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FAMILY ORDER OF DEVOTIONALS

15 WEEKS OF DEVOTIONALS
DESIGNED WITH THE FAMILY IN MIND.



Week 1

Read: Matthew 7:15-21

Discuss: What does this story mean? How does it apply to your life? What fruits are you bearing? What works are you doing for the Lord? Why is it important to recognize false prophets? What are some ways to identify false prophets?

Pray: God, help us to bear and produce good fruits. We pray that you will reveal yourself through the word you have provided to us and we can use that word to teach others. Help us to study your word diligently so that we can identify false prophets in our society. You are the one true God and we pray our life is genuine and full of love for you. Amen.

Week 2

Read: I Corinthians 12:12-14

Discuss: Name parts of your body that is dependent on another part of the body in order to work. What is the skeleton makeup of the church? (i.e. who is/are the brain? fingers? toes? etc?) What is the common bond that we have in the body? Who are the members of the body? Why is being a part of the body important for the church?

Pray: God, help us to do your will. Help us as we strive to use our talent as a part of the body you have setup for us through Christ. We pray you will bring unity to our family, church family, and to the churches in Columbus understanding the importance of working together to show your love to many. Thank you for your son and the sacrifice that was made to bring us into a relationship with you. Amen.

Week 3

Read: Genesis 22:1-14

Discuss: The first time the word love is used in the Bible is when Genesis speaks of Abraham's love for his son Isaac. What is your Isaac? What do you dearly love that would be unthinkable to give up? Is your love for your Isaac more important to you than God? Where did your Isaac come from? Does it belong to you or God? Why or why not? What parallels can be drawn between Isaac and Christ?

Pray: God, from the beginning you showed us what love was. When Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, it shows us the love and commitment we should have for you. We pray that when you call us to do something, we will listen and follow you no matter what we think. Help us to not let our Isaacs stand in the way of our love for you. Amen.

Week 4

Read: I Corinthians 12:15-18

Discuss: Do you ever feel that way? Do you ever feel like you are not part of the big church? Why or Why not? If so, what can be done to help you overcome that feeling? Do you believe the idea that God put you exactly where you are so the church would work? Why or Why not? Take a few minutes to discuss everything God has put together so they would work (i.e. cardiac system, water cycle, etc.)

Pray: God, thank you for placing us here at this time to do the work that is expected of us. Being our creator, help us to trust your infinite wisdom. When we look around we see and how you've created so many things that function together to make our Earth a livable place. You also created the body of Christ, the church, and we pray that we continue in unity as we work together for you. Amen.

Week 5

Read: I Corinthians 12:19-24

Discuss: What's the honor of working behind the scenes? What parts of your body do you think you could live without? How would that affect how your body worked? Why is it important to view every member of Christ's body as important? Is that a struggle for you? Why or Why not?

Pray: God, thank you for the people you have placed within the body of Christ. Help us to view everyone as equal whether they work behind the scenes or they are out front and visible. It is important we realize that everyone who is a part of your body has a talent that has been given to them to use and everyone's job/talent is important as ours. Help us to be unifiers of the body and not dividers. Amen.



Week 6

Read: I Corinthians 12:25-27

Discuss: What does it mean to “suffer together”? What does it mean to “rejoice together”? Why is that important when you are part of the body of Christ? What are ways we can prevent divisions among the body? Why do you believe unity is so important?

Pray: For unity, for relationships, for the body. Pray to truly understand the concept of how the body works together. Pray for those in our family who are hurting but also those who have something to celebrate. (Maybe discuss, as a family, members who fit in to these categories before praying together).

Week 7

Read: II Corinthians 5:14-17

Discuss: What does it mean for love to control us? What used to control the old self? What is the name that each of us should wear? Why? What are some “new things” that come with your identity as a Christian? What should change in your life? Name some bible characters who had their name changed by God. What message do you think God was trying to send to each of these characters about the point when their name changed? (Revelation 2:17)

Pray: For help being controlled by God’s love, thankfulness for the new creation we have through Jesus, for the name we wear and represent, to be Christ’s representative in all that we do.

Week 8

Read: Ecclesiastes 1 and 2

Discuss: What are some different ways that Solomon sought meaning and purpose for life? (1:12-14, 1:17, 2:1-3, 2:4-5, 2:8, 2:10) How do you see people today trying foolishly to find happiness and meaning the same way that Solomon did? How do God’s eternal heavenly purposes for us give us meaning in life beyond temporary things? (see Revelations 4:11; Matthew 22:36-40; Ephesians 1) What types of things did Jesus say we should work for? (see Matthew 6:19-21) What does it mean to live for a higher purpose?

Pray: To understand your purpose and meaning in life, to live to honor God, and for understanding of what our heavenly purpose is for our life.

Week 9

Read: Galatians 2:20

Discuss: Why did I need to be crucified with Christ? What happened to the OLD MAN of sin? When I’m raised with Christ from our baptism, how is Jesus alive in us now? How does this new identity give me power over sin? Over death? Over stress? Over all obstacles? Talk about the lyrics to “I Am Mine No More” – how does this apply to the old self?

Pray: To truly put self away and to let Jesus Christ be our Lord, for the power to overcome obstacles in our life, to turn our battles over to the Lord.

Week 10

Read: I John 1:9; 2:23

Discuss: What is the longest time you’ve ever gone keeping something secret? How relieved were you when you finally revealed it? For what reasons do we hesitate in admitting our wrong to other people? Proverbs 18:21 says “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” What scenarios would the tongue have the power of death? In what situations would the tongue have the power of life? How can we establish an attitude or mindset of confession?

Pray: Confess to God, as a family, your shortcomings and struggles, pray for strength to be open with others, ask for a mindset/attitude for confession, and to help control the tongue in certain situations.



Week 11

Read: I John 1:5-10

Discuss: What does it mean to “walk in the light”? What are characteristics of people who are walking in the light? What are things that hold us back or distract us in our daily spiritual walk? How hard would it be to live like Christians without the example of Christ? Define confession – how does it help us to grow as Christians?

Pray: For fellowship with Christ and guidance as we try to walk in the light. Pray for the things that maybe getting in the way of your family’s spiritual walk.

Week 12

Read: I John 3:3-10

Discuss: Define righteousness - What are some ways we can practice righteousness? How is practicing your instrument or sports, etc. similar to practicing righteousness? What bible characters can you think of that practiced righteousness? How did they differ from the people/culture around them? Who are some people we can ask about tips for spiritual living and practicing righteousness?

Pray: For help in practicing righteous living. Pray for the people in your life who will help you in your spiritual living. Pray for your family that they may seek righteousness every day and develop spiritual disciplines to do just that.

Week 13

Read: I Samuel 15 and 16

Discuss: What was King Saul’s leadership style? What was King David’s leadership style? How did they compare? How did they contrast? Who are you more like King Saul or King David? Why? Do people tiptoe around you, fearful of what mood you may be in, or do they come to you for encouragement? Do you inspire confidence in others? Are you the kind of person other people want to follow? What does it mean to encourage those around you?

Pray: For the ability to encourage people in the way that you lead. Pray for God to strengthen the leaders in your home. Pray that your family maybe leaders in the church and your community.

Week 14

Read: I John 3:11-18

Discuss: What are some reasons for loving our brother? (v. 11,14,16,17) What are some ways we can love our brother? Why do you think John centers his letter on the theme of love? How can love help us in evangelism? In ministry? In missions? How did the absence of love affect the first ever sibling (brother-to-brother") relationship in Cain and Abel? When in Jesus life did he open his heart in compassion for others? What did this lead him to do?

Pray: For the ability to love and to show love. Pray for compassion. Pray for the opportunities to show our love towards others through evangelism and missions. Pray for God’s love to always be present in our lives.

Week 15

Read: I John 5:5-13

Discuss: John says there are “three that testify” - the Spirit (truth) and the water (his baptism) and the blood (his death on the cross). And that these three agree. On what do they agree? Who does John say can be sure of eternal life? (1 John 5:13) Why do Christians seem so unsure at times? Why is it so difficult to just trust? Why are we tempted to take matters in life into our own hands instead of leaving them to God?

Pray: For confidence in knowing who has eternal life. For trust in God to not take matters into our own hand but allow God to work in a mighty way for us. For Jesus Christ, the life He led, the life He gave, and the power He had to overcome death.

