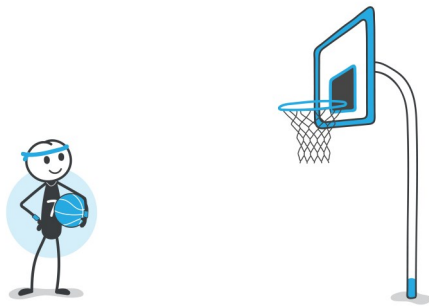


August 1 - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Question:

What things can you thank God for today in your prayers? What does praying without ceasing look like to you?



August 2 – Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts.”

Question:

What are you worried or anxious about right now? Write it down and give it to God.

August 3 - Matthew 26:41

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Question:

What temptations of sin do you need God’s help to fight against today?



August 4 - Ephesians 6:18

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Question:

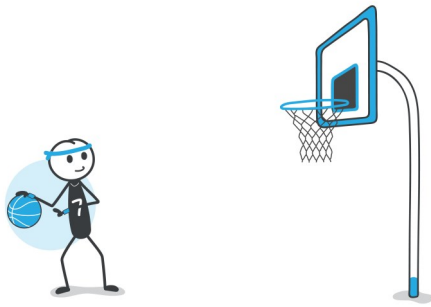
What kinds of things do you pray for? What are the things that you don’t pray for now but want to start praying for?

August 5 - Colossians 4:2

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Question:

What are you thankful for today?



August 6 - Romans 8:26-27

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

Question:

What do you want the Holy Spirit to help you pray for today?

August 7 - Matthew 6:6

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Question:

Do you have a special place where you go to pray? If not, is there somewhere you can go to get alone with God?



August 8 - Matthew 6:9-13

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.”

Question:

This verse covers the basics of what we should pray for. Praising God, asking for His plan to happen, asking for our needs, asking for forgiveness and asking for protection. How can you pray this prayer in a way that is personal to your life? How will you praise the Lord, look for His plan, ask for your needs to be met, and ask for forgiveness and protection today?

August 9 - Jeremiah 29:12

“Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

Question:

Have you ever felt like God can't hear you? Remember, when you call out to God, you can be confident that He is listening to you. What is something you can think of to remind you that God hears your every prayer?



August 10- Psalm 69:13

“But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.”

Question:

When you pray, remember that God knows what we need and when we need it. Has there been a time when you had to wait for an answer to your prayer?

August 11 - 1 John 5:14

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

Question:

If it is a promise that God does hear you, how can that change the way you approach Him in your prayers?



August 12 - Mark 11:24

“Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Question:

Jesus knew that having faith, or believing that God will answer our prayers, is crucial when praying. Is there anything holding you back from believing that God will answer your prayers?

August 13 - 1 Chronicles 16:11

“Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.”

Question:

How does seeking the face of God relate to receiving His strength?



August 14 - Matthew 6:7

“And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like the pagans. For they think they will be heard because of their many words.”

Question:

It's important to remember that when it comes to prayer, quality over quantity is best. We don't have to keep coming up with words to say to have a more official prayer. Can you give God a simple prayer of thanks right now?

August 15 - John 17:1

'Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You"

Question:

If it was important for Jesus, the Son of God, to pray to His Father, how much more important is it for us to pray?



August 16 - John 15:7

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you"

Question:

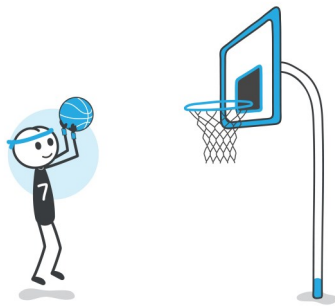
Does this mean that God is like a genie, giving us everything we want? No. However, God is a good God, and He is faithful in ways we may not even realize. What prayers has God answered for you lately?

August 17 - Matthew 5:44

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Question:

Why would Jesus tell us to love our enemies when it is usually the last thing we feel like doing?



August 18 - Psalm 145:18

“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.”

Question:

Has there been a time in your life when you wondered if God was near to you when you prayed? All you have to do is call on His name and trust that His Word is correct when He says that He hears you.

August 19 - James 5:16

“Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Question:

Have you confessed your sin to God in prayer? What prayers have you prayed for others lately?



August 20 - Psalm 4:1

“Answer me when I call to you, my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer”

Question:

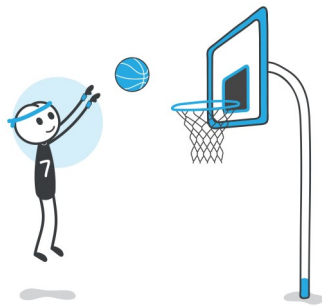
Let go and let God work! It can be tempting to try to fix the problems in our lives by our own strength. What issues in your life is God asking you to hand over to Him?

August 21 - Hebrews 4:16

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Question:

What does it mean to approach God's throne of grace with confidence?
How can we cultivate that confidence in our prayer life?



August 22 - Ephesians 6:18

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this and with all perseverance and supplication for all the Saints.”

Question:

Praying doesn’t always mean you are sitting with your head bowed and your eyes closed, but instead that you are having little conversations with God all day long about what is happening or on your mind or listening to what He is saying to you. Have you prayed like this before? What did He say to you?

August 23 - Matthew 21:22

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Question:

Is there anything in your life that seems like a lost cause? Make sure to go to God in prayer, knowing He will answer you.



August 24 - Philippians 4:6

“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Question:

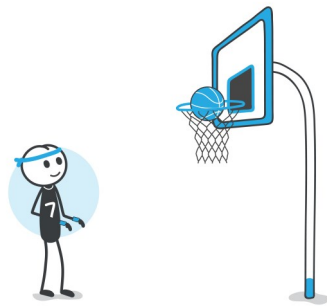
Sometimes it can be difficult to understand what God is seeing in hard situations. When we are thankful for Jesus' work on the cross, we receive hope again for those difficult circumstances to turn around. In what area of your life do you need to be reminded of the salvation you now have in Jesus?

August 25 - Mark 11:24

“Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Question:

What kinds of things is Jesus referring to in this verse?



August 26 - Romans 8:26

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

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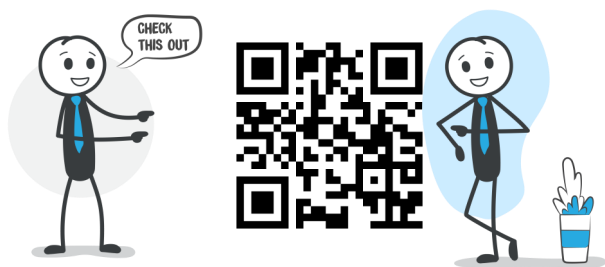
Did you know it still brings joy to the Father’s heart when you approach Him, even if you don’t have words? He knows the cry of your heart. When have you chosen not to pray because you didn’t know what to say?

August 27 - Psalm 66:18-20

“If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw His unfailing love for me.”

Question:

How can you be certain God will listen to your prayer? What condition does God look for to guarantee He is listening when we pray?



August 28 - Psalm 141:2

“May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.”

Question:

Our prayer isn't simply a duty to be performed to make us good Christians. It pleases the heart of God. How do you perceive prayer? Does it feel like a ritual to be performed? Or does it feel like a conversation with a perfect Father?

August 29 - 1 Timothy 2:8

“Therefore, I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or dispute.”

Question:

God desires that we love one another, coming to Him with sincere hearts of love, without anger, when we make our requests. Do you have any anger in your heart toward someone? Ask God to help you remove it.



August 30 - Jonah 2:7

“As my life was slipping away, I remembered the Lord. And my earnest prayer went out to you in your holy Temple.”

Question:

Jonah was in an incredibly dangerous and uncomfortable position, stuck in the belly of a whale. He knew that God would save him, even if he had gotten himself into trouble. Do you believe that Jesus is merciful and wants to rescue you? Have you experienced the mercy of God?

August 31 - James 4:3

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.”

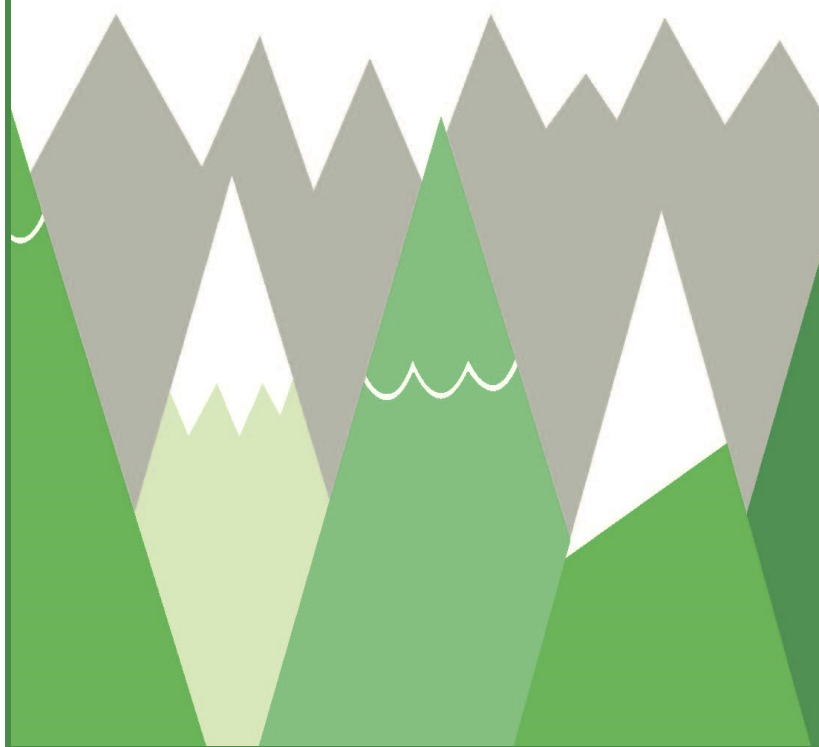
Question:

What are your desires when coming to God in prayer? Are you coming with selfish desires or desires that honor God? How do you think God will answer each prayer?



September

Belief Basics



September 1 - Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Question:

We have all heard the phrase “Nobody is perfect.” This verse supports the fact that we are not perfect. Since this is the case, we cannot go to God and say “look at all the great things I’ve done.” We all mess up. Jesus came to change that so when God looks at us, He sees only the good parts of us and forgives and forgets all the bad parts of us. What is a part of yourself you know is not good? Have you asked for forgiveness for that part?



September 2 - 1 Peter 2:24

“He himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.”

Question:

Because Jesus died on the cross, we can be close to God forever both here on earth and in heaven. We had many sins but Jesus decided to die so we could be forgiven and become free in Him. If we believe that Jesus died and that He arose from the dead and we ask Him to come and be with us He will forgive you of everything and create a place in heaven for you. Do you want to ask Him into your life today? If you do tell Him that, your youth pastor can help you as well.

September 3 - John 19:18

“There they crucified Him, and with Him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.”

Question:

Jesus was not the only one who died on a cross that day, but He was the only one who was blameless. The other two men were robbers who deserved to be there. Jesus could have saved himself from the cross but loved us so much that He decided to die even though He didn't do anything wrong so we could live with Him forever. Think about how much you would have to love someone to die for them. Do you believe that Jesus loves you that much?



September 4 - Mark 16:6

“But the angel said to them, “Don't be afraid. I know that you're here looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here - He has risen victoriously! Look! See the place where they laid Him.”

Question:

Expecting to find a dead body, the women closest to Jesus met an angel who declared that He was alive. How do you think these women felt knowing that the Son of God had just risen from the dead? Try to place yourself in their shoes, how would you feel?

September 5 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

“For what I received I passed on to you as of importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures”

Question:

How does the sacrifice of Christ, as described in this verse bring hope and assurance to our faith in God?



September 6 - Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Question:

Did you know that when Jesus died that meant that we as the “Greeks” or non-Jews were added into the family of God? That means Jesus's death created a payment for us to be adopted into God's family. All we have to do is believe what the bible tells us and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. What does it mean for you, to be adopted into God's family?

September 7 - 1 John 1:2-3

“The life that was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us. That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the father and with His son Jesus Christ.”

Question:

The reason that Jesus was murdered on our behalf was so that we could have fellowship with the Father. He bore our sin so that we could be in relationship with Him; to walk and talk with Him like Adam and Eve did before they sinned. Our purpose as Christians is to know God; everything else comes from this place. Ministry, career, our individual callings, and loving our families are all by-products of our relationship with God. Where do you think we would be if Jesus didn't die for us?



September 8 - Jude 1:20-21

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.”

Question:

What do you think “Keeping yourself in the love of God” means?

September 9 - 1 John 5:6-7

“This is He who came by water and blood- Jesus Christ; not only by water, but be water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these are one.”

Question:

Father God, the Word, who is Jesus, and Holy Spirit are all one and all equally God. How can you include all three in your time of worship?



September 10 - Genesis 1:26-27

“Then God said, “Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So, God created man in His own image; in the image of God, He created him; make and female He created them.”

Question:

When God said “Let us make man in our image.” He was referring to God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Three in One. You were made in His image. Why is it special that God made you in His image?

September 11 - John 14:26

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Question:

In this verse Jesus is speaking. He talks about the other parts of the trinity and what they would be doing in the near future. The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are separate parts that altogether make God. Which part of God do you feel closest to?



September 12 - 2 Corinthians 13:14

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

Question:

How can we experience the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives? How have you seen God as a father? Do you feel the Holy Spirit leading you? Do you believe that Jesus died for you?

September 13 - Colossians 2:9

“For in Christ all the fullness of the deity lives in bodily form.”

Question:

The fullness of the deity in this verse is referring to the full trinity, God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three parts are separate and all three parts are one. It can be a confusing concept at times but each part of God has a different role in our lives. Which part of the trinity do you know best?



September 14 - Matthew 3:16-17

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.””

Question:

In these two verses, we see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit separated into three different forms but working in unison. The Father, in heaven, is sending His spiritual embodiment to rest on His physical manifestation in Jesus. All to carry out His will for mankind on earth. Why do you think it is necessary for God to operate this way?

September 15 - 2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness”

Question:

God-breathed means that God told the people who wrote the Bible what to write down. It's His book and His ideas that are in it. If God is perfect then so is everything He says. Which verse has spoken to you the most so far in your walk with the Lord?



September 16 - Psalms 18:30

“As for God, His way is perfect: The LORD's word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him.”

Question:

Knowing that God is perfect, we can take heart in the idea that the Bible is flawless. After all He is the creator of ALL things. Is it hard for you to trust that His word is perfect? What is holding you back from trusting all that His word says?

September 17 - Matthew 7:24-25

“Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house: and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.”

Question:

Nothing can stand against the word of God. Are you struggling to stay standing as the world pushes against you? Have you rooted yourself in the word of God?



September 18 - John 17:17

“Sanctify them in truth, your word is truth.”

Question:

To be sanctified is to be made Holy, and Holy means “to be separated.” So, the process of sanctification is the process of separating ourselves from this world spiritually and placing ourselves into God’s kingdom. This is exactly what God’s word does because as we read and submit to His written word, we come to know God more, while at the same time becoming more like His son Jesus, who is perfect. What do you think it means to submit to God’s word?

September 19 - Proverbs 30:5

“Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.”

Question:

If there is anything that you need help understanding? God’s Word is the best place to turn. His perfect word will not only help you but be a place of comfort and safety for you, if you allow it to. How can we trust that every word in the Bible is from God and how can we apply this truth in our daily lives?



September 20 - 1 Thessalonians 2:13

“And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.”

Question:

The written word of God is the same as the Bible, they are interchangeable terms. When we read the Bible, it changes us for good and helps us understand the Lord and His plan better. We believe that the Bible has no mistakes so we can believe what it says. What part of the Bible is hard to believe for you? Talk to your youth pastor about it this week.

September 21 - James 4:17

“If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.”

Question:

Is there anything in your life that you know is wrong or sinful that you are still doing willingly?



September 22 - 2 Peter 1:20

“Knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.”

Question:

We as humans cannot make the word of God truth with our opinions. It is true because God has spoken it. If we do not agree with something that is in the Bible it doesn’t mean that Bible is wrong. What is something the Bible says that you struggle with? Talk to your youth pastor about it this week.

September 23 - Galatians 5:16

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

Question:

If we remain focused on God and what He desires us to do, it will keep us from desiring what the flesh wants. In what areas of your life do you need to focus on God more than yourself?



September 24 - Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Question:

Sometimes sin is appealing because it satisfies some longing in you for a brief moment. However, sin always leads to death. This is why Jesus had to die. He took on our sins and had to die to justify us. Have you ever sinned, believing that it was going to satisfy you, but found that it led to destruction?

September 25 - Proverbs 10:9

“Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.”

Question:

As much as we want to hide the sins in our lives, it's not possible. God will always know. Instead, search yourself right now and examine your heart for sin. Is there any sin that you struggle with? Ask God for forgiveness and walk away from it.



September 26 - Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Question:

God gave us a gift. His name is Jesus. He died so that we could be close to Him forever and not suffer because of our rebellion against God. This gift gives us freedom to receive His love. Do you know that rejecting God will lead to suffering and death? Have you accepted the Lords love in your life?

September 27 - 1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

Question:

What is something you are tempted by? Which ways has God given you an opportunity to walk away from it? Have you taken these opportunities?



September 28 - 1 John 1:8-10

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”

Question:

We are sinful people by nature and fail to live perfectly which is why it is so important to practice repentance on a daily basis. Sin can be anything from murdering someone to having an evil thought about something or someone. Only with God's help can we fully understand the impact of our sin. Once we acknowledge our sin, then we can repent of it. Take a moment and ask God to help you see and acknowledge anything you've done today that might've been sinful, then ask for forgiveness, and then receive and believe that He has forgiven you. Why do you think repentance is so important?

September 29 - Mark 2:17

“And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.””

Question:

One of Jesus’ names is the great physician. Meaning He came to heal people and make them well. He relates sickness to sin and those who are perfect to being healthy. The doctor (Jesus) didn’t come to save healthy, perfect people, but people who are broken and not perfect. Are you broken in some way? What do you need the great physician to heal in your life?



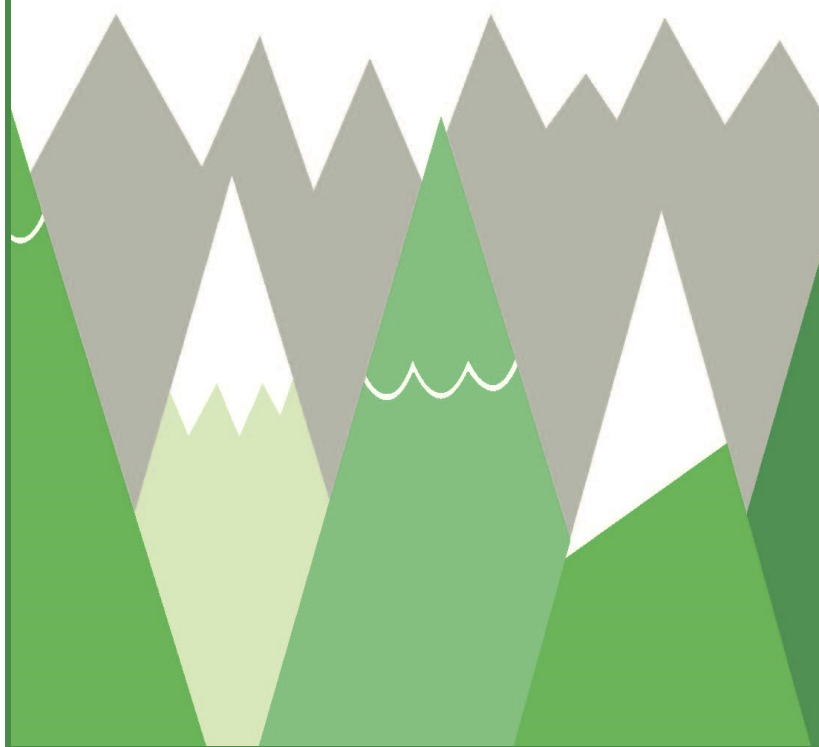
September 30 - Mark 2:27-28

“And when they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.””

Question:

Jesus knew that physical healing is important but internal healing (spiritual healing) is the most impactful of all. When the man was laid before Him to be healed Jesus first healed his soul. What in your soul longs to be healed? What do you need to give to Jesus?

October Worship



October 1 - Psalms 105:1

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done."

Question:

Telling others what God has done for you is a form of worship. What are some ways you can proclaim what God has done for you that will make Him known to others?



October 2 - James 3:10

"From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so."

Question:

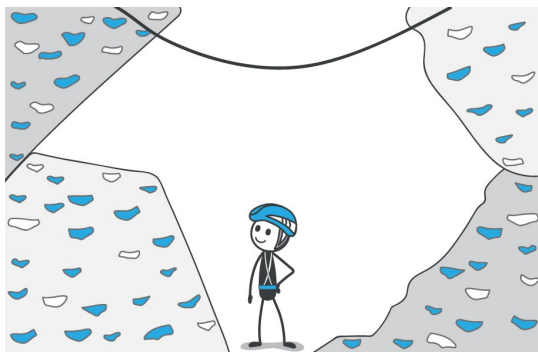
It is important that we use our words carefully. Our words can magnify God or they can dishonor Him. What things have you said that you may need to apologize for? How can you slow down to think about your words before you speak?

October 3 - Isaiah 25:1

“O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.”

Question:

There are many ways to praise God, including singing, working hard in school, being kind, etc. What will you praise God for today? How will you do it?



October 4 - Hebrews 12:28

“Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe.”

Question:

Genuine worship is reacting to who God is and what He has done. Rather than trying to conjure up your own emotion, reflect on His character and what He has done for you and your loved ones. What has He done for you and your family?

October 5 - Psalms 95:6

“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker”

Question:

This verse instructs us to come before the Lord with thanksgiving and worship Him with music and song. Set a timer for 3 minutes and audibly, with your voice give Him thanks and praise. What happened?



October 6 - 1 John 3:24

“Whoever keeps His commandments abides in God and God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the spirit whom He has given us.”

Question:

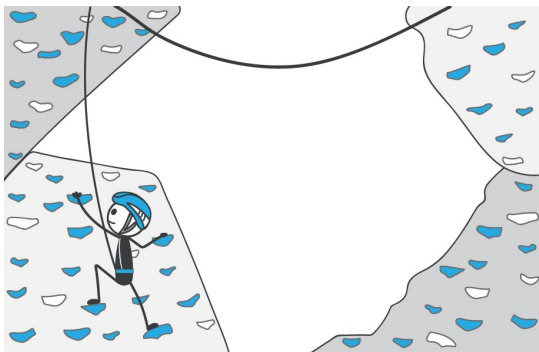
Often times we think of worship as only musical; however, worship goes beyond music. Worship is a lifestyle, and the lifestyle is obedience. The more we obey Him, the more we know Him. What is the thing that holds you back most from obeying God?

October 7 - Psalm 100:1-3

“A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we
are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.”

Question:

What can you do to make a joyful noise today?



October 8 - John 4:23-24

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will
worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people
to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship
in spirit and truth.”

Question:

What is one way you can praise God with your spirit (willingly) and in
truth (sincerity)?

October 9 – Matthew 15:8-9

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”

Question:

Why was Jesus upset with the teachers in that time? What is the problem with drawing near to Jesus with your words but not your heart?



October 10 - Colossians 3:15

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Question:

As we read the Bible and allow God's word to dwell in our hearts, we will find joy! How have you noticed yourself experiencing joy as you have read your Bible lately? How have you expressed the joy you feel?

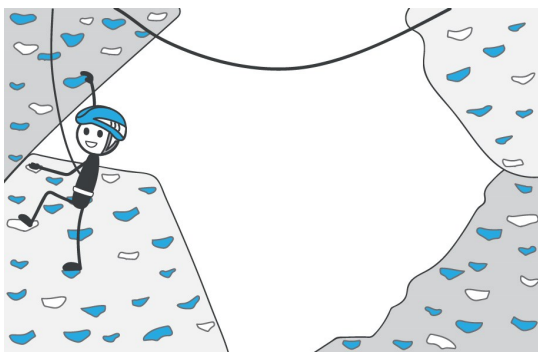
October 11 - Psalm 150:6

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!”

Question:

Where did the very breath you breathe come from? See Genesis 2:7.

Doesn't that make you want to praise the LORD?



October 12 - Psalm 63:3-5

“Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.”

Question:

Every longing of your heart is satisfied in the presence of God. With what have you tried to satisfy yourself in the past? What was the outcome?

October 13 - 1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”

Question:

What darkness did the One, worthy of your praise, rescue you from?



October 14 - Romans 12:1

“Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be His sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights His heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.”

Question:

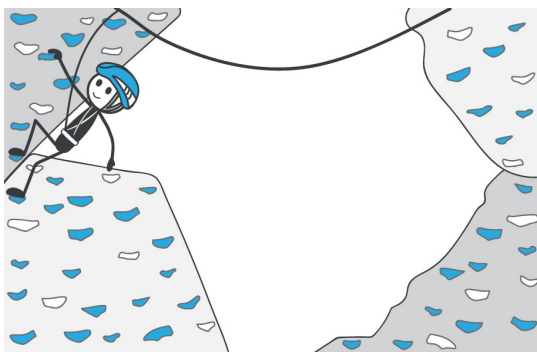
According to this verse, worship is responding to what God has done and whom He is. What do you do when someone gives you a magnificent gift?

October 15 - Hebrews 13:15

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess His name.”

Question:

Why is it considered a sacrifice to continually praise God? What are you laying down before God when you praise Him?



October 16 - Revelation 4:11

“You are worthy, our Lord and God to receive glory and honor and power for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”

Question:

How can we remind ourselves of God's worthiness and sovereignty in our daily lives, and how can we give Him the glory, honor, and power that He deserves?

October 17 - Isaiah 29:13

“The Lord says: These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.”

Question:

According to this verse, is God more pleased with impressive words or pure hearts in worship?



October 18 - Isaiah 6:3

“And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!”

Question:

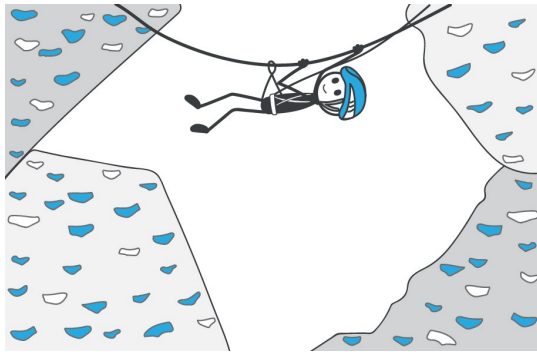
The Bible explains how the angels in heaven will spend eternity, every single moment, worshipping the LORD because there are never-ending things to discover about Him. What was the last thing you learned about Jesus? What is something that you would like to know about Him?

October 19 - Jeremiah 20:13

“Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.”

Question:

Can you think of a time where God rescued you from evil? Does it make you want to sing and praise Him?



October 20 - 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

“Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among the peoples. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and gladness are in His place.”

Question:

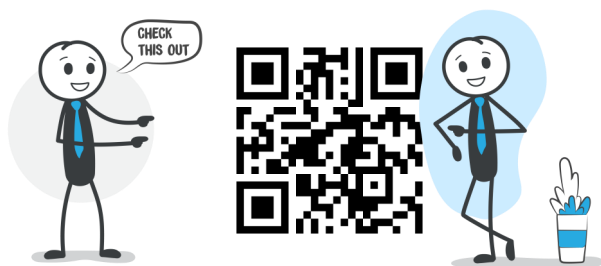
These verses talk about how great and mighty our God is. Remember that He is greater than any problem that you may have! As you praise and worship the Lord today, in what way can you see how mighty He is?

October 21 - Psalm 66:4

“All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you; they sing the praises of your name.”

Question:

Why do you think God feels when you worship Him? Why do you worship Him?



October 22 - Daniel 2:20

“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are His.”

Question:

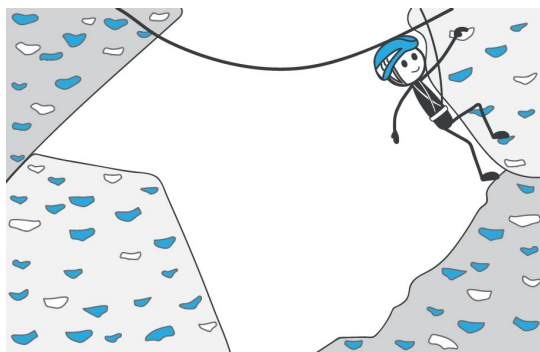
Praise Gods name forever and be blessed! The Lord does magnificent things that are often beyond what we can understand. In this verse, Daniel was giving God glory because He had given Daniel the interpretation of a king’s dream. Why do you think God does miraculous works such as this?

October 23 - Psalm 95:6

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker”

Question:

What does it require of you to humble yourself before God?



October 24 - Luke 4:8

“And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ““You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.””

Question:

God wants all of us, not just pieces. When we serve Him with our actions and worship Him with our spirits completely, we enable ourselves to have true intimacy with Him. Without genuine intimacy, God will always seem distant and easy to doubt. Is there a piece of you that you have not given over completely to Him?

October 25 - Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Question:

It is very important to not only worship the Lord on your own but to do it with friends and family too! Fellowship is crucial when following God, we need to have community and relationship with other believers. Do you practice praising and worshipping God with others on a regular basis? If not, how can you start?



October 26 - Psalm 29:2

“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.”

Question:

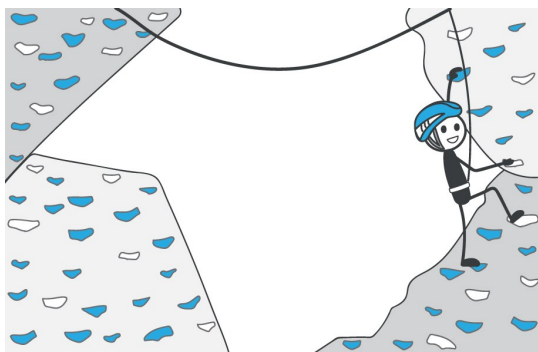
God is Holy, and He calls us to be Holy as His people. This means to be separated in our beliefs and world view from society’s current culture. The more we learn about God and who He is, we understand His holiness better. What does Holy mean to you? Does your understanding of holiness align with what God deems as Holy?

October 27 - Psalm 71:8

“My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.”

Question:

It's very easy to let our emotions dictate what our mouth says. It's very important to control what we say and do our best to give God praise even when we don't want to. How can you shift your perspective to one that gives God thanks and praise even when you don't want to?



October 28 - Exodus 34:14

“Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”

Question:

God feels and thinks just like us for He made us in His likeness and image. Just as we would get jealous over someone we care about and love deeply, so does God. When we give our heart and love to things that are not of Him, it grieves Him and makes Him jealous. Have you given yourself over to things that aren't of God?

October 29 - James 5:13

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”

Question:

When we're going through a hardship, turn to God. When we come through a situation victorious, turn to God. Give God praise and thanksgiving in both the good times as well as the bad. Why? Simply because He is worthy, because He works all things together for the good of those who love Him. Why is it hard to praise God when times are tough?



October 30 - Hebrews 10:25

“Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Question:

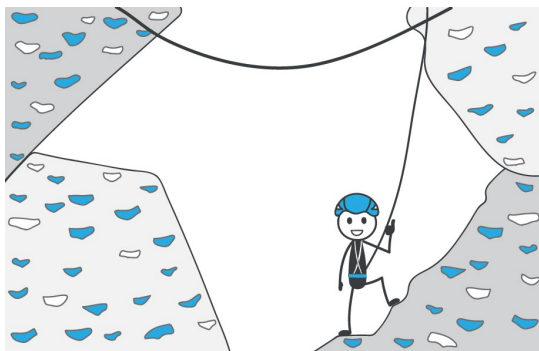
Regular fellowship is absolutely vital to our walk with the Lord. Going to church regularly and engaging with your church community is 100% necessary. We cannot and are not meant to live our lives separated from God's kingdom, which includes His people. Do you attend and engage with your church family on a regular basis? If not, what are your reasons?

October 31 - Psalm 119:108

“Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.”

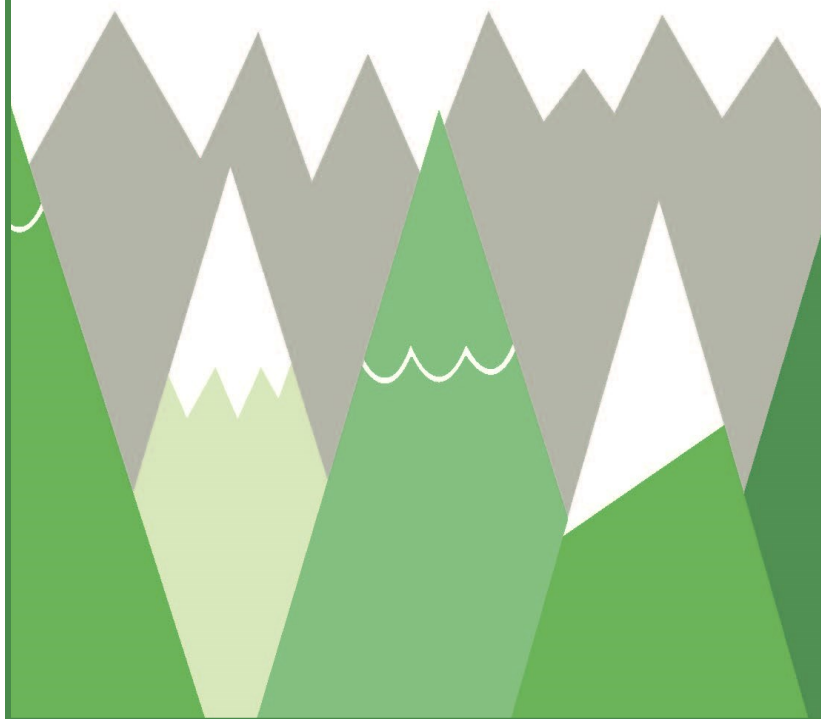
Question:

The greatest thing that we can give God is our freewill. When we give up our ability to dictate our lives and turn our lives over to God, we fully and completely submit to God and His ways. Once we submit, we become teachable, which enables us to grow. Is there anything standing in the way of you giving up your freewill?



November

Names of God



November 1 - Elohei Ma'uzzi (God of my strength): 2 Samuel 22:33

“God (Elohei) is my strong (Ma'uzzi) fortress; And He sets the blameless in His way.”

Question:

How has God been your strength in the last week?



November 2 - Elohim Machase Lanu (God our refuge): Psalms 62:8

“Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God (Elohim) is our refuge (Machase Lanu).”

Question:

Refuge means that God is a safe place. We can share anything with Him and know that He will protect and love us. How can you run to God and allow Him to be your safe place this week?

November 3 - Helper: John 14:26

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. “

Question:

God is our helper and seeks to help us become more like Him. Has He helped you see any sin in your life? What can you do to rid yourself of this sin?



November 4 - El Emunah (The faithful God): Deuteronomy 7:9

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God (El Emunah), keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.”

Question:

God is faithful even when we're faithless. In your past, what are some of the thoughts you've had that have made it hard or have kept you from putting all of your faith in Him? How can this verse combat those thoughts?

November 5 - Elohei Tehillati (God of my praise):

Psalms 109:1

“My God (Elohei), whom I praise (Tehillati), do not remain silent.”

Question:

It is important to continually seek the Lord even when He seems to be silent. He never abandons us. Sometimes when we pray or worship, we don't necessarily “feel” anything, yet we are to pursue Him daily. What encourages you to pursue God even when you don't feel like it?



November 6 - Elohim Kedoshim (Holy God):

Joshua 24:19

“Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God (Elohim Kedoshim); He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins.”

Question:

To be Holy means to be set apart. When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts, we become God's adopted children. Spiritually, we are set apart from the rest of the world. This happens when we receive forgiveness through the Holy Spirit because of what Jesus did on the cross. How can you receive His forgiveness as well as other gifts through the Holy Spirit?

November 7 - Elohim (Strong Creator): Jeremiah 32:17

“Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”

Question:

What in God’s creation reminds you that He is Creator? What has God created that reminds you that nothing is too hard for Him?



November 8 - Jehovah, Yahweh, I Am (Self-existent and Unchanging): Psalm 102:25-26

“Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end.”

Question:

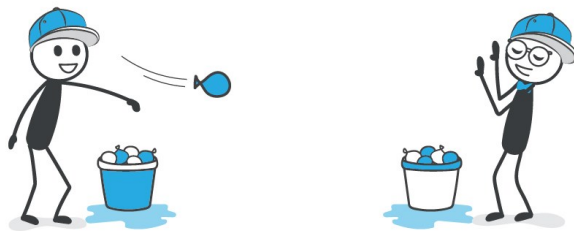
Why is it right for us to praise God?

November 9 - Jehovah Shalom (The Lord is peace): Isaiah 26:3

“You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”

Question:

How is peace broken between people? Is there anyone you need to make peace with?



November 10 - El Roi (The God who sees): Genesis 16:11-13

“And the angel of the LORD said to her, “Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has listened to your affliction. He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone’s hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen.” So, she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are the God of seeing,” for she said, “Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.”

Question:

When God looks at you, what does He see? How can this passage encourage us to trust in God's promises even in difficult circumstances?

November 11 - Jehovah – Jireh (The Lord will Provide): Romans 8:32

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Question:

Does God give us everything we want or all that we need? Is there something that you need right now? Can you trust God to provide it, or something better?



November 12 - El Shaddai (God Almighty): Genesis 17:1-2

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.””

Question:

Is there anything you are waiting for God to do? Ask God to help you trust Him, even when you must wait a long time for Him to act.

November 13 - Elohei Mikkarov (God who is near): Jeremiah 23:23-24

“Am I a God near at hand, says the LORD, “And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret place, so I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD.”

Question:

If God were to ask you this question, how would you answer? Is there any area of your life that you don't think God can see?



November 14 - Jehovah Shalom (The Lord is peace): Isaiah 9:6

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Question:

Have you ever been in a situation where you have forgotten whom God is? Can you think of a time when you remembered God as your counselor, as a Mighty God, as a present Father, and as your source of peace?

November 15 - Adonai (Master Over All):

Deuteronomy 3:24

“O Lord God (Adonai) You have begun to show your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand; for what god is there in heaven or earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours?”

Question:

Isn't it comforting to know that the God who is the commander of the heavens and the earth is the same God who is on your side?



November 16 - Yahweh Ropheka (The LORD your healer): Exodus 15:26

“If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.”

Question:

What types of things require healing? Have you ever needed physical, emotional, or mental healing? Have you asked God for healing in your life?

November 17 - El Hakabodh (The God of Glory): Psalm 29:3

“The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory (El Hakabodh) thunders, the Lord thunders over might waters.”

Question:

The same God who we can call our Heavenly Father is the same God who is creator and master over all. He deserves our praise and worship. What can you do today to glorify God and show your praise?



November 18 - Elohenu Olam (Our Everlasting God): Psalm 48:14

“For this God is our God for ever and ever (Elohenu Olam); He will be our guide even to the end.”

Question:

God isn't just here for a moment and gone later. He is forever, never-ending. That means we will never have a time where God is no more. What does it mean to you that God is going to constantly be there for you?

November 19 - Overcomer: 1 John 4:4

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

Question:

Some people do not welcome Jesus, while others fully embrace Him. What does the Bible say about both sets of people?



November 20 - Coming King: 1 Thessalonians 4:16

“For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Question:

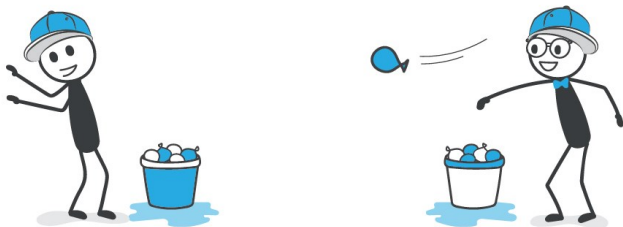
We can't even imagine Jesus' return. What do you think the return of Jesus might be like?

November 21 - Salvation in no other name: Acts 4:12

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Question:

Praying for salvation for those who do not know Jesus is important. Who are you going to pray for?



November 22 - Jehovah El Emeth (Lord God of Truth): Psalms 31:5

“Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord (Jehovah), God (El) of truth (Emeth).”

Question:

Do you have the courage to ask God to show you the truth about yourself? God knows when we are lying to Him or even to ourselves. If we ask Him, He will show us where we may be fooling ourselves into thinking we are better than others. He will also show us where, in our lives, we are believing wrong things about ourselves.

November 23 - Lamb of God, Savior: John 1:29

“The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

Question:

Why is “Lamb of God” a good name for Jesus? What did Jesus save His people from?



November 24 - Judge of the Whole Earth: 2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Question:

We all must answer to the Lord for everything we have done in our lives. Is there anything bad that you have done that you haven't asked forgiveness for? What is something good you will be accountable for?

November 25 - Strong Tower: Proverbs 18:10

“The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”

Question:

What does it mean to run to God? Why is a tower a safe place?



November 26 - Jehovah-Rohi (The Lord my Shepherd): Psalms 23

“The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Question:

How can we draw comfort and strength from the images of the Lord as our shepherd and guide, especially during times of difficulty or uncertainty?

November 27 - Jehovah-Or (The Lord is light):

1 John 1:5

“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”

Question:

How can good works show others that God is Jehovah-Or?



November 28 - Father: Luke 15:18-19

“I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants”

Question:

How is God like a father? What kind of father is God?

November 29 - Jehovah-Maginnenu (The Lord our defense): Psalm 33:20

“We wait in hope for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.”

Question:

How can you trust in Jehovah-Maginnenu to be your shield?



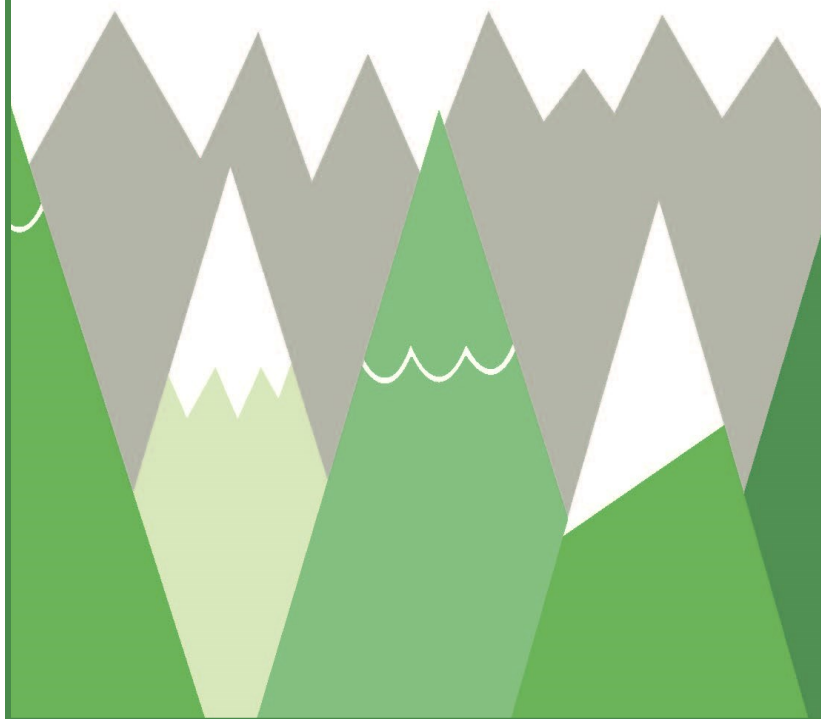
November 30 - Jehovah-Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts): 2 Kings 6:16-17

“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”

Question:

What do you think the army of God looked like to Elisha?

December Relationships

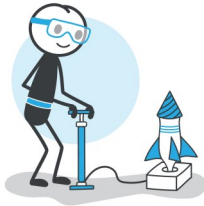


December 1 - John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Question:

God desires to meet all our needs. We can trust Him with anything that is on our hearts, what would you like to share with Him today?



December 2 - 1 Peter 5:6-7

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.”

Question:

When we humble ourselves it can make us feel vulnerable, God invites us to surrender our pride in our relationship with Him. How can you humble yourself before God today? What are some anxieties you can give Him?

December 3 - Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Question:

Before we were ever “worth saving” God wanted us. How does that make you feel, to know that you are wanted even when the world may say you aren't worth it?



December 4 - Ephesians 4:31-32

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Question:

This verse talks about being kind to one another and forgiving one another without exception. Who do you need to forgive today and who do you need to be kind to?

December 5 - Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Question:

Honoring our parents actually makes God feel loved because that is how He designed family. What is one way that you can honorably show respect to your parents?



December 6 - Hebrews 10:24-25

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Question:

God loves to see His children lifting each other up instead of tearing each other down. How have you been encouraged by others? Who in your life needs encouragement? How are you going to encourage them?

December 7 - 1 Peter 1:22

“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.”

Question:

Having a deep love for other people and for each other is one way we show the world that God is real and that He cares for them. How have you loved deeply this week?



December 8 - 1 Corinthians 1:10

“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

Question:

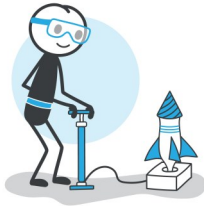
God desires unity, but fighting works against that. We must pursue unity among ourselves, sometimes that means not arguing even when we want to. Who do you need to stop arguing with so that you can unite with them?

December 9 - Romans 13:10

“Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

Question:

Who have you hurt that you need to show love to?



December 10 - Ephesians 4:2-3

“With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Question:

Often times, family and friend relationships can be hard. This verse talks about what we can do to be at peace with people that we have relationships with. What is something you can do to create more peace in your relationships?

December 11 - John 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

Question:

Abiding means to spend time with and grow in trust. What does it look like for you to abide in God or for you to allow Him to abide in you? How can you practice that today?



December 12 - 1 John 3:1

“What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it – we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are. But that’s also why the world doesn’t recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who He is or what He’s up to.”

Question:

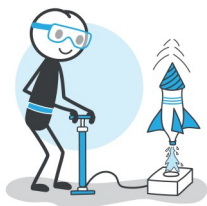
Just as your relationship with your family influences who you are as an individual, your relationship with God shapes you as well. What is one thing about you that may show the world that you are a child of God?

December 13 - Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them.”

Question:

Having a friend is good for you and is something that God wants in your life. God encourages us to be there for our friends. How can you help a friend today?



December 14 - Romans 8:15-16

“And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as He rises up within us, our spirits join Him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!” For the Holy Spirit makes God’s fatherhood real to us as He whispers into our innermost being, “You are God’s beloved child!”

Question:

Knowing that you are fully accepted by the Father, what would you like to talk to God about today?

December 15 - Ecclesiastes 4:12

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

Question:

It is important to build strong relationships with other believers. Not only does it help to keep loneliness away, it also becomes a safe place to explore our questions about God and deepen our belief in Him. Who can you start building a relationship with that is a fellow believer?



December 16 - 2 Corinthians 6:14

“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness.”

Question:

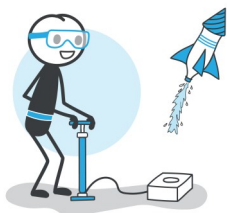
Does this verse mean that we must ignore those who are not saved? No, but we must be careful who we spend our time with. To be strengthened in your walk with God, you should find those that are like minded. Where might you be able to find people who believe in God like you do?

December 17 - 1 Corinthians 15:33

“Do not be deceived; “Bad company ruins good morals.””

Question:

The people we surround ourselves with have a tremendous impact and influence on who we are and the decisions we make. It is important to always evaluate our friends. So, ask yourself, do my friends pull me away from God or push me towards Him?



December 18 - Galatians 1:10

“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

Question:

What is more important, your relationship with your friends or God? Although it is good to have friends, they should never come before your relationship with God. What can you do to make sure God is your first priority?

December 19 - John 13:34

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

Question:

The Lord’s deep love for us is the reason we are able to love each other so deeply. Who have you loved deeply? Who do you need help loving more?



December 20 - Proverbs 18:24

“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

Question:

We could have all the friends in the world and still be let down. Jesus will never leave us or forsake us. Can you remember a time when Jesus was there for you?

December 21 - Matthew 19:19

“Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Question:

Do you think honoring your mother and father means more than just doing what they ask? What are some ways you can love your neighbor as yourself?



December 22 - Proverbs 15:22

“Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisors they succeed.”

Question:

It's important to have mentors and other Godly people who can speak into your life and who you can go to in tough times. Who do you have in your life right now that meets these qualifications? If no one, go and talk to your youth pastor!

December 23 - Proverbs 18:24

“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

Question:

God designed us to have close friends in our lives. Who is your closest friend? Do they stick closer than family sometimes? Do you have friends who are unreliable?



December 24 - Proverbs 13:20

“Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm”

Question:

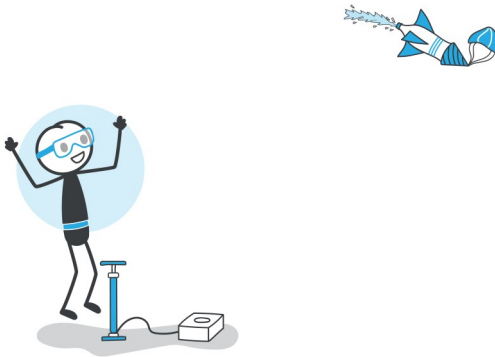
You may not think that your friends have that much power over you or that you are strong enough to handle it, but we are so deeply influenced by those around us that sometimes we don't even see how they change us until bad things happen. Who do you know that has a positive influence on your life? Who do you know has a bad influence on your life?

December 25 - Proverbs 27:17

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Question:

Being in community with others makes us stronger. Who is a part of your community? Who helps you to be strong?



December 26 - Proverbs 17:17

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”

Question:

It can be hard to tell if someone is a true friend or not. In hard times some friends can become like family to us as we lean on each other. Who is a friend that has become like family?

December 27 - Psalm 133:1

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

Question:

Being in the family of God can be extremely encouraging when we love and support one another. Are you a part of a church? How can you draw closer to God's people?



December 28 - Romans 12:10

“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

Question:

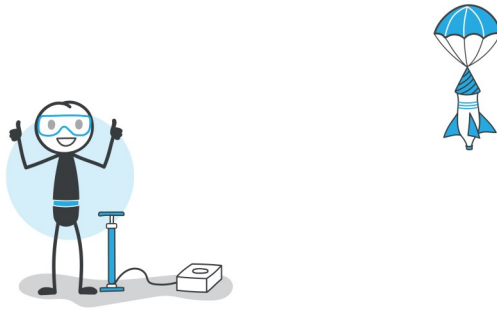
Honoring someone else above yourself means to put their needs before your own. This is a habit that brings joy to everyone who is involved. What are you going to do to show honor to someone today?

December 29 - Proverbs 12:26

“The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

Question:

Not everyone you meet will be a good friend to you. Good friends push you closer to the Lord and support you in hard times. Who is a friend who is pushing you closer to the Lord?



December 30 - Proverbs 22:24-25

“Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.”

Question:

The Bible talks about how being friends with people who are angry can teach you how to be angry also. Are you friends with an angry person? What habits have you picked up that you need to unlearn?

December 31 - Proverbs 16:28

“A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.”

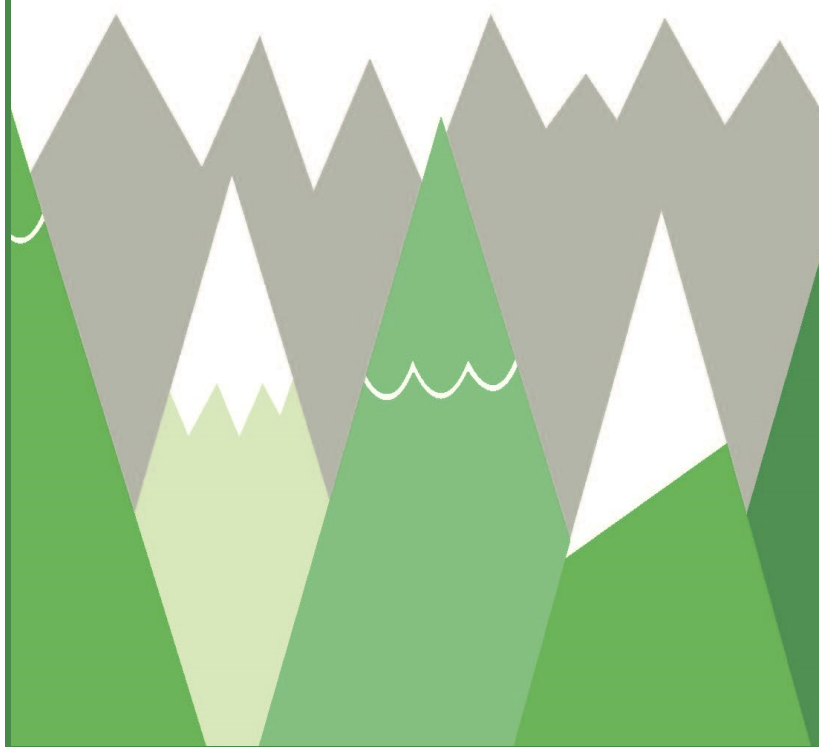
Question:

It may not seem like gossip is a big deal, especially when everyone is doing it, but relationships are destroyed by this simple act. Who do you need to forgive for having spread gossip about you? Do you need to repent for having gossiped about others?



January

Fruits of the Spirit



January 1 - 2 Timothy 1:7

“For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

Question:

Power, love, and self-control all work together through the Holy Spirit to combat against the irrational fear that Satan tries to use to pull us away from God. How can you cultivate and nurture God’s power, love, and self-control in your own life?



January 2 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

Question:

Paul begins this passage with a stark contrast between what the world considers love and the love of God. Ultimately, what he is saying in these verses is that if you live your life in a way that the world would deem as a “loving” or “good” person but fail to live with the love of God, everything you do has no eternal or heavenly value. What is the love of God to you?

January 3 - 1 Corinthians 13:4

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.”

Question:

When we turn to the Father, He is patient with us. Just the same as a mother is with a child; how can we use the same principle and put it into practice within our daily lives?



January 4 - 1 John 4:18

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.”

Question:

There are two types of fear. The first is a Holy reverential fear that draws us closer to God and the second is an unholy crippling fear that creates distance between us and God. If we know God, we have a reverential fear of Him because He has the ability and every right to condemn us to hell but we also know that this is not His will. His will is to know us and love us. Do you fear God? If so, does your fear draw you closer to Him, or does it pull you away from Him?

January 5 - John 15:11

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Question:

“My joy” Jesus gives us His joy through the things He says to us and the things He has done for us. How has Jesus made your joy fuller lately?



January 6 - Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Question:

Joy and happiness are not the same thing. Happiness depends on what is happening in your life while joy is something you have in the good and bad times. In what ways has the Holy Spirit given you joy? Has it made you hopeful?

January 7 - John 16:33

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Question:

Peace does not always mean nothing is going wrong. Jesus says that He has overcome the world. What do you think that means?



January 8 - 1 John 4:16

“So, we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”

Question:

The best way to know God is through His word, once we read His word, we must submit to His word and submit to the process of change that His word naturally evokes. This state of ever-changing is how we “abide” in Him. Where does God’s love fit, in all of this?

January 9 - Proverbs 15:1

“A soft answer turns away wrath but grievous words stir up anger.”

Question:

What is this scripture saying to you? How can we as believers avoid speaking grievously?



January 10 - Galatians 6:9

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Question:

Dedicating our time to the Father allows us to reap the benefits of our work. What can we do to push even harder when difficult circumstances arise?

January 11 - Proverbs 29:22

“People with quick tempers cause a lot of quarreling and trouble.”

Question:

As believers we should understand that our flesh can surface in certain situations and cause the situation to become worse, but how do we avoid it? What are some tools that we can use to avoid anger and other negative emotions?



January 12 - Luke 6:31

“And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.”

Question:

The Lord tells us to treat others the way we would like to be treated. Looking at our own lives, how can we use this passage in situations where showing kindness is hard?

January 13 - Proverbs 12:25

“Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.”

Question:

Can you think of a time when someone said or did something that made you glad? How can you do this for someone else?



January 14 - Colossians 4:6

“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

Question:

We are to watch our tongue, to let go of the flesh and let God be in control. How can we improve in the moments where we might say things to people that we did not necessarily mean or want to say?

January 15 - 1 John 4:8

“Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

Question:

What is Love? “Baby, don’t hurt me, don’t hurt me....no more.” How would we define God’s love in our own lives?



January 16 - Matthew 5:16

“In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven.”

Question:

The fruit, Goodness, is about us doing the right thing when it isn't easy and when no one else is looking. It is about doing good because we know that it is the right thing to do. When is the last time you did something because you knew it was right, even though no one was looking?

January 17 - 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3

“And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one”

Question:

You can trust that God is faithful even when it doesn't feel like He is with you or protecting you. What is one way God has been faithful to you? How can you be faithful to someone else in the same way?



January 18 - Isaiah 59:2

“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.”

Question:

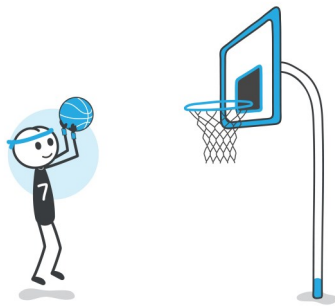
The opposite of Goodness is iniquity, wickedness or badness. These are things we do that we know are wrong but we do them anyways. Which as sinners, we do this a lot! This verse warns us that when we choose our fleshly iniquities over the God's goodness, that God will turn His face away from us and will not hear us, that is until we repent or apologize to God for not doing what we knew was right. When have you been in a situation where you knew the good and right thing to do but chose to do the wrong thing instead?

January 19 - Psalms 66:18

“If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear;”

Question:

God knows our hearts, so even if we only think of doing wrong, He knows it. What are some things that you know are wicked but you continue to think about and hold in your heart?



January 20 - 2 Kings 22:1-2

“Josiah was eight years old when he became king. He ruled 31 years in Jerusalem... Josiah did what the Lord said was right. He did good things as his ancestor David had done. Josiah did not stop doing what was right.”

Question:

Although Josiah was very young, he knew how important it was to serve God. In devoting his heart to God, he did good things and bore the fruit of goodness during his reign. Josiah had someone, David, to teach him how to live for God. Who is someone in your life that could show you how to live for God and bear the fruit of goodness?

January 21 - Isaiah 25:1

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.”

Question:

God's faithfulness is one of the many reasons we give Him praise. How can you praise Him for His faithfulness today? Is there a way He has shown you His faithfulness recently?



January 22 - Luke 16:10-12

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

Question:

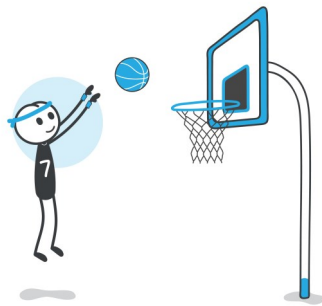
As people we tend to take care of our own things better than we take care of others things. This verse explains that if you can't be trusted with small things or your own things you will never be trusted with big things or someone else's things. Has there ever been a time you were not trustworthy? How are you more trustworthy now?

January 23 - Proverbs 25:19

“Like a broken tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in a time of trouble.”

Question:

Who is someone that you can't trust? Who is someone who you can trust?
What can you do to become more trust worthy like them?



January 24 - 1 Peter 2:23

“When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.”

Question:

Jesus is gentle, He shows this characteristic throughout His life and ministry. When He was persecuted, He did not return their violence with violence, instead He showed gentleness. Has there ever been a time in your life where you needed to choose gentleness over retaliation?

January 25 - 1 Timothy 3:3

“Not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.”

Question:

Although this verse is referring to what a bishop of a church must be, we can also apply this to our own lives as well. We are also called to be gentle, and not violent or harsh. What do you do when you are faced with the choice of acting out in anger or choosing to be calm about it?



January 26 - Proverbs 15:1

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.”

Question:

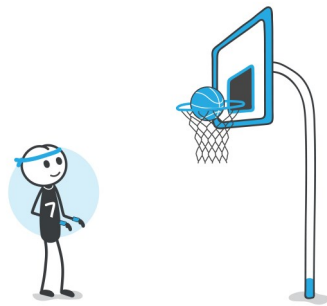
Have you ever responded to a person or situation with harshness? Did that make it better? Often times reacting the way we want when we are angry seems like the best and most satisfying course of action to take. Though, all it really does is make you feel worse. Instead, choose to genuinely act in a gentle way and see what God can do with this act of obedience.

January 27 - Matthew 11:29

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.”

Question:

To be gentle does not mean to be weak, instead it is strength under control. Whenever you face a time where you need help being gentle, turn to Jesus for help. How can you show gentleness today?



January 28 - 2 Timothy 1:7

“God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control.”

Question:

This verse indicates that power, love, and self-control are all intertwined. They all have a common enemy in fear. If you don't have self-control, can you love? If you don't have love, can you have self-control?

January 29 - James 1:19-20

“My dearest brothers and sisters, take this to heart: Be quick to listen, but slow to speak. And be slow to become angry, for human anger is never a legitimate tool to promote God’s righteous purpose.”

Question:

Why is it important to be quick to listen, but slow to speak and to become angry? Have you ever been too fast to speak?



January 30 - Proverbs 25:28

“If you live without restraint and are unable to control your temper, you’re as helpless as a city with broken-down defenses, open to attack.”

Question:

Are there areas in your life where you lack self-control? What does the verse mean when it says that you’re like a city with broken-down defenses?

January 31 - Proverbs 29:11

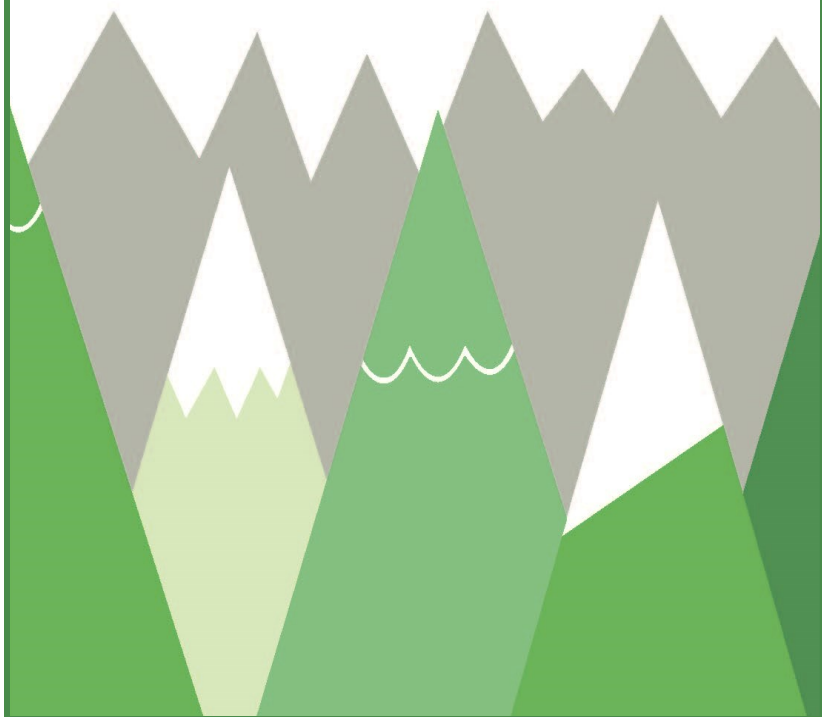
“You can recognize fools by the way they give full vent to their rage and let their words fly! But the wise bite their tongue and hold back all they could say.”

Question:

Why is it wise to hold your tongue in certain situations? Do you think God might have a reason for telling us to hold back our words at times?



February Forgiveness



February 1 - Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Question:

Jesus was tenderhearted, which meant He was gentle and always offered understanding to those around Him. We are called to do the same. Have you ever failed in this area? If so, how can you repent of it?



February 2 - Romans 3:25

“God sent Him to die in our place to take away our sins. We receive forgiveness through faith. And all of this is because of the blood of Jesus’ death. This showed that God always does what is right and fair. God was right in the past when He was patient and did not punish people for their sins.”

Question:

According to this verse, how do we receive forgiveness? Why do you think Jesus offers us forgiveness?

February 3 - Romans 3:24

“People are made right with God by His grace, which is a free gift. They are made right with God by being made free from sin through Jesus Christ.”

Question:

We receive forgiveness when we accept that Jesus was punished on our behalf, and that our sin has been removed. He died in our place. Have you ever felt like you needed to earn God’s forgiveness?



February 4 - Luke 15:7

“In the same way, I tell you there is much joy in heaven when one sinner changes his heart. There is more joy for that one sinner than there is for ninety-nine good people who don’t need to change.”

Question:

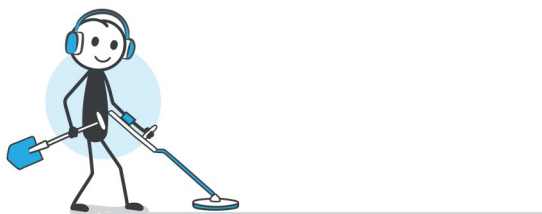
Does it ever seem like God only wants those who have done no wrong? Did you know that heaven rejoices when just a single person who has been living in sin turns their heart toward God?

February 5 - Micah 7:18-19

“There is no God like You. You forgive people who are guilty of sin. You don’t look at the sins of your people who are left alive. You, Lord, will not stay angry forever. You enjoy being kind. Lord, you will have mercy on us again. You will conquer our sins. You will throw away all our sins into the deepest sea.”

Question:

If God doesn’t look at the sins of His people, where do you think He is looking instead?



February 6 - Colossians 3:13

“Make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”

Question:

Forgiving others that hurt you can be hard, but it is something that God requires us to do. Is there anyone that comes to mind that you need to forgive? If so, ask God for help, it doesn’t have to happen all at once but we need to start somewhere.

February 7 - Psalm 86:5

“You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.”

Question:

Have you ever felt like you can't be forgiven by God for the things you have done? God is willing to forgive you if you ask for it with a sincere heart. If anything is coming to mind, ask God for forgiveness and talk to Him about it, He's waiting for you.



February 8 - Hebrews 8:12

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Question:

Have you ever forgiven someone but still had the memory of when and how they offended or hurt you? That is not the case with God. The moment that He forgives you, He has also forgotten your past mistakes. How does this truth make you feel?

February 9 - Ephesians 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,”

Question:

We only have forgiveness for our wrongs because of Jesus's shed blood on the cross. When you think about Jesus and what He's done for you on the cross, does it affect your heart?



February 10 - Luke 17: 3-4

“Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

Question:

It can be extremely hard to forgive someone that has hurt us. However, think on how many times you have sinned and hurt God. Just in one day, it can be several times! Now if that is true, how can we justify holding a grudge against someone especially after they have apologized? Remember how often and easily God forgives you. If you are holding a grudge against someone, can you give that anger over to God and forgive them?

February 11 - Romans 3:23

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Question:

We all sin, every day. This isn't something to make you feel bad about yourself but to remind you of how incredible of a gift Jesus gave to us by dying for our sins. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, we would not be able to be forgiven by God for our sins. What do you need forgiveness for today?



February 12 - Matthew 6:14-15

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

Question:

We should forgive others because God, through Christ, has forgiven us; why do you think God is willing to forgive us so easily for our mistakes?

February 13 - Psalms 103:12

“As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.”

Question:

This scripture is telling us that He will take our sin and through His grace, He will remove it to a distance of infinite measure. Essentially to say that it is no more. Is there any transgression or sin that you would like the Father to take away from you?



February 14 - Romans 12:20

“To the contrary, ‘if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.’”

Question:

As a child of God, we are commanded to love our enemies, even if they are mean to us. How can you show kindness to someone who was mean to you this week? (Even if they don’t deserve it.)

February 15 - Ephesians 4:32

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Question:

Forgive each other for God has forgiven you and all of your mistakes!
Why do you think it is so important for us to do as our heavenly Father does?



February 16 - 1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Question:

We can't be forgiven if we don't ask for it and we can't ask for forgiveness if we don't understand why we need to be forgiven. Part of the process of repentance is understanding our sin which is often hard to do. We need God's help to fully grasp the gravity of our sin. How can we practice the pursuit of understanding our sin with God's help on a daily basis?

February 17 - Acts 3:19

“Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”

Question:

Repentance is the gateway to God’s heart. It is made up of two steps. First, we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness. Second, God forgives us through Jesus’ blood that was shed on the cross. This process enables us to obtain permanent change. How can we practice repentance on a daily basis?



February 18 - Mark 11:25

“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your father who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”

Question:

It’s important to be mindful of our thoughts and heart when we pray, to remember that we are to forgive as we have been forgiven. Take a moment to think about some people you need to forgive or maybe some pain you need to let go and ask God to help you with these things. Why do you think it is so important for us to be free from bitterness and pain?

February 19 - Psalm 86:5

“You, Lord, are forgiving and good abounding in love to all who call to you.”

Question:

God forgives because He loves you. Why do you think God loves you so much?



February 20 - Matthew 6:15

“But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Question:

Sometimes its hard to forgive others for what they have done to you but remember God forgave you for what you did. How can forgiving those who have hurt you be beneficial in your life?

February 21 - Psalms 32:1

“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.”

Question:

How does it make you feel when someone forgives you of something you did wrong? What emotions do you feel when you think about how God not only can, but wants to forgive you?



February 22 - Luke 6:37

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.”

Question:

It's easy to point out everything wrong in someone else's life and feel like we're better than them. This is not the heart of our Father; He longs for us to see people the way He does. How can you begin to shift your perspective to one that enables you to love the ones you might feel are not worthy of it?

February 23 - Daniel 9:9

“The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him.”

Question:

Even when we are doing the wrong things and our hearts are hard towards God, He is willing to receive us and give us His forgiveness for all we have done. Are you ready to ask for and receive God’s forgiveness?



February 24 - Proverbs 17:9

“Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.”

Question:

God is warning us here about the importance of forgiveness to help our relationships. If you hang onto unforgiveness it will make you bitter and separate you from that person. But if you choose to forgive, love will return to the relationship. Are there any close family members or friends that you need to forgive to allow love to come back into your relationship?

February 25 - Colossians 1:13-14

“He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

Question:

It is important to remember that we have forgiveness because of Jesus. It is through Jesus dying on the cross that we are able to be forgiven of our sins. What sins in recent days do you need to ask forgiveness for?



February 26 - Isaiah 55:7

“Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.”

Question:

He freely pardons us! How amazing is that? How does the fact that God “freely pardons” us challenge and inspire you to live a life of repentance and reconciliation with God?

February 27 - Psalms 28:13

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Question:

Why do you think the concept in this verse is important for us to understand as Christians? Are there any sins that you are currently hiding?



February 28 - Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Question:

Our sin can make us feel ashamed and as though everyone around us can see what we have done. God is saying that He will wash those sins away and make you look brand new, to the point that no one would see your sin again! Is having your sins washed away and having a fresh start something you need today?

February 29 - Acts 13:38-39

“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through Him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.”

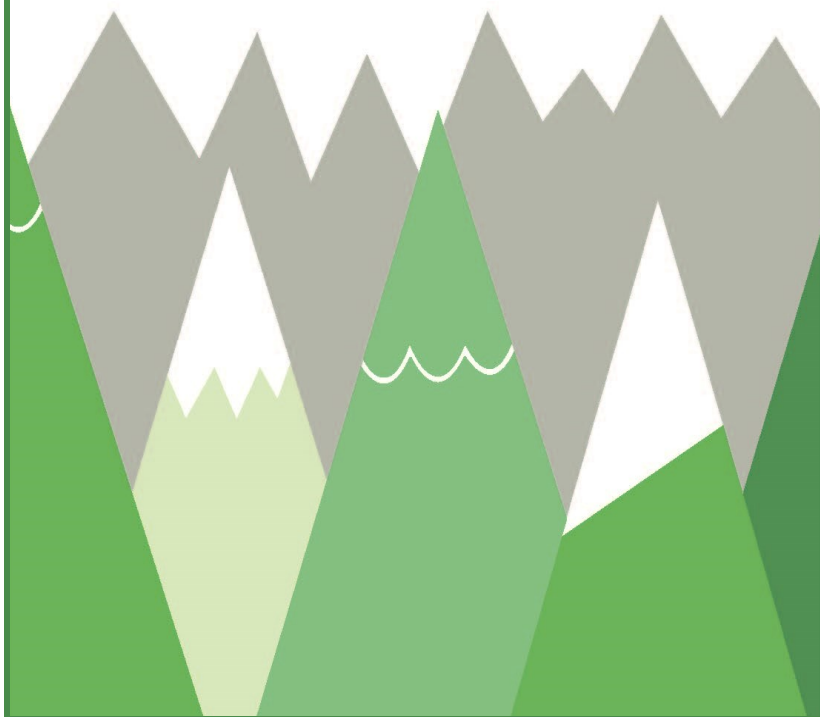
Question:

Obtaining or earning forgiveness is something we could never do through our own means. We often forget that God’s grace is FREELY given! Have you ever tried to earn God’s forgiveness?



March

The Holy Spirit



March 1 - Acts 4:31

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

Question:

How has the Holy Spirit made you brave?



March 2 - John 14:16-18

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

Question:

Through Jesus, the Spirit of God lives in us as Christians. How can we now see the world differently than those around us? In what ways can the Holy Spirit help us?

March 3 - Acts 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Question:

How can you let the Holy Spirit shine through your life today?



March 4 - 1 Corinthians 2:14-15

“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments.”

Question:

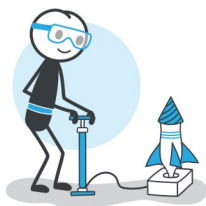
This verse warns us that people who don't know Jesus will think His ways are wrong. But we know that the ways of Jesus bring life. The Holy Spirit makes it clear to us that the ways of Jesus are right. What is something in the Bible that you didn't understand that you now do because the Holy Spirit revealed it to you?

March 5 – 1 Corinthians 3:16

“Don’t you realize that together you have become God’s inner sanctuary and that the Spirit of Good makes His permanent home in you?”

Question:

Before reading this verse, where did you believe the Holy Spirit was? Did you believe that Holy Spirit was near to you or far away?



March 6 – John 16:7-8

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I [Jesus] go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper [Holy Spirit] will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you 8 “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement.”

Question:

Why did Jesus tell His disciples that it would be better for the Holy Spirit to come to them instead of Jesus staying with them?

March 7 - Acts 2:38-39

“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.””

Question:

To repent means to admit that you are wrong and need to change. What is something that you do even though you know it is wrong? From what do you need to repent?



March 8 - John 14:26

“But the helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Question:

The Holy Spirit is our helper and teacher. He is what makes relationship with God possible. What is something in your relationship with God that the Holy Spirit can help you with? How might you have felt a nudge or leading from the Holy Spirit lately?

March 9 - 1 Corinthians 6:19

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit? You are not your own.”

Question:

When we say yes to Jesus, His Spirit comes into us, making us His children. How then, as His children, can we honor God’s Spirit, the One that lives inside of us?



March 10 - Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Question:

Why would it be important for them to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit? Why wouldn’t baptizing in the name of just one be enough?

March 11 - Romans 5:5

“And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

Question:

In this verse we see that God’s love is given to us through the Holy Spirit. What other good things from God can we receive through His spirit?



March 12 – Luke 4:18

“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty, those who are oppressed.”

Question:

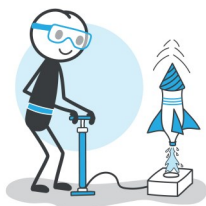
What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives and the lives of the people around us? How does He empower us?

March 13- 2 Corinthians 3:17

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

Question:

How has the Holy Spirit set you free this week?



March 14 - 1 Corinthians 2:10-13

“These are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.”

Question:

The Holy Spirit has a connection to God’s heart, as well as our hearts at the same time. He speaks to our hearts so we can know what to say. He helps us understand the world around us. What is something the Holy Spirit has shown you or said to you?

March 15 – Romans 8:15

“For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father.””

Question:

Did you know that when you ask God into your life and accept the Holy Spirit, you are no longer held captive by the world? Now, instead, you are considered a child of God, through the Holy Spirit.



March 16 – Psalms 143:10

“Teach me to do your will for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

Question:

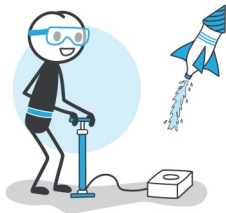
Have you ever been confused about what God is wanting you to do? The Holy Spirit helps us to live our lives in the way that God desires. All that you must do is ask for Holy Spirit’s guidance.

March 17 – Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Question:

Have you ever felt a sense of hopelessness, sadness, or confusion? If so, do you know where to turn to find peace, joy, and hope?



March 18 – Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

Question:

When you practice following Jesus, it looks like something. The Holy Spirit on the inside of you teaches you how to live. How can you love today? With whom can you be gentler?

March 19 – Ezekiel 36:27

“I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you will keep my judgments and do them.”

Question:

What would it look like for you personally to truly follow after God’s heart? He explains it clearly in His word.



March 20 – Acts 2:38

“Then Peter said to them repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Question:

Do you ever feel like you can’t be forgiven? God clearly states that once we are clean from sin, we will receive the blessings that come with receiving Christ.

March 21 – Acts 4:31

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

Question:

Who is the Holy Spirit? What does He do? Has He put a calling on your life?



March 22 – John 14:26

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

Question:

In this verse, Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit as our Helper and Teacher. How does knowing that the Holy Spirit dwells within you impact your daily walk with God and your understanding of His Word? What is something the Holy Spirit reminds you of frequently?

March 23 – 2 Corinthians 6:18

“I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

Question:

Feeling stressed? How can you give that stress to God in prayer today, knowing that He is a good Father? He hears everything!



March 24 – Romans 8:26

“And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don’t even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words.”

Question:

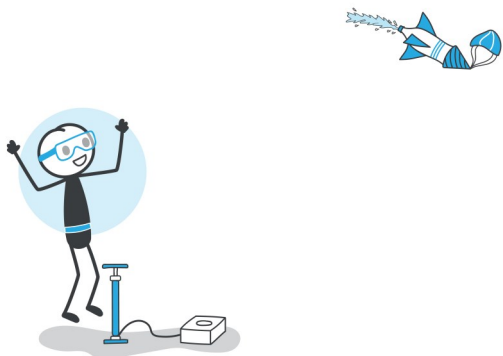
Even when we don’t know how or what to pray, the Holy Spirit living inside of you cries out to God. Have you ever felt alone or stuck when seeking God? How do you feel now, knowing that God is using the Holy Spirit to pray for you while you are discouraged?

March 25 – 2 Corinthians 3:17

“Now the Lord is the spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty.”

Question:

Where would you find freedom in this walk with God?



March 26 – Acts 2:17-18

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.”

Question:

Before Jesus came to earth, only certain people could hear God. Since Jesus made a way for all to be saved, we as Christians can all hear from God through our dreams, visions, the Bible, or simply the voice of the Lord. Do you believe that the Holy Spirit wants to speak to you?

March 27 – Psalm 51:11

“Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”

Question:

How does your life differ when you’re living with the Holy Spirit compared to living without Him?



March 28 – John 3:8

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

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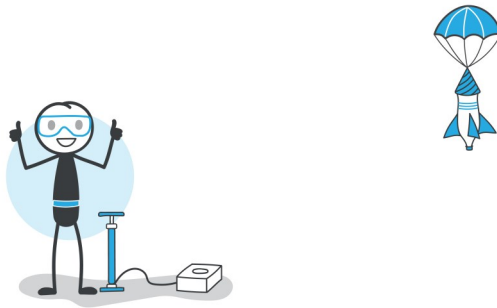
Following the Lord can be nerve-racking because the Holy Spirit often moves in ways that we don’t understand. Do you remember a time when God was leading you to do something outside your comfort zone? Ask the Holy Spirit how He wants to lead you today.

March 29 – Ephesians 4:30

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

Question:

What does it mean to grieve the Holy Spirit? How might we cause that grief?



March 30 – Galatians 4:6

“And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!””

Question:

Have you ever felt the presence of the Holy Spirit? Did you feel like you could freely come to God as a good Father? When we have the Holy Spirit on the inside of us, He reminds us that God is a good Dad who answers us when we call on Him. When do you feel most accepted by God?

March 31 – Romans 8:9

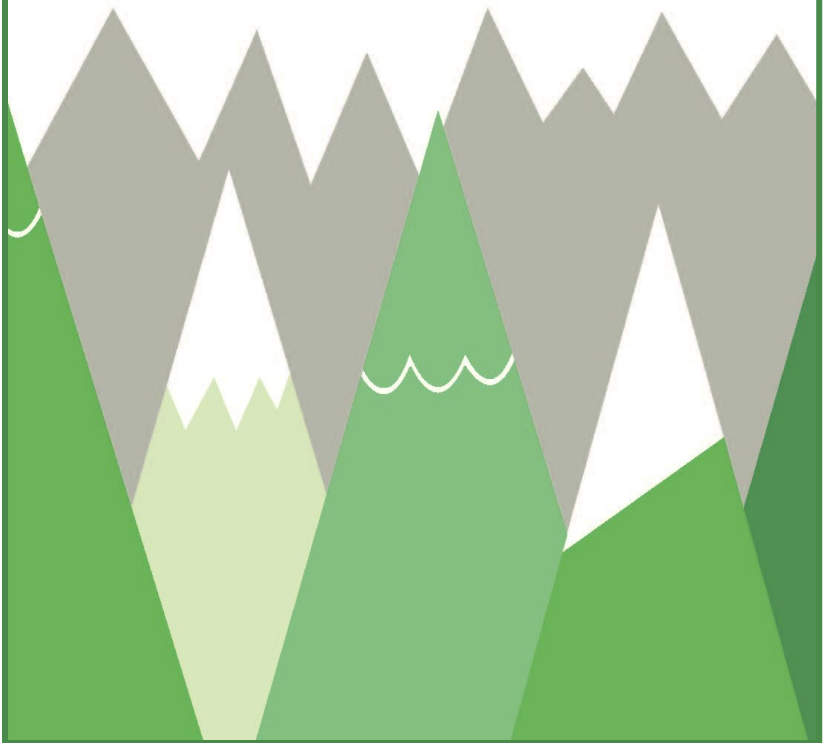
“You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.”

Question:

If you have given your life to Christ, you have the Spirit of God living on the inside of you! Who are you now that Holy Spirit lives on the inside of you?



April Faith



April 1 - Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

Question:

What is something that you do not understand and need God to explain for you?



April 2 - Hebrews 10:22

“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

Question:

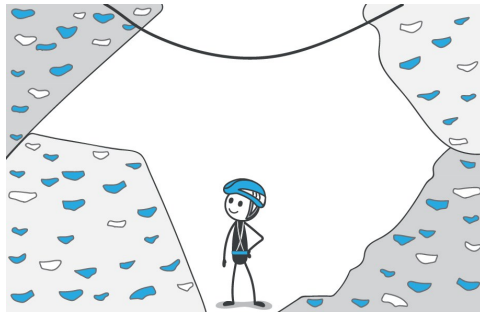
When we get close to Jesus He cleans our hearts, minds and life. What has He cleaned in your life?

April 3 - Galatians 3:26

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.”

Question:

God calls us His children because He loves us deeply and He takes care of us. What is one way you see God taking care of you?



April 4 - Matthew 17:20

“He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Question:

Look up the size of a mustard seed. Look at how small it is! We often think that we have to have big faith to do big things for God. However, God says no matter how small our faith is, He will use it to do big things. What big thing do you want to do for God, even though your faith may be small?

April 5 - Mark 11:22-24

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Question:

If someone hands us a gift, we must reach out and take it, in order to have it. In the same way we must receive what God gives freely. What does it look like for you to take hold of the gifts God gives you?



April 6 - 1 John 5:4

“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”

Question:

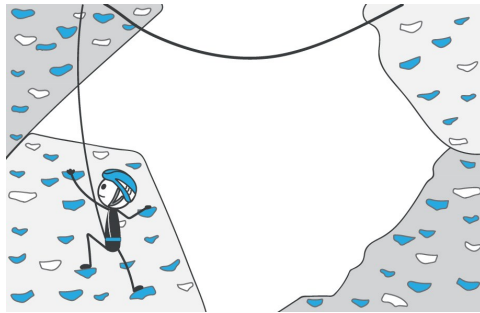
God has victory over the world, even if it may not feel that way sometimes. That is why we are able to trust God to take care of us and fill us with hope. What is something you feel may be hopeless? Tell God about it and ask for His hope to fill you.

April 7 - 2 Corinthians 5:7

“For we live by faith, not by sight.”

Question:

How does this verse challenge you to trust God's promises and navigate the uncertainties of life with unwavering confidence in His guidance and provision? Is there a situation in your life that you are having to exercise your faith in God's goodness?



April 8 - Hebrews 12:2

“Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Question:

Our faith is believing that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose from the dead. What did Jesus's death and resurrection do for us?

April 9 - James 1:6

“But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”

Question:

If we do not believe God will answer us, we are doubting. Doubt causes us to lose our faith, which can lead to a real struggle when bad things happen in life. How can you move away from doubt and take one step towards fully believing in God?



April 10 - Hebrews 11:6

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

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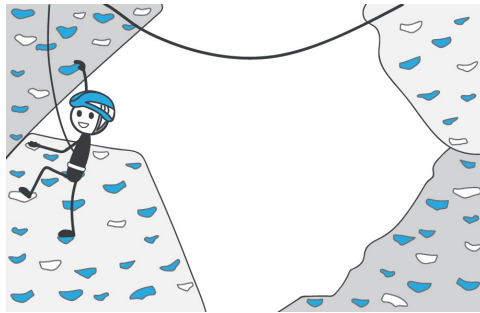
Did you know it required faith the last time you talked to God? Did you know that it makes God happy when you use faith and seek Him out?

April 11 - Mark 10:52

“Go”, said Jesus, ‘your faith has healed you.’ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.”

Question:

Just like the blind man, Jesus wants to heal and restore you! Is there anything that you or a loved one needs healing for? Go to Him in faith and see the miracles He can do for you.



April 12 - Matthew 18:2-3

“Jesus called a little one to His side and said to them, “Learn this well: Unless you dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable, and learn about heaven’s kingdom realm with the wide-eyed wonder of a child, you will never be able to enter in.”

Question:

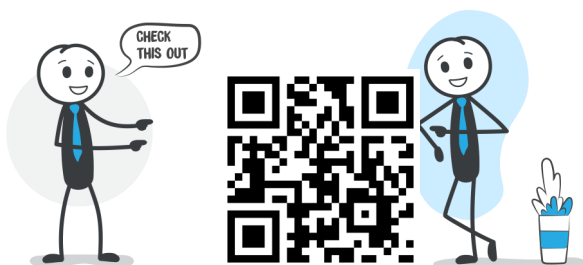
What does it mean to have faith like a child? Do you think that kids or adults have an easier time believing in Jesus?

April 13 - John 11:40

“Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?””

Question:

How does it affect the way you see God when you approach Him believing that we will meet with you? If you don't believe that He will meet with you, is it easier or harder to see Him?



April 14 - Hebrews 11:1

“Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.”

Question:

Who do you know that lives their life by faith? Why do you think they are so confident in what they hope for?

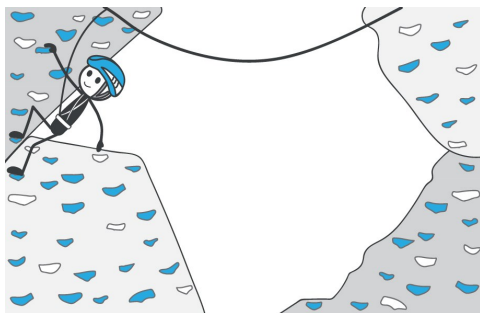
April 15 - John 7:38

“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

Question:

When we believe that God is who He says He is, that is having faith!

When we have faith, we will find an abundance of hope, joy, peace and other good things flowing from us. Do you believe God is who He says He is? In what ways do you have living water flowing from you today?



April 16 - Hebrews 11:7

“It was by faith Noah heard God’s warnings about things that he could not yet see. He obeyed God and built a large boat to save his family. By his faith, Noah showed that the world was wrong. And he became one of those who are made right with God through faith.”

Question:

Noah had to have faith that He had heard God correctly when the Lord told him to build a boat even though the land was in the middle of a drought. His faith saved his family and made him right in the eyes of God. Have you ever thought you heard God but ignored the voice because you weren’t sure? What happened as a result of ignoring it?

April 17 - Mark 5:36

“Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.””

Question:

Continuing to have faith when things get hard or scary can be difficult. Jesus reminds us not to fear but to hold on to our faith by believing! What has God done, shown, or told you that you can hold onto when fear creeps in?



April 18 - Galatians 2:16

“Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

Question:

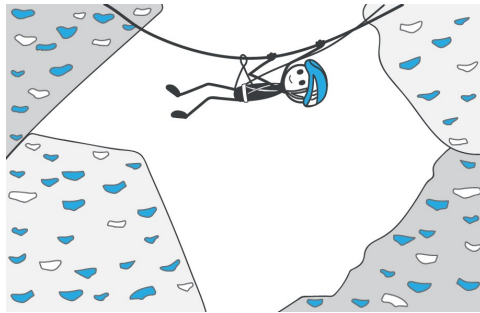
To be justified is to be “declared righteous” by God. This verse is reassuring us that there is no action or thing that we can do or give to be righteous in God’s eyes. God declares us righteous if we simply believe that Jesus died for our sins. How have you been trying to get God’s attention through performing? What does it actually take to get God’s attention?

April 19 - 1 Corinthians 16:13

“Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.”

Question:

How does standing firm in your faith help you to be courageous and strong?



April 20 - Mark 9:23-24

“Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!’”

Question:

The man that Jesus was talking to had a child who needed healing from an unclean spirit. The father knew he was lacking faith and asked God to remove any doubt. Has there ever been a moment in your life where you doubted that God could help you? What can you do to build your faith?

April 21 - James 1:3

“Because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

Question:

We know that we will go through things that test our faith in life. The truth is faith doesn't always take us out of our problems, but faith helps us through them. Are you going through something that is testing your faith?



April 22 - 1 Peter 1:8-9

“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

Question:

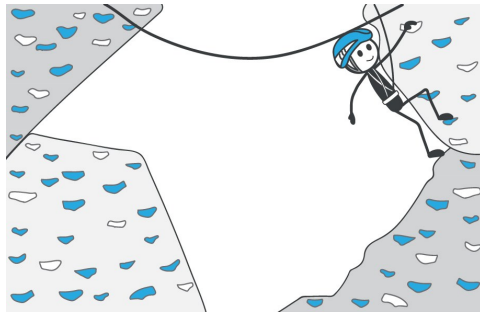
We may not be able to physically see God right now, but we know that He is real. Whether it be through answered prayers, changes in your life, or His presence. We know He is real and through that faith we have joy and the knowledge of salvation. Are you filled with any of these things as a result of your faith?

April 23 - Psalm 119:30

“I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.”

Question:

Just as David had to choose to be faithful to God, we also have to make a choice. There are things in this world that will take away our faith, but if we hold to our faith in God and His Word our belief will become stronger. How can you choose faithfulness today?



April 24 - John 6:35

“Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and who ever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Question:

Faith and belief are necessary in our lives. Without it we will never be satisfied, but will be continually seeking after the things of the world. Do you find that the world leaves you wanting more than being satisfied? Have faith in God and experience complete satisfaction in Him.

April 25 - Romans 10:10

“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

Question:

How can you profess or talk about your faith to others today?



April 26 - Acts 16:31

“They replied, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved-you and your household.’”

Question:

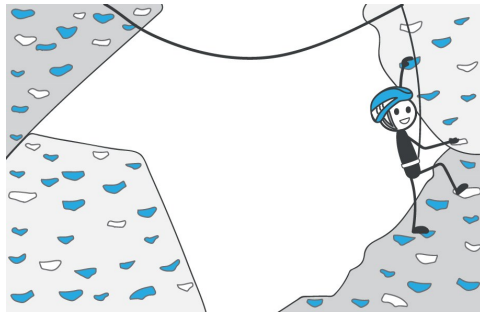
Although everyone has a choice to make about salvation, our faith is where it starts. Let your faith be a testimony to your family. How can you share your faith with them today?

April 27 - 1 John 5:13

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”

Question:

Why is it so important to have faith and belief in Jesus?



April 28 - 1 Timothy 4:12

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

Question:

What are some ways that you can set an example for others who may be younger or older than you?

April 29 - Romans 10:17

“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.”

Question:

Who in your life needs faith today? How can you share the word of Christ to help them?



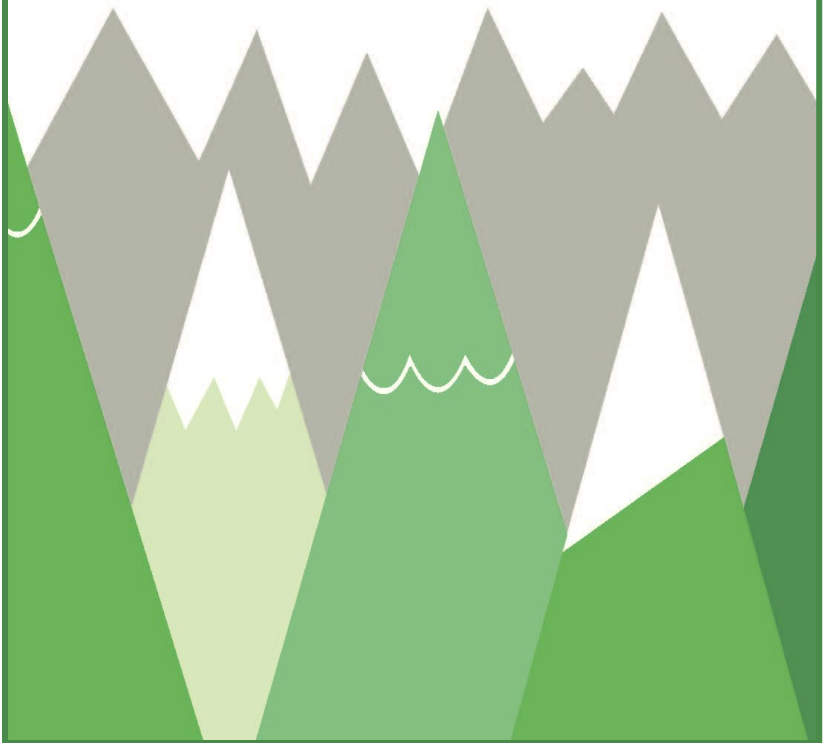
April 30 - John 20:29

“Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”

Question:

We do not see Jesus right now, nor did we witness His sacrifice that saved us, but we know that it is true. We believe it happened and that is faith. How are we blessed for believing even without seeing it for ourselves?

May Healing



May 1 - Matthew 9:35

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.”

Question:

Jesus spent many days of His life healing those who needed help. What do you think it would've been like to be there? What would it be like to see Jesus heal people? Do you believe He still heals today?



May 2 - Luke 6:19

“And the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.”

Question:

People were very excited about Jesus' healing power. Do you think that they loved Jesus too? Do you love Jesus for who He is or what He can do for you?

May 3 - Job 5:11

“He sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.”

Question:

God sees you where you are. If you are or have ever been in a low place in life, be encouraged that God was right there with you. How did God help set you on high from that low place? If you are in a low place now, how do you feel God is helping you to get from that low place to a high one?



May 4 - 1 Peter 2:24

“He himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.”

Question:

Jesus suffered, died, and rose again to free us from the wounds sin causes. Have you allowed Jesus to heal the wounds of sin in your life?

May 5 - Jeremiah 17:14

“Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.”

Question:

With one word God can heal you. This doesn't just mean physical healing but healing in every part of your life. What has God healed you from in the past? What are you asking Him to heal you from now?



May 6 - Proverbs 4:20-22

“My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.”

Question:

How do you think God's words can bring health to your whole body? Have you experienced this before?

May 7 - Matthew 5:44

“But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”

Question:

One of the most healing things you can do in your life is to forgive people. Is it easy? No. Do they deserve it? Maybe not. But forgiving them will set you free and will help you to love those who may not like you. What has happened that you haven't forgiven yet? Tell God how much it hurts and ask Him to help you forgive.



May 8 - Jeremiah 17:14

“Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.”

Question:

The things the Lord says are final. If God says it then that is the way it is. God also says if you come to Him, you will be saved. This is a final word. Have you truly believed Him when He says you are His?

May 9 - Psalm 147:3

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Question:

Do you think God heals both physical and emotional wounds? What wounds has He healed in the people around you?



May 10 - Isaiah 53:5

“But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.”

Question:

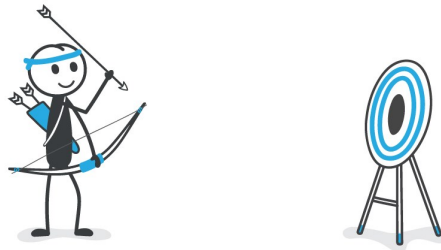
Jesus bore the burden and guilt of our sin. This act of being wounded is what has allowed us to receive healing. Seems a little backwards, but it is true. By His stripes we are healed! What do you need healing of or from today?

May 11 - Proverbs 17:22

“A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.”

Question:

What is something that has made you so sad you couldn't go on? What is something that has given you such joy that you felt you could fly?



May 12 - Psalm 103:2-3

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your disease,”

Question:

David wrote this in praise to the Lord. Likewise, we should give praise, not only for the Lord's forgiveness of our sins, but also for being the Healer in our lives. Has the Lord healed you or a loved one before? How can you show Him praise for that today?

May 13 - Luke 8:50

“When Jesus heard this, He responded, ‘Don’t be afraid: just keep trusting, and she will be healed.’”

Question:

If you are going through any pain, emotionally or physically, call on Jesus in faith, trusting Him just like He advised the man whose daughter needed healing. He will watch over you and heal you in your time of need. Are you willing to call upon Him as the man did?



May 14 - Isaiah 41:10

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Question:

Where are you feeling weak today? Is it physical, mental, emotional or spiritual? Now, how can you lean on God for your strength in that area today?

May 15 - Psalm 34:18

“The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Question:

Just as we need healing physically, we also sometimes need healing emotionally. Are you going through heartbreak from anything? Turn to the Lord and let Him draw you close to comfort and heal you.



May 16 - Psalm 30:2

“LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.”

Question:

Healing doesn't always look the way we expect it too, but God promises that He will heal us when we call to Him. What have you asked for healing in? Can you see where God answered even though it didn't look the way you wanted it to?

May 17 - Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Question:

When we are hurting, we can feel overcome by weariness and burdened by the smallest of things. How can you seek God today and allow Him to give you the rest you desire?



May 18 - Matthew 10:8

“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

Question:

Did you know that Jesus gave this command to His disciples? He was reminding them that He had done all of these things for them, and that they now had permission to do the same things for His glory. Do you believe that God does such extravagant miracles? Do you believe that He wants to do these same things in and through you?

May 19 - Psalm 107:20

“God spoke the words “Be healed,” and we were healed, delivered from death’s door!”

Question:

When God speaks a word over you, it always comes to pass. All throughout scripture, Jesus declares how we have been healed in body, soul and spirit. If you know that God has spoken this word over your life, how can you respond to Him?



May 20 - Luke 10:9

“Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Question:

Throughout Jesus’ time on earth, He often healed the sick and broken-hearted, and it was a sign to them that He was the Son of God. Knowing God and receiving healing go hand in hand. How does God want to heal you today?

May 21 - Proverbs 12:18

“There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”

Question:

Words are extremely powerful. Some people’s words can really hurt us while other’s words can bring encouragement and healing by pointing us back to God, where all true healing and restoration come from. Who in your life can give you this Godly counsel?



May 22 - Acts 28:27

“For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.”

Question:

We must continuously foster and nurture our relationship with God by engaging with Him daily so that our hearts do not grow dull toward Him. This enables us to see and recognize when God heals us or our loved ones either physically or spiritually. How can you practice nurturing your relationship with God on a daily basis?

May 23 - Jeremiah 30:17

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,” declares the Lord, “because you are called an outcast, Zion for whom no one cares.”

Question:

God is saying that even when you are an outcast, He will heal you! Not just heal the wounds but restore you to full health. God cares about those whom no one else cares. Who is somebody you think is also an outcast and needs God’s restoration?



May 24 - Isaiah 57:18-19

“I have seen what they have done, but I will heal them. I will guide them and comfort them. And those who were sad will praise me. I will give peace, real peace, to those far and near. And I will heal them,” says the LORD.”

Question:

Sometimes healing can feel unattainable because we are imperfect people. Peace, comfort, and healing are actually a result of God keeping His covenant with us. They are a result of Jesus’ sacrifice. Have you ever felt like you or somebody else deserved pain and suffering?

May 25 - 1 Peter 2:1

“Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. now that you have tasted that the Lord is good”

Question:

When God heals us it feels great, but slowly we allow old ways to continue in our lives if we aren't careful. Is there something that you are struggling to stop doing or heal from?



May 26 - Mark 1:32-34

“That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons and the whole city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many who were sick with diseases, and cast out many demons. And He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him.”

Question:

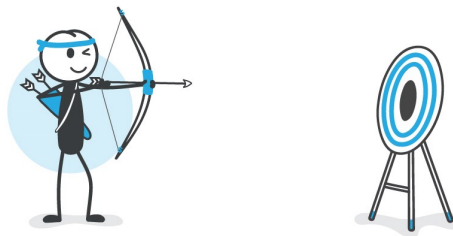
God's spirit was with Jesus when He performed these miracles and now His spirit lives in you. If God's spirit gave Jesus the power and authority to cast out demons and heal the sick, what more do you think His spirit can do through you?

May 27 - Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Question:

This verse says “Come to God, and He will give you rest.” Rest actually helps us heal in many ways. How do you need the Lord to give you rest today?



May 28 - 2 Kings 20:5

“Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you. On the third day from now you will go up to the temple of the Lord’”

Question:

God is saying that He sees your tears. With that in mind, think on times where you prayed for healing. What are the different ways you have seen the Lord heal?

May 29 - Jeremiah 17:14

"Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."

Question:

How does this verse resonate with your own experiences of needing healing and salvation? How can you fully surrender to God's healing and salvation in your life today?



May 30 - Ephesians 4:32

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Question:

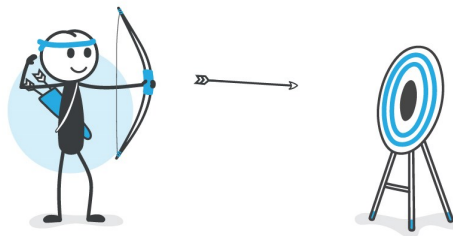
Not forgiving can really cause you pain. You just keep hoping the other person realizes how they hurt you, but sometimes people need you to talk to them. Just hanging onto your anger against them isn't good for anyone. Can you think of a time that you weren't kind? Are there people in your life that you need to forgive and situations you need to heal from?

May 31 - James 5:14-15

“Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

Question:

What does forgiveness mean to you? How does that bring healing into our lives?



Battle Verses



Anger

Ephesians 4:26

“In your anger do not sin” Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry”

Proverbs 15:1

“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger”

James 1:9

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;”

Add your favorite verses about overcoming anger below:

Loneliness

Isaiah 41:10

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

1 Samuel 12:22

“For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself. “

Add your favorite verses for overcoming loneliness below:

Fear

Psalm 27:1-3

“The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble in dread before them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not fail you or abandon you.”

Philippians 4:6-7

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming fear below:

Shame

Isaiah 50:7

“Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.”

Psalms 34:4-5

“I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.”

Psalms 3:3

“But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming shame below:

Broken Hearted

1 Peter 5:7

“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

Psalms 34:18

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

Psalms 73:26

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming broken heartedness below:

Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13

“No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

Matthew 26:41

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

James 4:7

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming temptation below:

Sin (failure)

Micah 7:8

“Do not gloat over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.”

Romans 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 John 1:8 –10

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming sin below:

Lust

Matthew 5:28

“But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

1 Corinthians 6:18

“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.”

1 Thessalonians 4: 3-5

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming lust below:

Confused

1 Corinthians 14:33

“For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,”

2 Timothy 2:7

“Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.”

1 John 4:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming confusion below:

Depression

Psalm 34: 17-18

“When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Matthew 11: 28

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Isaiah 43:2

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming depression below:

Anxiety/Stress

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

Proverbs 12:25

“Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.”

Matthew 6:34

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Add your favorite verses for overcoming anxiety/stress below:

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