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GENERATION OF

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DEVOTIONAL

WEEK 17

DAY 113: GOD HELPS THE BARREN

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:

GENESIS 18:14, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD? I WILL RETURN ABOUT THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, AND SARAH WILL HAVE A SON."

1 SAMUEL 1:9-20, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV): 9 WHEN THE SACRIFICE HAD BEEN OFFERED, AND THEY HAD EATEN THE MEAL, HANNAH GOT UP AND WENT TO PRAY. ELI WAS SITTING IN HIS CHAIR NEAR THE DOOR TO THE PLACE OF WORSHIP. 10 HANNAH WAS BROKENHEARTED AND WAS CRYING AS SHE PRAYED, 11 "LORD ALL-POWERFUL, I AM YOUR SERVANT, BUT I AM SO MISERABLE! PLEASE LET ME HAVE A SON. I WILL GIVE HIM TO YOU FOR AS LONG AS HE LIVES, AND HIS HAIR WILL NEVER BE CUT." 12-13 HANNAH PRAYED SILENTLY TO THE LORD FOR A LONG TIME. BUT HER LIPS WERE MOVING, AND ELI THOUGHT SHE WAS DRUNK. 14 "HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO STAY DRUNK?" HE ASKED. "SOBER UP!" 15-16 "SIR, PLEASE DON'T THINK I'M NO GOOD!" HANNAH ANSWERED. "I'M NOT DRUNK, AND I HAVEN'T BEEN DRINKING. BUT I DO FEEL MISERABLE AND TERRIBLY UPSET. I'VE BEEN PRAYING ALL THIS TIME, TELLING THE LORD ABOUT MY PROBLEMS." 17 ELI REPLIED, "YOU MAY GO HOME NOW AND STOP WORRYING. I'M SURE THE GOD OF ISRAEL WILL ANSWER YOUR PRAYER." 18 "SIR, THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND TO ME," HANNAH SAID. THEN SHE LEFT, AND AFTER EATING SOMETHING, SHE FELT MUCH BETTER. 19 ELKANAH AND HIS FAMILY GOT UP EARLY THE NEXT MORNING AND WORSHIPED THE LORD. THEN THEY WENT BACK HOME TO RAMAH. LATER THE LORD

BLESSED ELKANAH AND HANNAH 20 WITH A SON. SHE NAMED HIM SAMUEL BECAUSE SHE HAD ASKED THE LORD FOR HIM.

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 READ A STORY ABOUT A WOMAN NAMED HANNAH WHO PRAYED FOR A SON AND GOD BLESSED HER WITH ONE. WHY DO YOU THINK GOD ANSWERED HER PRAYER? _____

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU ARE 100% SURE THAT GOD WILL DO FOR YOU IF YOU ASK HIM? _____

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU ARE NOT 100% SURE THAT GOD CAN DO FOR YOU? _____

DAY 114: GOD'S PLANS CAN'T BE STOPPED BY MEN

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 5:34-39, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NLT): 34 BUT A PHARISEE NAMED GAMALIEL STOOD UP IN THE MEETING. HE WAS A TEACHER OF THE LAW, AND ALL THE PEOPLE RESPECTED HIM. HE ORDERED THE APOSTLES TO LEAVE THE MEETING FOR A LITTLE WHILE. 35 THEN HE SAID, "PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO DO TO THESE MEN. 36 REMEMBER WHEN THEUDAS APPEARED? HE SAID HE WAS A GREAT MAN, AND ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED MEN JOINED HIM. BUT HE WAS KILLED, AND ALL HIS FOLLOWERS WERE SCATTERED; THEY WERE ABLE TO DO NOTHING. 37 LATER, A MAN NAMED JUDAS CAME FROM GALILEE AT THE TIME OF THE REGISTRATION. HE ALSO LED A GROUP OF FOLLOWERS AND WAS KILLED, AND ALL HIS FOLLOWERS WERE SCATTERED. 38 AND SO NOW I TELL YOU: STAY AWAY FROM THESE MEN, AND LEAVE THEM ALONE. IF THEIR PLAN COMES FROM HUMAN AUTHORITY, IT WILL FAIL. 39 BUT IF IT IS FROM GOD, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STOP THEM. YOU MIGHT EVEN BE FIGHTING AGAINST GOD HIMSELF!" THE LEADERS AGREED WITH WHAT GAMALIEL SAID.

JOB 42:2, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): "I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, AND NO ONE CAN STOP YOU.

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.

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT PEOPLE TRY TO STOP GOD? _____

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE CANNOT STOP GOD FROM DOING? _____

WHAT ARE SOME GOOD THINGS THAT GOD DOES FOR US THAT WE NEVER WANT HIM TO STOP DOING? _____

DAY 115: GOD SHOWED HIS LOVE FOR US

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:

ROMANS 5:6-11, NEW CENTURY VERSION: 6 WHEN WE WERE UNABLE TO HELP OURSELVES, AT THE RIGHT TIME, CHRIST DIED FOR US, ALTHOUGH WE WERE LIVING AGAINST GOD. 7 VERY FEW PEOPLE WILL DIE TO SAVE THE LIFE OF SOMEONE ELSE. ALTHOUGH PERHAPS FOR A GOOD PERSON SOMEONE MIGHT POSSIBLY DIE. 8 BUT GOD SHOWS HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US IN THIS WAY: CHRIST DIED FOR US WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS. 9 SO THROUGH CHRIST WE WILL SURELY BE SAVED FROM GOD'S ANGER, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHT WITH GOD BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST'S DEATH. 10 WHILE WE WERE GOD'S ENEMIES, HE MADE US HIS FRIENDS THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON. SURELY, NOW THAT WE ARE HIS FRIENDS, HE WILL SAVE US THROUGH HIS SON'S LIFE. 11 AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT NOW WE ARE ALSO VERY HAPPY IN GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. THROUGH HIM WE ARE NOW GOD'S FRIENDS AGAIN.

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.

HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THE LOVE OF GOD TO SOMEONE ELSE? _____

DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DIE FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE? WHY OR WHY NOT?

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT WE CAN BE GOD'S FRIEND BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS DID FOR US. DO YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE A FRIEND TO GOD? WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BE A FRIEND TO GOD?

DAY 116: CHRIST'S BLOOD BROUGHT US NEAR

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 2:13, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS, YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY FROM GOD ARE BROUGHT NEAR THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST'S DEATH.

COLOSSIANS 1:19-23, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 19 GOD WAS PLEASED FOR ALL OF HIMSELF TO LIVE IN CHRIST. 20 AND THROUGH CHRIST, GOD HAS BROUGHT ALL THINGS BACK TO HIMSELF AGAIN—THINGS ON EARTH AND THINGS IN HEAVEN. GOD MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS. 21 AT ONE TIME YOU WERE SEPARATED FROM GOD. YOU WERE HIS ENEMIES IN YOUR MINDS, AND THE EVIL THINGS YOU DID WERE AGAINST GOD. 22 BUT NOW GOD HAS MADE YOU HIS FRIENDS AGAIN. HE DID THIS THROUGH CHRIST'S DEATH IN THE BODY SO THAT HE MIGHT BRING YOU INTO GOD'S PRESENCE AS PEOPLE WHO ARE HOLY, WITH NO WRONG, AND WITH NOTHING OF WHICH GOD CAN JUDGE YOU GUILTY. 23 THIS WILL HAPPEN IF YOU CONTINUE STRONG AND SURE IN YOUR FAITH. YOU MUST NOT BE MOVED AWAY FROM THE HOPE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE GOOD NEWS THAT YOU HEARD. THAT SAME GOOD NEWS HAS BEEN TOLD TO EVERYONE IN THE WORLD, AND I, PAUL, HELP IN PREACHING THAT GOOD NEWS.

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 JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS, IT OPENED THE DOOR FOR US TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS WHEN WE SAY CHRIST'S BLOOD BROUGHT US NEAR TO GOD. NAME 3 WAYS KNOWING GOD HAS POSITIVELY AFFECTED YOUR LIFE, THEN NAME 3 WAYS YOUR LIFE WOULD BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW GOD. _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BE HOLY? DO YOU THINK YOU ARE A HOLY PERSON? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

THE WORD "GOSPEL" MEANS "GOOD NEWS." WHAT IS THE "GOOD NEWS?" HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN THE "GOOD NEWS" OR THE GOSPEL TO SOMEONE ELSE? _____

DAY 117: DAVID'S DANGEROUS SITUATION

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:

1 SAMUEL 23:9-14, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 9 DAVID LEARNED SAUL WAS MAKING EVIL PLANS AGAINST HIM. SO HE SAID TO ABIATHAR THE PRIEST, "BRING THE HOLY VEST." 10 DAVID PRAYED, "LORD, GOD OF ISRAEL, I HAVE HEARD THAT SAUL PLANS TO COME TO KEILAH TO DESTROY THE TOWN BECAUSE OF ME. 11 WILL THE LEADERS OF KEILAH HAND ME OVER TO SAUL? WILL SAUL COME DOWN TO KEILAH, AS I HEARD? LORD, GOD OF ISRAEL, TELL ME, YOUR SERVANT!" THE LORD ANSWERED, "SAUL WILL COME DOWN." 12 AGAIN DAVID ASKED, "WILL THE LEADERS OF KEILAH HAND ME AND MY MEN OVER TO SAUL?" THE LORD ANSWERED, "THEY WILL." 13 SO DAVID AND HIS SIX HUNDRED MEN LEFT KEILAH AND KEPT MOVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE. WHEN SAUL FOUND OUT THAT DAVID HAD ESCAPED FROM KEILAH, HE DID NOT GO THERE. 14 DAVID STAYED IN THE DESERT HIDEOUTS AND IN THE HILLS OF THE DESERT OF ZIPH. EVERY DAY SAUL LOOKED FOR DAVID, BUT THE LORD DID NOT SURRENDER DAVID TO HIM.

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.

GOD PROTECTED DAVID FROM SAUL BY WARNING HIM OF WHAT SAUL WAS GOING TO DO. SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN GOD PROTECTED YOU. _____

WHEN YOU ARE IN TROUBLE, WHO IS THE FIRST PERSON YOU TURN TO FOR HELP? WHY DO YOU GO TO THAT PERSON FIRST? _____

CAN YOU SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN YOU TRIED TO FIX A PROBLEM IN YOUR LIFE BY YOURSELF? WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM THAT YOU TRIED TO FIX? WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL OR UNSUCCESSFUL?

DAY 118: GOD REVEALS MYSTERIES TO US

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:

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-16, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 9 BUT AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURES: "NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN THIS, AND NO ONE HAS EVER HEARD ABOUT IT. NO ONE HAS EVER IMAGINED WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." 10 BUT GOD HAS SHOWN US THESE THINGS THROUGH THE SPIRIT. THE SPIRIT SEARCHES OUT ALL THINGS, EVEN THE DEEP SECRETS OF GOD. 11 WHO KNOWS THE THOUGHTS THAT ANOTHER PERSON HAS? ONLY A PERSON'S SPIRIT THAT LIVES WITHIN HIM KNOWS HIS THOUGHTS. IT IS THE SAME WITH GOD. NO ONE KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF GOD EXCEPT THE SPIRIT OF GOD. 12 NOW WE DID NOT RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT WE RECEIVED THE SPIRIT THAT IS FROM GOD SO THAT WE CAN KNOW ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US. 13 AND WE SPEAK ABOUT THESE THINGS, NOT WITH WORDS TAUGHT US BY HUMAN WISDOM BUT WITH WORDS TAUGHT US BY THE SPIRIT. AND SO WE EXPLAIN SPIRITUAL TRUTHS TO SPIRITUAL PEOPLE. 14 A PERSON WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT DOES NOT ACCEPT THE TRUTHS THAT COME FROM THE SPIRIT OF GOD. THAT PERSON THINKS THEY ARE FOOLISH AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND THEM, BECAUSE THEY CAN ONLY BE JUDGED TO BE TRUE BY THE SPIRIT. 15 THE SPIRITUAL PERSON IS ABLE TO JUDGE ALL THINGS, BUT NO ONE CAN JUDGE HIM. THE SCRIPTURE SAYS: 16 "WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD? WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO TEACH HIM?" BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

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.

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND ABOUT GOD? _____

THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES INSIDE OF EVERY BORN AGAIN BELIEVER. AND THE HOLY SPIRIT KNOWS EVERYTHING THAT GOD KNOWS. SINCE HE LIVES IN US, WE CAN KNOW THINGS THAT GOD KNOWS. WE CAN SAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN TELL US GOD'S SECRETS. WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW THAT YOU WOULD LIKE GOD TO REVEAL TO YOU? _____

WHAT IS SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE GOD TO REVEAL TO YOU? _____

DAY 119: GOD TURNED EVIL FOR GOOD

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:

GENESIS 50:15-21, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 15 AFTER JACOB DIED, JOSEPH'S BROTHERS SAID, "WHAT IF JOSEPH IS STILL ANGRY WITH US? WE DID MANY WRONG THINGS TO HIM. WHAT IF HE PLANS TO PAY US BACK?" 16 SO THEY SENT A MESSAGE TO JOSEPH THAT SAID, "YOUR FATHER GAVE THIS COMMAND BEFORE HE DIED. 17 HE SAID TO US, 'YOU HAVE DONE WRONG AND HAVE SINNED AND DONE EVIL TO JOSEPH. TELL JOSEPH TO FORGIVE YOU, HIS BROTHERS.' SO NOW, JOSEPH, WE BEG YOU TO FORGIVE OUR WRONG. WE ARE THE SERVANTS OF THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER." WHEN JOSEPH RECEIVED THE MESSAGE, HE CRIED. 18 AND HIS BROTHERS WENT TO HIM AND BOWED LOW BEFORE HIM AND SAID, "WE ARE YOUR SLAVES." 19 THEN JOSEPH SAID TO THEM, "DON'T BE AFRAID. CAN I DO WHAT ONLY GOD CAN DO? 20 YOU MEANT TO HURT ME, BUT GOD TURNED YOUR EVIL INTO GOOD TO SAVE THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE, WHICH IS BEING DONE. 21 SO DON'T BE AFRAID. I WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN." SO JOSEPH COMFORTED HIS BROTHERS AND SPOKE KIND WORDS TO THEM.

ROMANS 8:28, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): AND WE KNOW THAT GOD CAUSES EVERYTHING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE GOD AND ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE FOR THEM.

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.

JOSEPH FORGAVE HIS BROTHERS. WHY DO YOU THINK THE BIBLE TELLS US TO FORGIVE OTHERS WHO DO WRONG THINGS TO US? WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FORGIVE? _____

GOD CAN TURN SOMETHING BAD INTO SOMETHING GOOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT MEANS?

CAN YOU GIVE AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOD CAN TURN SOMETHING EVIL INTO SOMETHING GOOD?

