

2020
GENERATION OF
LIGHT YOUTH
DEVOTIONAL
WEEK 18

DAY 120: GOD HELPS US WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED

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 10:12-13, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):
12 IF YOU THINK YOU ARE STANDING STRONG, BE CAREFUL NOT TO FALL. 13 THE TEMPTATIONS IN YOUR LIFE ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM WHAT OTHERS EXPERIENCE. AND GOD IS FAITHFUL. HE WILL NOT ALLOW THE TEMPTATION TO BE MORE THAN YOU CAN STAND. WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED, HE WILL SHOW YOU A WAY OUT SO THAT YOU CAN ENDURE.

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 OF THE HARDEST TEMPTATIONS THAT YOU HAVE FACED IN YOUR LIFE? _____

DO YOU FIND IT EASY OR HARD TO RESIST TEMPTATIONS IN YOUR LIFE? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

DO YOU THINK SOME PEOPLE ARE TEMPTED MORE THAN OTHERS? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

DAY 121: GOD CAN USE FOOLISH PEOPLE

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, 1:26-31 NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 26 BROTHERS AND SISTERS, LOOK AT WHAT YOU WERE WHEN GOD CALLED YOU. NOT MANY OF YOU WERE WISE IN THE WAY THE WORLD JUDGES WISDOM. NOT MANY OF YOU HAD GREAT INFLUENCE. NOT MANY OF YOU CAME FROM IMPORTANT FAMILIES. 27 BUT GOD CHOSE THE FOOLISH THINGS OF THE WORLD TO SHAME THE WISE, AND HE CHOSE THE WEAK THINGS OF THE WORLD TO SHAME THE STRONG. 28 HE CHOSE WHAT THE WORLD THINKS IS UNIMPORTANT AND WHAT THE WORLD LOOKS DOWN ON AND THINKS IS NOTHING IN ORDER TO DESTROY WHAT THE WORLD THINKS IS IMPORTANT. 29 GOD DID THIS SO THAT NO ONE CAN BRAG IN HIS PRESENCE. 30 BECAUSE OF GOD YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO HAS BECOME FOR US WISDOM FROM GOD. IN CHRIST WE ARE PUT RIGHT WITH GOD, AND HAVE BEEN MADE HOLY, AND HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM SIN. 31 SO, AS THE SCRIPTURE SAYS, "IF PEOPLE WANT TO BRAG, THEY SHOULD BRAG ONLY ABOUT THE LORD."

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.

DO YOU THINK YOU ARE AN INFLUENTIAL PERSON? ARE YOU A LEADER? DO OTHERS FOLLOW WHAT YOU DO? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS THAT GOD HAS USED YOU TO INFLUENCE OTHERS IN A POSITIVE WAY? _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO BE "RIGHT WITH GOD?" _____

DAY 122: GOD IS OUR STRENGTH

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:

PSALM 73:26, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): MY HEALTH MAY FAIL, AND MY SPIRIT MAY GROW WEAK, BUT GOD REMAINS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART; HE IS MINE FOREVER.

ISAIAH 40:31, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT): BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL FIND NEW STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR HIGH ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES. THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY. THEY WILL WALK AND NOT FAINT.

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.

CAN YOU SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN YOU FELT LIKE YOU WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING? _____

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED GOD TO GIVE YOU STRENGTH TO DO SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD DO? WHAT DID YOU NEED GOD'S STRENGTH TO DO? _____

WHAT IS SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU NEED GOD'S STRENGTH FOR RIGHT NOW? _____

DAY 123: GOD IS WITH US IN THE FIRE

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:

DANIEL 3:19-30, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV): 19 NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S FACE TWISTED WITH ANGER AT THE THREE MEN. AND HE ORDERED THE FURNACE TO BE HEATED SEVEN TIMES HOTTER THAN USUAL. 20 NEXT, HE COMMANDED SOME OF HIS STRONGEST SOLDIERS TO TIE UP THE MEN AND THROW THEM INTO THE FLAMING FURNACE. 21-23 THE KING WANTED IT DONE AT THAT VERY MOMENT. SO THE SOLDIERS TIED UP SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO AND THREW THEM INTO THE FLAMING FURNACE WITH ALL OF THEIR CLOTHES STILL ON, INCLUDING THEIR TURBANS. THE FIRE WAS SO HOT THAT FLAMES LEAPED OUT AND KILLED THE SOLDIERS. 24 SUDDENLY THE KING JUMPED UP AND SHOUTED, "WEREN'T ONLY THREE MEN TIED UP AND THROWN INTO THE FIRE?" "YES, YOUR MAJESTY," THE PEOPLE ANSWERED. 25 "BUT I SEE FOUR MEN WALKING AROUND IN THE FIRE," THE KING REPLIED. "NONE OF THEM IS TIED UP OR HARMED, AND THE FOURTH ONE LOOKS LIKE A GOD." 26 NEBUCHADNEZZAR WENT CLOSER TO THE FLAMING FURNACE AND SAID TO THE THREE YOUNG MEN, "YOU SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, COME OUT AT ONCE!" THEY CAME OUT, 27 AND THE KING'S HIGH OFFICIALS, GOVERNORS, AND ADVISORS ALL CROWDED AROUND THEM. THE MEN WERE NOT BURNED, THEIR HAIR WASN'T SCORCHED, AND THEIR CLOTHES DIDN'T EVEN SMELL LIKE SMOKE. 28 KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR SAID: PRAISE THEIR GOD FOR SENDING AN ANGEL TO

RESCUE HIS SERVANTS! THEY TRUSTED THEIR GOD AND REFUSED TO OBEY MY COMMANDS. YES, THEY CHOSE TO DIE RATHER THAN TO WORSHIP OR SERVE ANY GOD EXCEPT THEIR OWN. 29 AND I WON'T ALLOW PEOPLE OF ANY NATION OR RACE TO SAY ANYTHING AGAINST THEIR GOD. ANYONE WHO DOES WILL BE CHOPPED UP AND THEIR HOUSES WILL BE TORN DOWN, BECAUSE NO OTHER GOD HAS SUCH GREAT POWER TO SAVE. 30 AFTER THIS HAPPENED, THE KING APPOINTED SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO TO EVEN HIGHER POSITIONS IN BABYLON PROVINCE.

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.

YOU JUST READ THE STORY OF SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE STORY? _____

DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD HAVE DONE WHAT SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO DID IF YOU WERE IN THEIR SHOES? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

WHEN LIFE FEELS HARD TO YOU, DO YOU EVER THINK THAT GOD HAS FORGOTTEN YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

DAY 124: WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

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 19:23-26, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 23 THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS FOLLOWERS, "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, IT WILL BE HARD FOR A RICH PERSON TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. 24 YES, I TELL YOU THAT IT IS EASIER FOR A CAMEL TO GO THROUGH THE EYE OF A NEEDLE THAN FOR A RICH PERSON TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD." 25 WHEN JESUS' FOLLOWERS HEARD THIS, THEY WERE VERY SURPRISED AND ASKED, "THEN WHO CAN BE SAVED?" 26 JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, "FOR PEOPLE THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT FOR GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."

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.

WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS SAID IT IS HARD FOR A RICH PERSON TO GO TO HEAVEN? _____

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HUMANS TO DO? _____

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE POSSIBLE FOR GOD TO DO THAT HUMANS CANNOT DO? _____

DAY 125: RUTH'S STORY

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:

RUTH 1:3-5, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 3 THEN NAOMI'S HUSBAND, ELIMELECH, DIED, AND SHE WAS LEFT WITH HER TWO SONS. 4 THESE SONS MARRIED WOMEN FROM MOAB. ONE WAS NAMED ORPAH, AND THE OTHER WAS NAMED RUTH. NAOMI AND HER SONS HAD LIVED IN MOAB ABOUT TEN YEARS 5 WHEN MAHLON AND KILION ALSO DIED. SO NAOMI WAS LEFT ALONE WITHOUT HER HUSBAND OR HER TWO SONS.

RUTH 4:13-17, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 13 SO BOAZ TOOK RUTH HOME AS HIS WIFE AND HAD SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH HER. THE LORD LET HER BECOME PREGNANT, AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON. 14 THE WOMEN TOLD NAOMI, "PRAISE THE LORD WHO GAVE YOU THIS GRANDSON. MAY HE BECOME FAMOUS IN ISRAEL. 15 HE WILL GIVE YOU NEW LIFE AND WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU IN YOUR OLD AGE BECAUSE OF YOUR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WHO LOVES YOU. SHE IS BETTER FOR YOU THAN SEVEN SONS, BECAUSE SHE HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO YOUR GRANDSON." 16 NAOMI TOOK THE BOY, HELD HIM IN HER ARMS, AND CARED FOR HIM. 17 THE NEIGHBORS GAVE THE BOY HIS NAME, SAYING, "THIS BOY WAS BORN FOR NAOMI." THEY NAMED HIM OBED. OBED WAS THE FATHER OF JESSE, AND JESSE WAS THE FATHER OF DAVID.

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.

RUTH LOST HER HUSBAND. AND RUTH'S MOTHER-IN-LAW, NAOMI, LOST HER HUSBAND AND HER TWO SONS. HAVE YOU EVER LOST A LOVED ONE? WHO DID YOU LOSE AND HOW DIFFICULT WAS IT FOR YOU TO LOSE THAT PERSON? _____

GOD BLESSED RUTH WITH A NEW HUSBAND AFTER HER FIRST HUSBAND HAD DIED. CAN YOU SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN GOD HAD REPLACED SOMETHING YOU HAD LOST? _____

RUTH BECAME A VERY GREAT GRANDMOTHER TO JESUS. ISN'T THAT COOL? GOD BLESSED RUTH'S FAMILY AND USED THEM TO BRING JESUS INTO THE WORLD. WE CAN SAY THAT GOD USED RUTH'S FAMILY TO CHANGE THE WORLD. GOD CAN ALSO USE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE GOD TO USE YOUR FAMILY TO CHANGE THE WORLD? _____

DAY 126: HOW GOD HELPED JACOB

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 31:36-42, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): 36 THEN JACOB BECAME VERY ANGRY AND SAID, "WHAT WRONG HAVE I DONE? WHAT LAW HAVE I BROKEN TO CAUSE YOU TO CHASE ME? 37 YOU HAVE LOOKED THROUGH EVERYTHING I OWN, BUT YOU HAVE FOUND NOTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOU. IF YOU HAVE FOUND ANYTHING, SHOW IT TO EVERYONE. PUT IT IN FRONT OF YOUR RELATIVES AND MY RELATIVES, AND LET THEM DECIDE WHICH ONE OF US IS RIGHT. 38 I HAVE WORKED FOR YOU NOW FOR TWENTY YEARS. DURING ALL THAT TIME NONE OF THE LAMBS AND KIDS DIED DURING BIRTH, AND I HAVE NOT EATEN ANY OF THE MALE SHEEP FROM YOUR FLOCKS. 39 ANY TIME AN ANIMAL WAS KILLED BY WILD BEASTS, I DID NOT BRING IT TO YOU, BUT MADE UP FOR THE LOSS MYSELF. YOU MADE ME PAY FOR ANY ANIMAL THAT WAS STOLEN DURING THE DAY OR NIGHT. 40 IN THE DAYTIME THE SUN TOOK AWAY MY STRENGTH, AND AT NIGHT I WAS COLD AND COULD NOT SLEEP. 41 I WORKED LIKE A SLAVE FOR YOU FOR TWENTY YEARS—THE FIRST FOURTEEN TO GET YOUR TWO DAUGHTERS AND THE LAST SIX TO EARN YOUR FLOCKS. DURING THAT TIME YOU CHANGED MY PAY TEN TIMES. 42 BUT THE GOD OF MY FATHER, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, WAS WITH ME. OTHERWISE, YOU WOULD HAVE SENT ME AWAY WITH NOTHING. BUT HE SAW THE TROUBLE I HAD AND THE HARD WORK I DID, AND LAST NIGHT HE CORRECTED YOU."

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.

YOU READ ABOUT WHAT JACOB SAID TO HIS FATHER-IN-LAW WHEN HE WAS BEING ACCUSED FOR SOMETHING HE DID NOT DO. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ACCUSED OF SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T DO? WHAT HAPPENED? _____

JACOB WAS ALSO CHEATED MANY TIMES BY HIS FATHER-IN-LAW. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHEATED BY SOMEONE? WHAT HAPPENED? _____

GOD BLESSED JACOB WITH EVERYTHING THAT HIS FATHER-IN-LAW STOLE FROM HIM. GOD CAN REPLACE ANYTHING THAT IS STOLEN FROM YOU. HE CAN EVEN BLESS US WITH SOMETHING BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAD STOLEN. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE GOD TO BLESS YOU WITH AND REPLACE IN YOUR LIFE? _____

