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As we look ahead to camp, we anticipate seeing each camper experience the presence of God in their life. Therefore, in these pre-camp devotionals, we want to encourage you to enjoy time in prayer and in God's Word and to focus on hearing directly from Him.

These devotionals use the HEAR method of Bible study, a four-step process to study the Bible:

Highlight the Scripture

Explain the passage

Apply the passage

Respond to the passage in your life

Our encouragement for you is to read the passage multiple times. Read it out loud so you not only read the Word but you also hear the Word of God. If you have multiple versions of the Bible available, read the passage in several different versions to get a good grasp on the passage. The version we'll be using as we reference passages in these devotionals is the English Standard Version (ESV). After you've read the passage aloud several times, check to make sure you understand all the words in passage. If there are any you're unsure of, look them up, ask someone older than you, or ask your youth leader. Make sure you understand all the words of the passage before you try to understand the whole passage. Then answer the questions we've written about the passage to help you make observations.

You will also see that in each lesson we've included a famous believer who applied the text to their life. Although you won't find these people in the Bible, we hope you will be encouraged by these individuals' lives.

Once you understand the passage, what the author means and how the verses fit in, ask yourself how your understanding is supposed to change how you live. Don't skip immediately to this step; rather, allow what you're going to change about your life to be fully informed by the Word of God rather than just your immediate feelings of the passage.

Last, dive into prayer with God and enjoy His presence. Ask Him to bring to light anything that you might have missed from the passage. Implore Him to guide you as you study His Word and to quiet your soul so you can hear directly from Him. Thank Him for giving you His Word and ask Him to help you spend more time dwelling in His presence.

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HIGHLIGHT the Scripture. Open your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to teach, correct and train you (2 Timothy 3:16). Read the passage out loud and then silently a few times. Keep these things in mind as you read:

- What is happening in this passage?
- What things are emphasized, repeated, related?

EXPLAIN the Passage. Spend time reflecting

Make observations

- Compare/contrast, “if-then” statements, trace the argument, etc.

Ask questions

- Who are the main characters?
- What is the author's intent?
- Are there key words or phrases?
- What happens in the surrounding verses/chapters?
- How do you think the author wants his audience to respond?
- What do you see about God? What is God doing in this passage?
- What do you see about man?
- What's the difference between the biblical audience and me?
- What do you learn about God's character?
- Does this passage point to/speak of Jesus?

Sum it up: In your words articulate the main idea of this passage.

APPLY the Passage. After examining the passage, apply it your life.

- What wrong beliefs about God and myself did I have?
- How do I need to repent?
- What truths do I need to believe?
- What false beliefs must I turn from?
- Is there an application in the text? A promise to claim? Action/attitude to avoid or embrace? Command or exhortation to live out?
- What difference does this make?

Up: What do you learn about God the Father, the Son, and/or the Spirit? What do you learn about the cross and resurrection?

In: How has this passage encouraged you? How has it challenged unbelief and sin in your life?

Out: How does this passage equip you to more lovingly live in Christian community? How does this passage spur you on to engage those around you who don't know Jesus?

- What can I do, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to apply this passage within 24 to 48 hours?

RESPOND to the passage in your life. Pray through the passage and your application asking God to change your heart and life.

DAY 1 Hearing God in the Bushes | "Speak In"

EXODUS 3:1-22

As we start our pre-camp devotionals, let's dive into this year's camp theme of "Speak In, Speak Up, and Speak Out." We want you to experience God speaking into your life, to respond by praying to God, and to follow through by speaking out the good news of Christ to others.

In today's devotional, you will walk through one of the greatest stories of God speaking into a person's life, and we pray that God will speak into your life too. Let's begin in prayer and ask God to meet with us.

Dear God, thank You for Your Word that is a lamp for my feet and a light to my path. I pray that as I read Your Word, the Holy Spirit will clearly show me what I need to learn so that I may grow—and that I will respond in faith and obedience. Amen.

Background: Moses grew up in Egypt, but he ran away after killing an Egyptian guard for his brutal treatment of the Israelites. In the wilderness, Moses met a man named Jethro and married Jethro's daughter Zipporah. While tending his father-in-law's flock, Moses had a stunning encounter with God.

READ Exodus 3:1-22

Highlight: Highlight anything that stands out to you from the passage. Notice what God says to Moses and how He answers Moses' questions.

Explain: Write in two to three sentences what happened in the passage. Then write how this story fits in Moses' life and what you think the main point of the passage is.

God gave Moses some major tasks. Moses had to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free and lead the people of Israel. Neither of these tasks would be easy, as Moses' questions show. God does not just call people to a task. He equips those He calls. God's calling didn't change Moses' fears about the tasks, but God made it clear to Moses that I AM would be with him as He had been with Israel through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Apply: How does this passage apply to your life? What has God called you to do? Where do you see Him equipping you for the future? If you have no idea, spend time in prayer asking God to illuminate what His calling on you may be.

Respond: How can you respond to this passage? Write down an action statement you plan on taking or a prayer you're ready to pray.

End this time with the Lord by thanking Him for His calling and equipping those who love Him for the tasks He has called them to.

DAY 2 David's Song of Deliverance | "Speak Up"

2 SAMUEL 22:1-51

Let's begin this time in prayer.

Dear God, I am grateful that I can speak to you, that Your Son has covered my sins and that Your Holy Spirit speaks on my behalf. I ask to hear from You and that You'll give me the confidence to follow what You say. Amen.

Even though 2 Samuel 22 appears at the very end of David's story in 2 Samuel, the hymn itself (verses 2–51) was actually written much earlier in his life. According to the first verse, David composed these words right after God rescued him from his enemies—specifically King Saul. Because of this, if the song was placed chronologically, it would fit much better near the end of 1 Samuel, shortly after David defeated Goliath and began his flight from Saul, rather than at the end of 2 Samuel. After David slayed Goliath, Saul out of jealousy-fueled anger tried to kill young David on multiple occasions. So, as you read this song, think about the words in light of someone pursuing you with a country's entire army.

READ 2 Samuel 22:1-51

Highlight: Highlight anything that stands out from this passage. These can be truths about God or maybe even phrases that you have said or felt in your life.

Although it may seem hard to explain this passage, think about the different sections and the overall meaning of the words David wrote.

Explain: In two or three sentences, write down what happened to David or how David in the passage recalled what happened. Also, write what this passage declares about God.

David attributed all his success in escaping Saul and others who persecuted him directly to the Lord. In verse 31, David says, "This God—His way is perfect" and "He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." God is perfect and everything He does is perfect. People on the other can choose to do right and wrong, and the Lord notices what they choose. Ultimately, in David's life and in the life of every believer, all the good and perfect things that happen are from the Lord. Believers should be like David and make sure to praise God for what He has done.

Apply: How does this passage relate to your life? Write the statements in these verses that describe the character of God that are currently applicable for you as well as those verses that describe how God has shown Himself to you in the past.

Respond: Write a prayer drawn from this passage. How can you take this passage and speak up to God about it?

End in a time of speaking up to God in prayer, declaring the truth about who He is and what He has done.

DAY 3 Of First Importance | "Speak Out"

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Let's begin this time in prayer.

Dear God, I want to thank You for Your Son. I am thankful that He came and died on the cross for my sins and that He rose again so I can spend eternity with You. I pray I am able to share that with someone today. Amen.

The book of 1 Corinthians was a letter Paul wrote to the struggling church in Corinth. Throughout the letter, Paul called out the church's numerous sins and showed how Christ fixes and redeems all. In chapter 15, he addressed one final issue of the resurrection because there were many people in Corinth who believed that no one could have risen from the grave. Paul restated the gospel at the beginning of chapter 15 to launch into a further discussion of the resurrection. We encourage you to read the rest of chapter 15, as it is fantastic.

READ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Highlight: Highlight anything that stands out to you from the passage. Notice Paul's language about how important he thinks the gospel is and phrases that repeat that idea.

Explain: In one or two sentences, write this passage in your own words. What was the main message God intended in these verses?

Paul explained the gospel like this: Christ died for our sins. He was buried. He rose on the third day, and He appeared to many people. Paul's explanation directly dealt with the Corinthians' questions about the resurrection because Paul pointed to eyewitnesses who had seen the risen Jesus. Paul reminded the church in Corinth that the gospel was the foundation of their faith and the reason they believed what they did. The gospel is the foundation for everything we do in our lives too.

Apply: In your own words, describe the gospel based on these verses. Then, like Paul briefly shared his story in verses 9-10, write your own testimony in one to two sentences.

Respond: Write a short prayer based on this passage. Then explain how you can share the gospel clearly and confidently the way Paul does in these verses.

Let's end this time with God by praying for boldness to speak the gospel clearly to others.

DAY 4 Every Good Work | "Speak In, Speak Up, Speak Out"

TITUS 3:1-8

Before we dive into God's Word, let's first meet with Him in prayer.

Dear God, thank You for saving a sinner like me. I am sorry for the times I have failed You, and I ask You for strength to do all that You have equipped me to do. Amen.

The book of Titus is one of Paul's letters written to pastors, specifically Titus, who pastored on a Greek island called Crete, an island where the people had a bad reputation for being greedy, violent, and liars. Paul's letter primarily dealt with who should lead the church and what the church should teach. Paul closes the letter by contrasting the believers' past lives with their new identity in Christ, showing how Christ's mercy should motivate their current behavior.

READ Titus 3:1-8

Highlight: Highlight what stands out to you from these verses. Look specifically for words or phrases that define you before you accepted Jesus compared to after accepting Him.

Explain: In two to three sentences, write the meaning of this passage. Think about who you were before Christ, how you were saved, and what you should do or avoid now that you have been saved.

Hopefully you know that you were once foolish, disobedient, and all the other characteristics Paul listed in verse 3. Now take a moment and circle the first word of verse 4. Paul correctly described what we were like before we knew Christ, but we praise God that we didn't remain foolish and disobedient. Instead, in the time of our greatest need, at our lowest low, Christ richly poured out His grace and mercy on us. He saved us and then gave His Holy Spirit to make us new. Therefore, we should live with each other in harmony, loving one another because we know that none of us earned salvation—it was a gift.

Apply: How does this passage apply to your life? Who in your life are you struggling to live in harmony with? Take a moment to reflect on how these verses speak to who you were before Christ and then speak up to God about how you should live now.

Respond: Write a statement of action from the passage. Think about how you can share what the gospel has done for you and how you can better live out the gospel each day.

End this time in prayer thanking God for His goodness, asking for strength to live out the gospel every day and to speak it out to others.



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