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GENERATION OF

LIGHT YOUTH

DEVOTIONAL

WEEK 15

DAY 99: I AM LIGHT OF THE WORLD BECAUSE HE LIVES IN ME

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

MATTHEW 5:14, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): "YOU ARE THE LIGHT THAT GIVES LIGHT TO THE WORLD. A CITY THAT IS BUILT ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN.

JOHN 8:12, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): LATER, JESUS TALKED TO THE PEOPLE AGAIN, SAYING, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. THE PERSON WHO FOLLOWS ME WILL NEVER LIVE IN DARKNESS BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT THAT GIVES LIFE."

PHILIPPIANS 2:15, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV): THEN YOU WILL BE THE PURE AND INNOCENT CHILDREN OF GOD. YOU LIVE AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE CROOKED AND EVIL, BUT YOU MUST NOT DO ANYTHING THAT THEY CAN SAY IS WRONG. TRY TO SHINE AS LIGHTS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD,

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WE ARE COMMANDED TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A LIGHT TO THE WORLD? _____

WHY DO YOU THINK IT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO DO THE RIGHT THING? _____

IF SOMEONE WERE TO LOOK AT YOUR LIFE, WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO TELL THAT YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT YOU TELLING THEM? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

DAY 100: GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-9, LIVING BIBLE (TLB): "FOR YOU ARE A HOLY PEOPLE, DEDICATED TO THE LORD YOUR GOD. HE HAS CHOSEN YOU FROM ALL THE PEOPLE ON THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH TO BE HIS OWN CHOSEN ONES. 7 HE DIDN'T CHOOSE YOU AND POUR OUT HIS LOVE UPON YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE A LARGER NATION THAN ANY OTHER, FOR YOU WERE THE SMALLEST OF ALL! 8 IT WAS JUST BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU, AND BECAUSE HE KEPT HIS PROMISE TO YOUR ANCESTORS. THAT IS WHY HE BROUGHT YOU OUT OF SLAVERY IN EGYPT WITH SUCH AMAZING POWER AND MIGHTY MIRACLES. 9 "UNDERSTAND, THEREFORE, THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD IS THE FAITHFUL GOD WHO FOR A THOUSAND GENERATIONS KEEPS HIS PROMISES AND CONSTANTLY LOVES THOSE WHO LOVE HIM AND WHO OBEY HIS COMMANDS.

1 PETER 2:9, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): BUT YOU ARE NOT LIKE THAT, FOR YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE. YOU ARE ROYAL PRIESTS, A HOLY NATION, GOD'S VERY OWN POSSESSION. AS A RESULT, YOU CAN SHOW OTHERS THE GOODNESS OF GOD, FOR HE CALLED YOU OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD LOVES YOU? _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BE FAITHFUL? HOW HAS GOD BEEN FAITHFUL TO YOU? _____

HOW CAN WE SHOW THE GOODNESS OF GOD TO OTHERS? _____

DAY 101: YOU WERE DEAD IN SINS

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

EPHESIANS 2:1-5, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): IN THE PAST YOU WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD BECAUSE OF YOUR SINS AND THE THINGS YOU DID AGAINST GOD. 2 YES, IN THE PAST YOU LIVED THE WAY THE WORLD LIVES, FOLLOWING THE RULER OF THE EVIL POWERS THAT ARE ABOVE THE EARTH. THAT SAME SPIRIT IS NOW WORKING IN THOSE WHO REFUSE TO OBEY GOD. 3 IN THE PAST ALL OF US LIVED LIKE THEM, TRYING TO PLEASE OUR SINFUL SELVES AND DOING ALL THE THINGS OUR BODIES AND MINDS WANTED. WE SHOULD HAVE SUFFERED GOD'S ANGER BECAUSE WE WERE SINFUL BY NATURE. WE WERE THE SAME AS ALL OTHER PEOPLE. 4 BUT GOD'S MERCY IS GREAT, AND HE LOVED US VERY MUCH. 5 THOUGH WE WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD BECAUSE OF THE THINGS WE DID AGAINST GOD, HE GAVE US NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST. YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

EVERY PERSON IS SPIRITUALLY DEAD BEFORE THEY BECOME A CHRISTIAN. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO DO TO BECOME SPIRITUALLY ALIVE? _____

WHEN YOU RECEIVE MERCY FROM SOMEONE, IT MEANS THAT YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE SOMETHING THAT YOU DESERVE. FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S SAY YOU WERE CAUGHT STEALING FROM A SHOP AND THE SHOP OWNER CHOOSES TO FORGIVE YOU INSTEAD OF PUNISH YOU - YOU HAVE RECEIVED MERCY. CAN YOU SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN SOMEONE SHOWED YOU MERCY? _____

GRACE IS WHEN YOU RECEIVE SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T DESERVE OR YOU DIDN'T EARN. GRACE IS A FREE GIFT. FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S SAY THAT SOMEONE BLESSED YOU WITH SOME POCKET MONEY. YOU DIDN'T WORK FOR IT OR EARN IT, SO YOU WERE SHOWN GRACE. CAN YOU SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN SOMEONE SHOWED YOU GRACE? _____

DAY 102: GOD RAISED YOU UP

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

EPHESIANS 2:5-10, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 5 THOUGH WE WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD BECAUSE OF THE THINGS WE DID AGAINST GOD, HE GAVE US NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST. YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED BY GOD'S GRACE. 6 AND HE RAISED US UP WITH CHRIST AND GAVE US A SEAT WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENS. HE DID THIS FOR THOSE IN CHRIST JESUS 7 SO THAT FOR ALL FUTURE TIME HE COULD SHOW THE VERY GREAT RICHES OF HIS GRACE BY BEING KIND TO US IN CHRIST JESUS. 8 I MEAN THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH BELIEVING. YOU DID NOT SAVE YOURSELVES; IT WAS A GIFT FROM GOD. 9 IT WAS NOT THE RESULT OF YOUR OWN EFFORTS, SO YOU CANNOT BRAG ABOUT IT. 10 GOD HAS MADE US WHAT WE ARE. IN CHRIST JESUS, GOD MADE US TO DO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PLANNED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO LIVE OUR LIVES DOING.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHEN WE WERE SAVED, GOD RAISED US UP, OR HE PROMOTED US TO A PLACE WHERE WE CAN RECEIVE ALL THE BLESSINGS OF BEING A CHILD OF GOD. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BLESSINGS THAT WE GET TO EXPERIENCE AS A CHILD OF GOD? _____

WE ARE SAVED BY BELIEVING AND RECEIVING GOD'S FREE GIFT OF GRACE, BUT SOMETIMES PEOPLE STILL TRY TO WORK HARD TO EARN SALVATION. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT PEOPLE TRY TO DO TO EARN GOD'S FREE GIFT OF GRACE? _____

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT GOD PLANNED FOR US TO DO GOOD WORKS. WHAT GOOD WORKS HAS GOD PUT ON YOUR HEART TO DO FOR HIM? _____

DAY 103: PAUL'S LIFE BEFORE CHRIST

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

ACTS 8:3, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): SAUL WAS ALSO TRYING TO DESTROY THE CHURCH, GOING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, DRAGGING OUT MEN AND WOMEN AND PUTTING THEM IN JAIL.

ACTS 9:1, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): IN JERUSALEM SAUL WAS STILL THREATENING THE FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD BY SAYING HE WOULD KILL THEM.

GALATIANS 1:11-16, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE GOOD NEWS I PREACHED TO YOU WAS NOT MADE UP BY HUMAN BEINGS. 12 I DID NOT GET IT FROM HUMANS, NOR DID ANYONE TEACH IT TO ME, BUT JESUS CHRIST SHOWED IT TO ME. 13 YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT MY PAST LIFE IN THE JEWISH RELIGION. I ATTACKED THE CHURCH OF GOD AND TRIED TO DESTROY IT. 14 I WAS BECOMING A LEADER IN THE JEWISH RELIGION, DOING BETTER THAN MOST OTHER JEWS OF MY AGE. I TRIED HARDER THAN ANYONE ELSE TO FOLLOW THE TEACHINGS HANDED DOWN BY OUR ANCESTORS. 15 BUT GOD HAD SPECIAL PLANS FOR ME AND SET ME APART FOR HIS WORK EVEN BEFORE I WAS BORN. HE CALLED ME THROUGH HIS GRACE 16 AND SHOWED HIS SON TO ME SO THAT I MIGHT TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT HIM TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT JEWISH. WHEN GOD CALLED ME, I DID NOT GET ADVICE OR HELP FROM ANY PERSON.

NOW ANSWER THIS QUESTION ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

THE APOSTLE PAUL (WHO WAS CALLED SAUL BEFORE HE WAS SAVED) DID MANY BAD THINGS BEFORE HE BECAME SAVED. HE PUT CHRISTIANS IN JAIL AND EVEN THREATENED TO KILL THEM. BUT GOD CHANGED PAUL'S LIFE AND CALLED PAUL TO BE A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL. CAN YOU SHARE A STORY OF SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE WHO WAS CHANGED BY GOD? HOW DID THEY USE TO LIVE AND HOW DID GOD CHANGE THEIR LIFE? _____

HOW HAS GOD CHANGED YOUR LIFE SINCE YOU BECAME SAVED? _____

WHO IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS NOT YET SAVED, BUT YOU BELIEVE GOD COULD USE THEM POWERFULLY IF THEY DID BECOME A CHRISTIAN? WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE A MINUTE RIGHT NOW TO PRAY THAT GOD WOULD SEND SOMEONE TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH THAT PERSON. _____

DAY 104: GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE GIVEN THROUGH PROMISE

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

GALATIANS 3:15-18, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV): 15 MY FRIENDS, I WILL USE AN EVERYDAY EXAMPLE TO EXPLAIN WHAT I MEAN. ONCE SOMEONE AGREES TO SOMETHING, NO ONE ELSE CAN CHANGE OR CANCEL THE AGREEMENT. 16 THAT IS HOW IT IS WITH THE PROMISES GOD MADE TO ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDANTS. THE PROMISES WERE NOT MADE TO MANY DESCENDANTS, BUT ONLY TO ONE, AND THAT ONE IS CHRIST. 17 WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT THE LAW CANNOT CHANGE OR CANCEL GOD'S PROMISE THAT WAS MADE 430 YEARS BEFORE THE LAW WAS GIVEN. 18 IF WE HAVE TO OBEY THE LAW IN ORDER TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSINGS, THOSE BLESSINGS DON'T REALLY COME TO US BECAUSE OF GOD'S PROMISE. BUT GOD WAS KIND TO ABRAHAM AND MADE HIM A PROMISE.

NOW ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

HAS ANYONE EVER BROKEN A PROMISE THAT THEY MADE TO YOU? WHAT PROMISE DID THEY BREAK? HOW DID THAT MAKE YOU FEEL? _____

HAS ANYONE EVER KEPT A PROMISE THAT THEY MADE TO YOU? WHAT WAS THE PROMISE? HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL WHEN THAT PERSON KEPT THEIR PROMISE? _____

GOD PROMISES US MANY THINGS IN HIS WORD. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

DAY 105: GOD'S WORD STANDS FOREVER

PRAY THIS PRAYER: GOD, I THANK YOU THAT I KNOW YOUR VOICE AND THAT YOU WILL SPEAK TO ME AS I READ AND STUDY YOUR WORD TODAY.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING:

ISAIAH 40:8, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): THE GRASS DIES AND THE FLOWERS FALL, BUT THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL LIVE FOREVER."

MATTHEW 5:18, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, NOTHING WILL DISAPPEAR FROM THE LAW UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE GONE. NOT EVEN THE SMALLEST LETTER OR THE SMALLEST PART OF A LETTER WILL BE LOST UNTIL EVERYTHING HAS HAPPENED.

LUKE 16:17, THE PASSION TRANSLATION (TPT): HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL DISINTEGRATE BEFORE EVEN THE SMALLEST DETAIL OF THE WORD OF GOD WILL FAIL OR LOSE ITS POWER.

NOW ANSWERS SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU READ. THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG ANSWER. JUST WRITE WHAT YOU BELIEVE GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS WHEN SOMEONE SAYS THEY HAVE THE "FINAL SAY?" _____

WHAT IS A PROBLEM (BIG OR SMALL) THAT YOU ARE FACING IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW? DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THAT PROBLEM? WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FIND SCRIPTURES THAT TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM YOU ARE FACING AND WRITE THEM DOWN HERE. _____

WHY SHOULD THE WORD OF GOD BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF EVERY CHRISTIAN'S LIFE? _____

