2020 GENERATION OF LIGHT YOUTH DEVOTIONAL WEEK 6

DAY 36: A BETTER COVENANT

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 28:1-14, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV):

1-2 TODAY I AM GIVING YOU THE LAWS AND TEACHINGS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD. ALWAYS OBEY THEM, AND THE LORD WILL MAKE ISRAEL THE MOST FAMOUS AND IMPORTANT NATION ON EARTH, AND HE WILL BLESS YOU IN MANY WAYS. 3 THE LORD WILL MAKE YOUR BUSINESSES AND YOUR FARMS SUCCESSFUL. 4 YOU WILL HAVE MANY CHILDREN. YOU WILL HARVEST LARGE CROPS, AND YOUR HERDS OF CATTLE AND FLOCKS OF SHEEP AND GOATS WILL PRODUCE MANY YOUNG. 5 YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF BREAD TO EAT. 6 THE LORD WILL MAKE YOU SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR DAILY WORK. 7 THE LORD WILL HELP YOU DEFEAT YOUR ENEMIES AND MAKE THEM SCATTER IN ALL DIRECTIONS. 8 THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU THE LAND. AND HE WILL MAKE SURE YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. YOUR HARVESTS WILL BE SO LARGE THAT YOUR STOREHOUSES WILL BE FULL. ⁹ IF YOU FOLLOW AND OBEY THE LORD, HE WILL MAKE YOU HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE, JUST AS HE PROMISED. 10 THEN EVERYONE ON EARTH WILL KNOW THAT YOU BELONG TO THE LORD, AND THEY WILL BE AFRAID OF YOU. 11 THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU A LOT OF CHILDREN AND MAKE SURE THAT YOUR ANIMALS GIVE BIRTH TO MANY YOUNG. THE LORD PROMISED YOUR ANCESTORS THAT THIS LAND WOULD BE YOURS, AND HE WILL MAKE IT PRODUCE LARGE CROPS FOR YOU. 12 THE LORD WILL OPEN THE STOREHOUSES OF THE SKIES WHERE HE KEEPS THE RAIN, AND HE WILL SEND RAIN ON YOUR LAND AT JUST THE RIGHT TIMES. HE WILL MAKE YOU SUCCESSFUL IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY TO LEND TO OTHER NATIONS, BUT YOU WON'T NEED TO BORROW ANY YOURSELF. 13 OBEY THE LAWS AND TEACHINGS THAT

I'M GIVING YOU TODAY, AND THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL MAKE ISRAEL A LEADER AMONG THE NATIONS, AND NOT A FOLLOWER. ISRAEL WILL BE WEALTHY AND POWERFUL, NOT POOR AND WEAK. 14 BUT YOU MUST NOT REJECT ANY OF HIS LAWS AND TEACHINGS OR WORSHIP OTHER GODS.

HEBREWS 8:6, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

BUT THE PRIESTLY WORK THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO JESUS IS MUCH GREATER THAN THE WORK THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE OTHER PRIESTS. IN THE SAME WAY, THE NEW AGREEMENT THAT JESUS BROUGHT FROM GOD TO HIS PEOPLE IS MUCH GREATER THAN THE OLD ONE. AND THE NEW AGREEMENT IS BASED ON PROMISES OF BETTER THINGS.

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 PROMISED BLESSINGS WHEN WE LIVE FOR GOD. WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE BLESSING PROMISED TO YOU THAT YOU READ ABOUT TODAY, AND WHY? _____

WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS FOR US, HE OPENED THE DOOR FOR US TO RECEIVE PROMISES OF BETTER THINGS. CAN YOU SHARE ONE WAY THAT GOD HAS MADE YOUR LIFE BETTER SINCE YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN? _____

DAY 37: YOUR FAITH MADE YOU WHOLE

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:

MARK 5:27-34, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. 28 For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." 29 Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition. 30 Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" 31 His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" 32 But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. 34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." 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.

GOD REWARDS ACTS OF FAITH. FOR THE WOMAN WHO WAS BLEEDING, TOUCHING THE ROBE OF JESUS WAS HER ACT OF FAITH AND SHE RECEIVED HER HEALING. CAN YOU SHARE ABOUT A TIME YOU DID AN ACT OF FAITH? WHAT WERE YOU BELIEVING FOR?

WHY DO YOU THINK THE WOMAN WAS AFRAID TO ADMIT THAT SHE HAD TOUCHED THE ROBE OF JESUS?

THIS WOMAN DIDN'T WANT TO SEE JESUS UNTIL AFTER SHE HAD HEARD ABOUT JESUS. SHE HEARD THAT JESUS COULD HEAL PEOPLE WHO WERE SICK. WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT HEARD ABOUT JESUS THAT MADE YOU WANT TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

DAY 38: YOUR FAITH MADE YOU WHOLE

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:

LUKE 17:11-17, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

11 AS JESUS CONTINUED ON TOWARD JERUSALEM, HE REACHED THE BORDER BETWEEN GALILEE AND SAMARIA. 12 AS HE ENTERED A VILLAGE THERE, TEN MEN WITH LEPROSY STOOD AT A DISTANCE, 13 CRYING OUT, "JESUS, MASTER, HAVE MERCY ON US!" 14 HE LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, "GO SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS." AND AS THEY WENT, THEY WERE CLEANSED OF THEIR LEPROSY. 15 ONE OF THEM, WHEN HE SAW THAT HE WAS HEALED, CAME BACK TO JESUS, SHOUTING, "PRAISE GOD!" 16 HE FELL TO THE GROUND AT JESUS' FEET, THANKING HIM FOR WHAT HE HAD DONE. THIS MAN WAS A SAMARITAN. 17 JESUS ASKED, "DIDN'T I HEAL TEN MEN? WHERE ARE THE OTHER NINE? 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 ABOUT HOW TEN LEPERS WERE HEALED BY JESUS. HOW DID THE LEPERS SHOW THAT THEY HAD FAITH TO BE HEALED?

JESUS WAS A JEW AND ONE OF THE LEPERS HE HEALED WAS A SAMARITAN. IN THOSE DAYS, THOSE TWO GROUPS OF PEOPLE NEVER ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OTHER. IN A WAY, JEWS AND SAMARITANS WERE LIKE ENEMIES AND THEY WERE NOT FRIENDLY TO EACH OTHER. BUT JESUS HEALED THIS SAMARITAN ANYWAY AND SPOKE WITH HIM. JESUS LOVES US NO MATTER WHO WE ARE. HAVE YOU EVER FELT LIKE YOU WERE SOMEONE WHO GOD COULD NOT LOVE? WHY DID YOU FEEL THAT WAY?

JESUS HEALED TEN LEPERS, BUT ONLY ONE CAME BACK TO SAY "THANK YOU" TO JESUS. IS THERE someone in your life who you need to say "thank you" to? Who is that person? We encourage you to take time to let them know how much you appreciate them this week.

DAY 39: PROSPERITY DEFINED

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 1:28, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

GOD BLESSED THEM AND SAID, "HAVE MANY CHILDREN AND GROW IN NUMBER. FILL THE EARTH AND BE ITS MASTER. RULE OVER THE FISH IN THE SEA AND OVER THE BIRDS IN THE SKY AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVES ON THE EARTH."

DEUTERONOMY 7:12-14, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

12 IF YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THESE LAWS AND OBEY THEM CAREFULLY, THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL KEEP HIS AGREEMENT AND SHOW HIS LOVE TO YOU, AS HE PROMISED YOUR ANCESTORS. 13 HE WILL LOVE AND BLESS YOU. HE WILL MAKE THE NUMBER OF YOUR PEOPLE GROW; HE WILL BLESS YOU WITH CHILDREN. HE WILL BLESS YOUR FIELDS WITH GOOD CROPS AND WILL GIVE YOU GRAIN, NEW WINE, AND OIL. HE WILL BLESS YOUR HERDS WITH CALVES AND YOUR FLOCKS WITH LAMBS IN THE LAND HE PROMISED YOUR ANCESTORS HE WOULD GIVE YOU. 14 YOU WILL BE BLESSED MORE THAN ANY OTHER PEOPLE. EVERY HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL HAVE CHILDREN, AND ALL YOUR CATTLE WILL HAVE CALVES. 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.

GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH A RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING ON THE EARTH. WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE SOME WAYS THAT GOD WANTS US TO CARE FOR EVERYTHING ON EARTH? _____

CHILDREN ARE BLESSINGS FROM GOD AND HE HAS BLESSED EACH OF US WITH THE ABILITY TO CREATE FAMILIES. WHY DO YOU THINK FAMILIES ARE SO IMPORTANT TO GOD? _____

GOD HAS PROMISED TO BLESS OUR LIVES WHEN WE OBEY HIM. IN FACT, HE PROMISES TO MAKE HIS CHILDREN MORE BLESSED THAN ANYBODY ELSE. CAN YOU SHARE ABOUT A TIME WHEN GOD BLESSED YOU SO MUCH THAT YOU FELT LIKE GOD BLESSED YOU MORE THAN OTHER PEOPLE?

DAY 40: GOD'S WILL IS THAT YOU PROSPER

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:

3 JOHN 2, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

DEAR FRIEND, I HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU AND THAT YOU ARE AS HEALTHY IN BODY AS YOU ARE STRONG IN SPIRIT.

PSALM 25:12-13, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

12 WHO ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD? HE WILL SHOW THEM THE PATH THEY SHOULD CHOOSE. 13 THEY WILL LIVE IN PROSPERITY, AND THEIR CHILDREN WILL INHERIT THE LAND.

PSALM 34:9-10, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

9 FEAR THE LORD, YOU HIS GODLY PEOPLE, FOR THOSE WHO FEAR HIM WILL HAVE ALL THEY NEED. 10 EVEN STRONG YOUNG LIONS SOMETIMES GO HUNGRY, BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL LACK NO GOOD THING. 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 WANTS US TO PROSPER SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY. PLEASE GIVE SOME EXAMPLES OF WAYS YOU CAN PROSPER PHYSICALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

WHEN WE FEAR (RESPECT/WORSHIP) GOD, WE WILL BE BLESSED WITH DIRECTION FOR OUR LIVES AND GOD WILL BLESS US AND OUR FUTURE FAMILY. WHAT KIND OF BLESSINGS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE GOD BLESS YOUR FUTURE CHILDREN WITH? _____

THE BIBLE REMINDS US THAT EVEN IF ANIMALS GO HUNGRY, GOD WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE FOR EVERYTHING WE NEED IF WE TRUST IN HIM. WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO PLACE YOUR TRUST IN SOMEONE?

DAY 41: LOVING MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL

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 TIMOTHY 6:10, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV): The love of money causes all kinds of evil. Some people have left the faith, because they Wanted to get more money, but they have Caused themselves much sorrow. 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 LOVING MONEY CAN CAUSE SO MUCH TROUBLE FOR PEOPLE? _____

WHAT KINDS OF THINGS HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE DOING IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE MONEY? DO YOU THINK THOSE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY? WHY OR WHY NOT? _____

WE KNOW THAT LOVING MONEY IS WRONG, BUT MONEY IS NOT A BAD THING! WHAT DO YOU THINK A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH MONEY LOOKS LIKE FOR A CHRISTIAN? _____

DAY 42: GOD IS OUR SOURCE

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 37:3-5 & 25-26, NEW CENTURY VERSION (NCV):

3 TRUST THE LORD AND DO GOOD. LIVE IN THE LAND AND FEED ON TRUTH. 4 ENJOY SERVING THE LORD, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT. 5 DEPEND ON THE LORD; TRUST HIM, AND HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

25 I was young, and now I am old, but I have never seen good people left helpless or their children begging for food. 26 Good people always lend freely to others, and their children are a blessing.

PHILIPPIANS 4:15-19, NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT):

15 AS YOU KNOW, YOU PHILIPPIANS WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO GAVE ME FINANCIAL HELP WHEN I FIRST BROUGHT YOU THE GOOD NEWS AND THEN TRAVELED ON FROM MACEDONIA. NO OTHER CHURCH DID THIS. 16 EVEN WHEN I WAS IN THESSALONICA YOU SENT HELP MORE THAN ONCE. 17 I DON'T SAY THIS BECAUSE I WANT A GIFT FROM YOU. RATHER, I WANT YOU TO RECEIVE A REWARD FOR YOUR KINDNESS. 18 AT THE MOMENT I HAVE ALL I NEED—AND MORE! I AM GENEROUSLY SUPPLIED WITH THE GIFTS YOU SENT ME WITH EPAPHRODITUS. THEY ARE A SWEET-SMELLING SACRIFICE THAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND PLEASING TO GOD. 19 AND THIS SAME GOD WHO TAKES CARE OF ME WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS FROM HIS GLORIOUS RICHES, WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US IN CHRIST JESUS. 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.

IF WE SERVE THE LORD, HE WILL GIVE US WHAT WE WANT. WHAT A WONDERFUL PROMISE! WHAT WAYS ARE YOU SERVING GOD IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW, OR WHAT ARE WAYS CAN YOU BE SERVING GOD RIGHT NOW? WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU WANT FROM GOD? _____

GOD CAN BLESS US SO THAT WE CAN GIVE FREELY TO OTHERS. CAN YOU SHARE A TIME WHEN GOD LED YOU TO GIVE SOMETHING TO SOMEONE?

IN THE BOOK OF PHILIPPINANS, THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGES THE CHURCH THERE TO GIVE - NOT BECAUSE HE NEEDS THEIR MONEY OR HELP, BUT BECAUSE HE WANTS THEM TO BE BLESSED BY PRACTICING GIVING. HAS GOD EVER REWARDED YOU FOR BEING A GIVER? WHAT DID GOD BLESS YOU WITH? ______