



Advent Devotional

WEEK 1 - HOPE

DAY 1 - ISAIAH 9:2-7

THIS LIGHT HAS DAWNED FOR US AND HE HAS INCREASED OUR JOY. HOW CAN YOU SHARE THIS LIGHT TODAY? HOW CAN YOU EXPRESS THE JOY HE HAS BESTOWED ON US TO THOSE IN YOUR LIFE?

DAY 2 - ISAIAH 11:1-5

JESUS IS THIS ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE HAS COME FOR US. 1 PETER 3:15 "BE READY ALWAYS TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERY MAN THAT ASKS YOU A REASON OF THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU," OUR HOPE IS TO BE EVIDENCE TO ALL THAT WE BELONG TO CHRIST. HOW IS THIS HOPE EVIDENT IN YOU? REFLECT AND JOURNAL.

DAY 3 - ISAIAH 7:10-14

"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL." IMMANUEL: GOD WITH US. THIS WORD FOR GOD, ELOHIM, IS THE SAME WORD USED IN GENESIS 1, "IN THE BEGINNING ELOHIM CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH." THE SAME GOD THAT SPOKE AND CREATED EVERYTHING IS NOW GOD WITH US. TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE FOR IMMANUEL, GOD WITH YOU.

DAY 4 - JEREMIAH 23:3-6

"THIS IS THE NAME BY WHICH HE WILL BE CALLED: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." JESUS IS THAT KING. HE IS THE LORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE GAINED BEING THE CHILD OF THE KING? REFLECT AND JOURNAL.

DAY 5 - LUKE 1:1-25

GOD IS A PROMISE KEEPER. ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH'S GREATEST DESIRE WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ACHIEVE IN THEIR OWN ABILITY. YET IN LACK, GOD SENT FORTH A PROMISE. WHAT IS A PROMISE THE LORD HAS KEPT IN YOUR LIFE? JOURNAL AND EXPRESS YOUR THANKSGIVING FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS.

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WEEK 2 - PEACE

DAY 1 - MICAH 5:1-5

"AND HE SHALL BE THEIR PEACE."

CHRIST HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE. BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD. WE CAN REST IN THAT PEACE. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT IS ROBBING YOU OF YOUR PEACE? 1 PETER 5:7 INSTRUCTS US TO CAST ALL OUR ANXIETIES UPON THE LORD FOR HE CARES FOR US. CAST ANY ANXIETIES YOU ARE HOLDING ON THE LORD IN PRAYER, AND DO NOT PICK THEM UP AGAIN. THE TRUTH IS THAT JESUS HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE.

DAY 2 - LUKE 1:26-38

LOOK AT VERSE 38 AGAIN. MARY'S RESPONSE IS THE EXAMPLE OF HOW WE ARE TO RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INSTRUCTIONS. HOW CAN YOU BE OBEDIENT TO THE LORD THIS WEEK? COMMIT TO THE LORD AND RECORD IT IN YOUR JOURNAL.

DAY 3 - LUKE 1:39-45

"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED AND CONFIDENTLY TRUSTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A FULFILLMENT OF THE THINGS THAT WERE SPOKEN TO HER FROM THE LORD." WHAT AREAS OF FAITH DO YOU NEED TO GROW IN? HOW YOU CAN BE LIKE MARY IN HER OBEDIENCE? REFLECT AND JOURNAL.

DAY 4 - LUKE 1:46-56

MARY WAS SO ENCOURAGED WHEN SHE VISITED ELIZABETH THAT SHE STARTED SINGING! WHAT CAN YOU PRAISE AND WORSHIP GOD FOR? SPEND A FEW MINUTES AND RECORD IN YOUR JOURNAL 3 THINGS THAT YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR TODAY.

DAY 5 - MATTHEW 1:18-25

WHAT TWO THINGS DID THE ANGEL TELL JOSEPH TO DO? WHAT WAS JOSEPH'S RESPONSE? HOW CAN YOU RESPOND LIKE JOSEPH WHEN GOD ASKS SOMETHING OF YOU? JOURNAL AND ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU OBEY LIKE JOSEPH.



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WEEK 3 - JOY

DAY 1 - LUKE 2:1-7

GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES A PLACE FOR US, BUT IT ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT WE PLANNED OR EXPECTED. HIS PROVISION, IN THE FORM OF A MANGER, FOR MARY AND JOSEPH DID NOT SEEM FIT FOR A KING. BUT IT'S HUMBLE NATURE COMMUNICATES TO US THAT JESUS IS FOR ALL FROM SHEPHERDS TO KINGS. HOW HAS THE LORD PROVIDED FOR YOU? REFLECT AND JOURNAL ABOUT HIS HUMBLE NATURE.

DAY 2 - LUKE 2:8-12

THE FIRST PEOPLE TOLD ABOUT THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH WERE LOWLY SHEPHERDS. THIS REMINDS US THAT JESUS IS A GIFT TO ALL PEOPLE, FROM THE POOREST SHEPHERDS TO THE RICHEST KINGS. EVERYONE NEEDS THE GIFT OF JESUS. HOW CAN YOU SHOW THE LOVE OF JESUS TO SOMEONE THIS WEEK? JOURNAL.

DAY 3 - LUKE 2:13-20

HOW DID THE SHEPHERD'S RESPOND AFTER THE ANGELS TOLD THEM THE GOOD NEWS? "LET US GO AND SEE." THEY RECEIVED THE GOOD NEWS AND HAD TO SEE. WHAT DOES VERSE 20 TELL US SHOULD BE OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS? REFLECT AND JOURNAL.

DAY 4 - LUKE 2:21-32

SIMEON BY THE HOLY SPIRIT KNEW THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH, THE RESCUER FOR ISRAEL. WHAT DID HE DO IN RESPONSE? JESUS IS OUR RESCUER. HE IS THE RESCUER OF THE WHOLE WORLD. WHAT HAS JESUS RESCUED YOU FROM? RECORD IT IN YOUR JOURNAL.

DAY 5 - LUKE 2:33-40

WHAT DOES VERSE 40 SAY JESUS DID AS HE GREW? AS YOU READ AND KNOW WHO JESUS IS IN HIS WORD, WE GROW AND ARE FILLED WITH POWER AND WISDOM. HOW CAN YOU MAKE MORE TIME FOR JESUS AND HIS WORD THIS SEASON?

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WEEK 4 - LOVE

DAY 1 - MATTHEW 2:1-15

UPON MEETING OF THE MESSIAH THE MAGI OPENED THEIR TREASURES AND PRESENTED HIM WITH THE BEST GIFTS THEY COULD OFFER. WE ALSO HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER THIS KING. OUR TREASURE OF FAITH, EFFORT, TALENT, TIME, AND OBEDIENCE. NOTHING SURPRISES GOD THE FATHER. HE MADE A WAY FOR JOSEPH, MARY AND JESUS TO ESCAPE THE WRATH OF KING HEROD, AND HE HAS DONE THE SAME FOR US BY PROVIDING AN ESCAPE FROM THE CONSEQUENCE OF OUR OWN SIN, DEATH. JESUS IS OUR WAY OF ESCAPE. THROUGH THE BELIEVING ON JESUS CHRIST AND CONFESSING HIM AS LORD WE HAVE ACCESS TO ETERNITY WITH HIM. BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE, WE HAVE BEEN MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE.

DAY 2 - TITUS 3:3-7

IN JESUS, GOD'S KINDNESS HAS APPEARED TO US. IN HIM WE HAVE BECOME GOD'S HEIRS, HAVING THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE. AS CHRISTMAS DAY APPROACHES, TURN YOUR MIND TO WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR YOU, AND GIVE THANKS.

DAY 3 - REVELATION 1:4-7

CHRIST IS COMING SOON. HE IS RETURNING FOR US, HIS BRIDE, ON A WHITE HORSE, WITH A SWORD IN HIS HAND, TO RULE AND REIGN OVER ALL OF THE EARTH. THIS MIRACLE BEGAN WITH A BABY, IN A BARN, IN A BED OF STRAW. GOD WASTES NOTHING, NO DETAIL IS TOO SMALL. AS WE SPEND THIS SEASON THINKING ON CHRIST'S FIRST ADVENT, TURN YOUR MIND'S EYE TO HIS SECOND ADVENT. ADVENT SIMPLY MEANS ARRIVING. HE IS ARRIVING SOON.

DAY 4 - DANIEL 7:13-14

CHRIST'S KINGDOM WILL NEVER BE DESTROYED. TAKE COMFORT THAT WE BELONG TO HIM. ALL AUTHORITY, ALL POWER AND ALL GLORY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HIM. THIS SEASON HAS GLIMPSES OF GLORY. THE GIFTS WE GIVE AND RECEIVE ARE A REPRESENTATION OF THE PRICELESS GIFT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN CHRIST JESUS. REFLECT ON THE GIFT JESUS IS AND GO FORTH IN JOY AS WE CELEBRATE WHAT WE HAVE RECEIVED IN HIM.

NEHEMIAH 8:10

"GO YOUR WAY, EAT THE FAT AND DRINK THE SWEET, AND SEND PORTIONS UNTO THOSE FOR WHOM NOTHING IS PREPARED, FOR THIS DAY IS HOLY UNTO OUR LORD"