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You are reading this devotional because you have decided to take steps of faith in your life. We are PUMPED that you have done that!

It's been said that it takes 21 days of doing something before it becomes a habit. Our Launch Committee wanted to put something in your hands that would help you start a new habit: a habit of reading God's word. And what better place to start than in the Gospel of John, which conveniently has 21 chapters! Before you begin this 21 day devotional, we'd encourage you to do a few things.

First, get a Bible. If you don't have one, ask your youth pastor and we're certain they will help you find one. If not, message us on instagram @launchsnba and we'll get you a Bible. Next, grab a notebook, journal, or even the notes section of your phone. Each day you'll be asked to read a few verses and then respond to a question. You might want to jot down some verses that stick out, and you'll definitely want to write down your response to the question. A highlighter would be a great tool to have to highlight any scriptures that you want to remember.

Finally, we'd encourage you to find a friend in your youth group (or a youth leader) and ask them to do this Bible study alongside you. Text each other daily to remind each other to be accountable to read it and maybe even share your responses. This will increase your ability to stick to it, and encourage one another to stay the course.

Last but not least, we want to hear from you! Tag us on social media (@LaunchSNBA) what God is showing you as you dive deep into His word!

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Day 1 - Read John Chapter 1

- Jared Hollier

Key Verses: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.. And the Word became flesh.”*

John 1:1-2, 14

Very often, critics of Christianity will ask questions like, “If God is real, why doesn’t He show Himself? Why is He hiding? Just show us!” These verses tell us that He’s already done that.

Jesus is “the Word” described in John 1. Jesus was with God in the beginning, and He still is God. He was there before creation, He was part of the creating process, and then He put on flesh and stepped into creation. God in the flesh, here with us.

This is important for us to understand and believe because it affects how we interact with Jesus. He wasn’t just a messenger sent from God; He wasn’t just a good teacher who spoke about God; Jesus actually is God! So when we interact with Him - in prayer, in worship, in acts of service - we are interacting with the God of creation, the Alpha & Omega, the One who was, and is, and is to come!

Reflect: How does the phrase “the Word became flesh” influence your view of Jesus?

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Day 2 - Read John Chapter 2

- Jared Hollier

Key Verses: *"His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."*
John 2:5

The first step to a Christian life is the easiest step: We must confess that we're sinners who need a Savior, believe that Jesus is the only Savior available, and ask Him to pardon our sins and restore our relationship with God. A simple, genuine prayer of confession is all that's required.

And then what?

"Do whatever he tells you." -John 2.5

Although Mary was speaking to the servants at a wedding feast, this is a great summary for Christian living: Do whatever Jesus says to do. Being saved and forgiven is the first step on a lifelong journey of obedience. After you become a Christian, your primary responsibility in life is to do what Jesus says.

And as we grow in our faith, knowledge, and obedience, our lives will look more and more like the life of Christ. We'll learn to reject sin, to love others, to serve the church, to give generously, to speak kindly. Take time every day to open your Bible, read the words of Jesus, and then *"Do whatever He tells you."*

Reflect: As you continue this book, keep track of Jesus's commands and ways to obey Him.

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Day 3 - Read John Chapter 3

- Jared Hollier

Key Verses: *16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

John 3:16-17

John 3.16 might be the most well-known verse in the Bible. For many people who grow up in church, it's the first verse they memorize. But we really should memorize verse 17 too!

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”

That verse is for everyone.

That verse is for you.

Jesus did not come into the world to condemn you.

He's not mad at you. He doesn't hate you. He's not here to point his finger and call you names. He's here to save you. To love you.

To heal you. To comfort you. To strengthen you. To bless you.

Whatever your life looks like, whatever situations you find yourself in, whatever troubles you have, you can always turn to Jesus, and be confident that he's here to save you, not to condemn you.

Reflect: Have you felt too ashamed or afraid to go to God? How do these verse address those feelings?

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Day 4 - Read John Chapter 4

- Garrett Williamson

Key Verses: *"And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." John 4:41-42*

Who was the first person who spoke to you about Jesus? Who was the first person you spoke to about Jesus? If you can remember, compare these conversations.

In John chapter 4 Jesus has an awkward yet important conversation with an unbelieving woman with a very poor reputation. In fact Jesus's disciples marveled at all of the cultural barriers that Jesus breaks by having this conversation. Jesus doesn't care about all of our social "rules". He is ready and willing to meet with anyone and everyone. How do we know? He met with us!

This is important for us to understand because we tend to place people in groups. School friends, church friends, sports friends, family friends, enemies, social media friends, etc... Sometimes it may feel like these conversations cannot be had with certain groups of people yet this simply isn't true. Jesus the Savior of the world was ready to meet with her, was ready to meet with us, and he is ready to meet with all of these groups and we get to make the introduction. How great it is that our conversations can be used for those to hear for themselves about Jesus our Lord.

Reflect: Take some time to think and pray on who that group is that seems unreachable by you. How can Jesus practically be made known to them through you?

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Day 5 - Read John Chapter 5

- Garrett Williamson

Key Verses: *"When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath."*

John 5:6-9

What is the worst injury you've ever physically had? What is the worst injury you've ever had emotionally? Which was worse? Why? When Jesus asks a question we should pay extra attention because he already knows the answer. It seems obvious that he wants to be healed, wouldn't you? This man was not simply looking for healing but he was looking for healing his way. Sometimes when it comes to healing we think we know the best solution but when God heals he heals in his way at his time.

Notice that Jesus says "Get up" and this man who has been paralyzed trusts these words and gets up and walks. It can be hard for us to trust at times especially when we think we know best. What in you needs healing? What has life thrown at you that you haven't given to God to heal? What relationship needs healing? Or rather has God healed someone in a way you didn't expect? Or maybe God hasn't healed yet at all? Christian can you trust God no matter the answer?

Reflect: Take a moment to reflect upon if your trust in God has been dependent on your expectations. Are you willing to give those up? Do you want to be healed?

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Day 6 - Read John Chapter 6

- Zach Belknap

Key Verses: *“There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?”*

John 6:9

Tell me if you have heard this before, “God can’t use me because...”. Perhaps we think we aren’t good enough, talented enough, or even worthy to be used by God, and the simple truth is that we aren’t. If we were to try in our own power or strength, we would not be able to accomplish anything for the Lord. How awesome is it that this story reminds us that if we give everything to Jesus, he can take what we have and do extraordinary things with it?

There was a giant crowd that was hungry, the disciples didn’t have enough money to feed them, and all the food that they did have was a little boys lunch of five biscuits and two fish sticks. So Jesus takes that little boys lunch and he does something that only he could do.

We don’t have to have all the answers. We don’t have to fix all the problems. All we have to do is be willing to give Jesus the situation and let Him work it out for his purpose and our good.

Reflect: Is there something you have been holding back from Jesus because you think to yourself “I’ve got this”?

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Day 7 - Read John Chapter 7

- Garrett Williamson

Key Verses: "So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For not even his brothers believed in him." John 7:3-5

What is the most troubled family relationship that you have?

Family relationships can be difficult. Nothing can cut worse sometimes like the words and actions of a family member. It has been said before the people who are supposed to love us the most can hurt us the worst. We can see here that Jesus's own brothers did not believe in him at first and openly mocked him. Yet throughout this passage Jesus continues teaching.

Our ministry for Christ shouldn't depend upon the acceptance and understanding of others. To non-believing family it can be difficult explaining why we do the things we do, why we say the things we say, and why we stay away from certain things. Yet even though it is difficult we should still continue. We should not lose hope. One of Jesus's brothers James would later come to know Jesus as his savior and Lord, write the book of James, be an influential member and minister in the early church, and even become martyred for his belief. A brother who openly mocks to now a brother who dies for his belief. This should give us great encouragement as believers. No matter how troubled our family relationships can be, God can still work. No matter how far gone a family member may be, God can still work. If God can work in us he can work in anyone.

Reflect: Who in your family have you lost hope for? How can you pray for them?

Challenge: Take some time to read over the book of James and see what God has to teach you through the words of someone who was radically changed for God's glory.

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Day 8 - Read John Chapter 8

- Zach Belknap

Key Verses: *“Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.” John 8:12*

Have you sat and thought about what Light does to darkness? Sit in a dark room and then switch on a light and what happens? The light drives the darkness away.

All of us at some point in our lives walked in darkness. That’s what a life without Jesus is, it’s a life of darkness. We were lost, dead people who needed a savior, who needed to know life outside the darkness. Well, in steps Jesus and tells us that HE is the Light of the World. That if we would trust and follow Him that we don’t have to walk in darkness anymore. What an incredible thing to think about that our life was darkness and Jesus brought himself to us and it drove the darkness away.

So, I want you to do one of two things today. One, think about if you are still living in that darkness. Do you need to trust Jesus for salvation and allow him to drive the darkness away? Or two, if you are saved from the darkness, thank him for allowing you to have the light that leads to life.

Reflect: Do you have a friend that needs to know the Light of the World that drives away the darkness?

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Day 9 - Read John Chapter 9

- Shayla Stankus

Key Verses: “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 9:3-5

Can you imagine living with absolutely no vision? Your view of the world would be through the eyes of someone else. You would only know what things look like because they were explained to you. John 9 describes a man blind since his birth. The disciples assume his blindness was caused by his own sin or maybe even the sins of his parents. Jesus explains to them that his blindness is not caused by his sin or his parent’s sin, but he is blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. (Verse 3)

If you were blind, I would be willing to bet you would do anything you could to be able to see again, maybe even something as crazy as making mud pies and put them all over your eyes. That is exactly what Jesus told him to do, and after covering his eyes, he told him to go wash it off and darkness became light.

Religious leaders overlooked the healing miracle because they wanted to make sure it happened within their own rules. They were asking questions, such as, is this the man who had been blind? If it is, who healed him? The blind man answered, “I was blind, but now I see.”

Everyone who accepts Jesus as Lord and savior has a before and after story, their own testimony. If you’ve gone from darkness (lost) to light (saved), your story has been written so the works of God might be displayed in you. Your story is just as miraculous as the one in John 9. You were blind, and now you see.

Reflect: What is your story and who do you need to share it with?

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Day 10 - Read John Chapter 10

- Shayla Stankus

Key Verses: “The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10

How can we live abundant lives? We all want that, don't we? We must first ask what or who is the source of abundant life?

John 10:10 says, “The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” God wants to give you a full and abundant life, but we allow the things of this world to grab our attention and distract us. When we get distracted, it allows the devil to steal the things God has for us away. Earthly things come and go, they are fleeting, but Jesus brings lasting joy. The only way to experience a joy that never leaves is to have something that cannot fail. The only thing that cannot fail is a relationship with Jesus. An abundant life comes from Jesus, who never fails.

John Rockefeller was asked how much money would be enough to make him happy. His response was, “one more dollar.” He was a millionaire. He had all he could ever want and more. But he still wasn't satisfied, he would always want one more dollar. A life apart from Jesus will always leave you wanting for more.

Reflect: What are some hang ups we allow to come into our lives that keep us from living a full life Jesus has promised?

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Day 11 - Read John Chapter 11

- Zach Belknap

Key Verses: “*Then Jesus wept*” John 11:35

For many of us, God is just this guy in the sky who looks down on us and is in control but doesn't really “GET” us. He doesn't understand what I'm going through. He doesn't get pain or heartbreak or being depressed. However, this story in John's book shows that Jesus may know us better than we think.

Jesus has a friend Lazarus who gets sick. His family sends word to Jesus, He waits a few days and then heads to see him. Well, in those few days that He waited his friend dies. Jesus gets to the town where he lives and has interactions with both of his sisters who say to him “If you had been here our brother would not have died.” He sees all these people around him sad and mourning and what does the bible say happens? Jesus wept. Jesus didn't tear up or cry for a second, it says that He weeps. Jesus felt all the emotion, sadness, and heartbreak of the loss of His friend.

So, the next time you think Jesus just doesn't understand, I want you to come back to this story and see that yes, Jesus does understand, and He loves you and He is there.

Reflect: Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus knows and had to deal with every single emotion that you have ever had to go through?

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Day 12 - Read John Chapter 12

- Reid Hawthorn

Key Verses: “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”
John 12:27-28

Every believer has to understand the magnitude of what Jesus was about to do on the cross. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross wasn’t painless or free of sacrifice, but the most sacrificial thing he could’ve done. He knew it would bring physical pain to his physical body, but would bring glory to God The Father.

We have to know that this sacrifice was useful and absolutely necessary for our salvation. Jesus, though he knew that death was daunting, knew that only His death could satisfy God.

In verse 28, Jesus says, “Father, glorify your name!”. He says this with an understanding that nothing else on earth matters. He is willing to put nothing before the Lord, even his own life. His one true desire, the driving force for every action that Jesus had, was to bring glory to God the Father. When we read about the actions of Jesus and his goal to bring God glory. It should be a driving force of service for us. That every action and thought bring glory to God the Father.

Reflect: Are my actions bringing glory to God? What am I doing right and what do I need to change? Am I truly living a life of sacrifice for God?

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Day 13 - Read John Chapter 13

- Reid Hawthorn

Key Verses: "Peter said to him, 'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow till you have denied me three times.

John 13:37-38

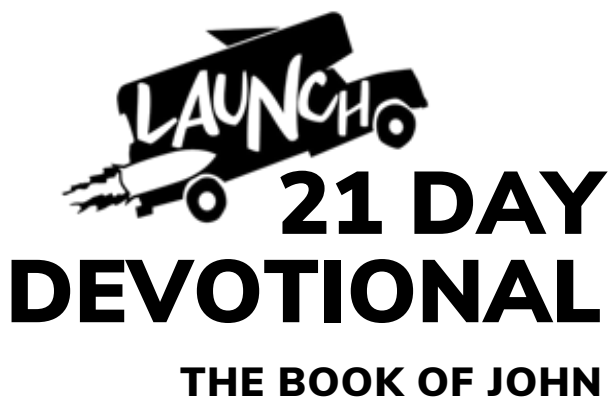
There is a level of confidence we have when we're all alone. When nobody is watching or nobody is around, many of us believe we can or will do anything. Yet, when it comes to real life, we often times cower away at the thought of actually going through with it or maybe we become too embarrassed to do what we know we need to do.

Simon Peter was known for being outgoing. He loved the Lord Jesus and made sure people knew it. He was willing to stick up for him in the most drastic situations and would even put himself in harms way to protect him. However in John chapter 13 verses 37-38, Jesus speaks of Peter denying Him even though Peter just said he would die for him.

This is important for many reasons, but we can see how we're similar to Peter in this moment. How often are we bold in our faith around our church family but not at school? How often are we outgoing about our relationship with the Lord with our family but when it comes to our friends, we shut down?

Living the Christian life means having the same confidence in Jesus in private and in public. Having a true relationship with Jesus means we can't be scared to show others that we love the Lord. We should be outgoing with our faith all the time. Not just when its convenient for our social status or popularity.

Reflect: Are we willing to say we follow Jesus in front of everyone? Even if it means losing friends over it?

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Day 14 - Read John Chapter 14

- Bryce Trusty

Key Verses: “6 Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”
John 14:6-7

Have you ever wondered how is it possible for sinful humans to have a relationship with a perfect God?

Well, thankfully the answer is found here in John 14 through a conversation between Jesus and his disciples during the last supper.

So can we personally know the God who created all things on earth and in heaven?

The answer is simple. Through knowing Jesus Christ.

Jesus is, “the way, the truth, and the life.”

This is a concrete statement that changes everything we have ever known.

This truth told by Jesus shows us that there is no other way to know who God is personally except through having a relationship with Jesus.

We as sinful humans who rebelled against God do not deserve to have a personal relationship with him. Yet, Jesus Christ sacrificed his own life by being crucified on the cross for all sins for all people.


And we have an opportunity to accept Jesus into our hearts and get to know who God is personally for all of eternity. Jesus died, so we could be free from sin, and the best part about it is that it is completely free for us to accept!

So, the truth of Jesus' statement was the truth back then thousands of years ago, and it is the same truth today.

This shows us that we can never work our way to heaven, or to be a good enough person to grant us access.

Jesus is the only access point to know who God is personally, what an amazing truth that is!

Reflect: So, how does this truth from John 14 change the way you think about your own personal life?

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Day 15 - Read John Chapter 15

- Bryce Trusty

Key Verses: 9 “As the Father has loved me, I have also loved you. Remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 “I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. 12 “This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:9-12

Has anyone ever told you where true joy comes from?

A lot of times we try to find things in life that bring us joy, but in reality it is just temporary happiness.

Things like money, jobs, relationships, music, sports, etc.

Here in John, Jesus tells us that his joy is found in us.

Isn't that crazy? That Jesus, who is fully God and fully man, shares his joy with us!

Here, Jesus commands his disciples & us that we are to remain in his love and to share that love to everyone.

Do you still want to know where true joy comes from?

True joy comes from taking the love that Jesus shares with us, and sharing it with everyone that we meet.

True joy can only come from Jesus who is able to satisfy our sinful hearts with his perfect love.

We would be crazy not to share that with the world! So, go out into this world, and be a representation of Jesus by giving those around you a taste of what true joy feels like through knowing Jesus Christ.

Reflect: When was the last time you shared the love of Jesus to someone else & how did it make you feel?



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Day 16 - Read John Chapter 16

- Travis Hogg

Key Verses: *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."* John 16:13-14

In this world, lots of voices will try to tell you what is true. The problem is if you line up each of those voices, you will quickly find that truth means different things to different people. So what is the actual truth?

God set a standard of what is true, and it has held fast for all of time and will continue to do so. When Jesus left this earth, his disciples were concerned about not having their leader, teacher, and friend to guide them. However, Jesus says we have no need to worry because he is leaving with us the Holy Spirit.

This Holy Spirit will be the voice that leads us into all truth. He will help us discern the difference between God's standard and all of those other voices in our culture. The truth that the Holy Spirit guides us in will always glorify God. That is different from the world's idea of truth that often promotes self-centeredness, temporary (meaning non-eternal) desires, or an always changing standard of truth.

The Holy Spirit will be in line with the never-changing God who is creator and Lord of all!

Reflect: What voices have you listened to that have lead you away from God's standard? How can you daily become more familiar with the voice of the Holy Spirit?

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Day 17 - Read John Chapter 17

- Travis Hogg

Key Verses: *"I pray not only for these, but also for those who believe in me through their word. May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you have given me, so that they may be one as we are one." John 17:20-22*

Did you see that? Jesus prayed specifically for you nearly two thousand years ago! Go back and read it again in verse 20. As Jesus prays intimately with the Father, His love for you and the disciples just oozes out of these verses. And on the top of that love is the love He wants us to have for one another.

This idea of unity among the believers is huge, and yet, we are not very good at it. Because the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit operate in one accord, we too as believers should operate with the same principle. All of our efforts as believers need to be with the same mission that God sent Jesus to mankind. That is to glorify God through the work of the Gospel when the broken relationship between Creator and creation is made new.

Now if Jesus loves you this much, our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ should be abounding. When we love one another and have the same mission, God can use our gifts and efforts to join in where He is at work.

Reflect: Are there people around me who I can love better in order for God to be glorified through me?

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Day 18 - Read John Chapter 18

- Travis Hogg


Key Verses: *"Now the servants and the officials had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold. They were standing there warming themselves, and Peter was standing with them, warming himself. "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus answered him. "I have always taught in the synagogue and in the temple, where all the Jews gather, and I haven't spoken anything in secret. 21 Why do you question me? Question those who heard what I told them. Look, they know what I said."* John 18:18, 20-21

In this chapter, we have Jesus being questioned about who He is and what is true, and then we have Peter being asked if he is associated with Jesus. Jesus very plainly states that He stands behind everything He has ever said and taught. All the while Peter, who had claimed he would die following Jesus (John 13), ends up cowering behind the idea of being accused of ever being with Jesus.

Eventually Peter does come to his senses and Jesus forgives him while giving him a charge to lead the Church. Peter's experience gave him the boldness to proclaim Christ for the rest of his days. As a follower of Christ, we need to look at Peter's experience and learn from it without having to live it.

By continuing to study God's Word and learn in group Bible Studies, you can have the boldness that Jesus displayed to the officials during His arrest. Spend time analyzing scripture to make your life characterize that of Jesus.

Reflect: Have I been living my faith out in secret or does my boldness in Christ shine for all to see?



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Day 19 - Read John Chapter 19

- Daniel Begnaud

Key Verses: *"When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." John 19:30*

Imagine a hard hit ball down the third base line with the bases loaded: hearing the word "fair" or "foul" drastically changes the outcome. A single word changes everything.

As we read John chapter 19, we read the heart-wrenching story of the crucifixion of Jesus. It's filled with pain, suffering, and death. Jesus is mocked, beaten, and eventually nailed to the cross, and yet He never wavers in His commitment to fulfilling the will of God.

Though the scene may seem bleak and that Jesus is being defeated, His death on this cross gave way to the victory that we could never obtain. In verse 30, with one final word, Jesus declares His victory before giving up His final breath - "Tetelestai" which is Greek for "It is Finished". This wasn't Jesus giving up. This is a victory cry. Jesus was essentially saying that our debt was paid, Satan was defeated, His obedience was complete, and God's justice was satisfied.

It is finished. Jesus had completed the task set before Him.

Reflect: Jesus was in control and victorious, even on the cross. How does that make you feel about the situation you are currently in?

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Day 20 - Read John Chapter 20

- Daniel Begnaud

Key Verses: "Jesus said to him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"
John 20:29

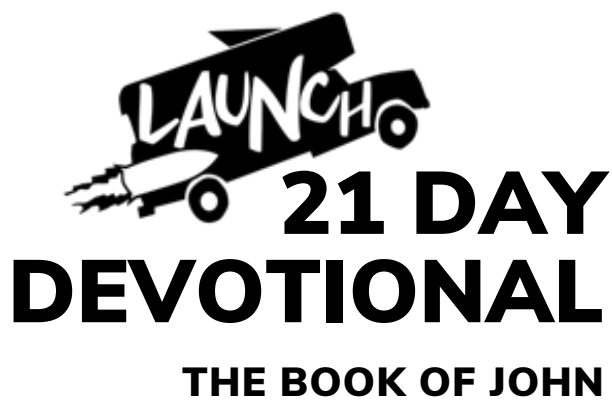
Have you ever wrestled with doubt and fear? Your natural reaction might be to hide that emotion, but in John 20 we see an interaction between Jesus and a disciple named Thomas that teaches us how the correct approach to our doubts can actually draw us closer to God.

The first thing we see from Thomas is that he acknowledges his doubts. He had witnessed miracles from Jesus, but his faith falters before the resurrection. Like Thomas, it's important for us to acknowledge our doubts and questions and not hide from them.

What we do with them is important, and Thomas shows us the answer: take them to Jesus. Thomas seeks the truth from the source and instead of rejecting his faith, he desired to touch Jesus' wounds. We should actively pursue answers by diving into scripture, seeking wise counsel, and engaging in honest conversation. In doing so, just like Thomas, we will encounter Jesus, and when we do so, we won't be rejected or looked down on, but our faith will be restored and like Thomas we can exclaim "MY Lord and MY God!" (John 20:28).

Like Thomas, our doubts can be a turning point and serve to transform our faith, deepen our understanding, and strengthen our relationship with Jesus.

Reflect: What steps can you take to ensure that doubt doesn't hinder your faith but rather becomes a catalyst for growth?

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Day 21 - Read John Chapter 21

- Daniel Begnaud

Key Verses: *"Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."*. John 21:22

Can you imagine how the disciples must have felt in this moment? They had spent 3 years following Jesus. They had just seen him arrested, put on trial, and murdered. In fear, they had scattered. Now, they were gathered back with Him.

Have you ever been given a responsibility to bring something important to a party, get together, or school event, and you didn't live up to your end of the bargain? You forgot the chips, so the dip was uneaten. Or you didn't bring the plates, and everyone had to hold their sandwiches the whole time. Chances are, if that happened to you, the next time there was a party, when responsibilities were given out, you would be left off of the list, right? No one wants you to mess up their plans again.

However, in this chapter we see Jesus reconnect with His disciples, and even though they had dropped the ball in the past, He restores them with a great responsibility: to continue the mission He had of spreading the good news of the gospel all over the Earth.

Reflect: Jesus sends His disciples in the same way His father sent Him. The mission hasn't changed: Where is Jesus sending you?