

Calvary
Baptist Church

October 25, 2026

Fear

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:

https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship

MONDAY

What is there to fear?
Read: Proverbs 9:10, Matthew 10:28

“The only thing to fear is fear itself.” Have you heard this one? As if all we have to fear is to be afraid. Although this sounds like profound wisdom, this statement is not supported by Scripture. The question for today is, “What is there to fear?” The answer is not “fear itself.” The answer is, “we must fear the Lord, for he is the one who can destroy our souls and bodies in Hell.” It’s not that we should never experience fear, but that we should fear God. Should we fear God in such a way that we should run away from Him? Absolutely not! We fear Him in such a way that we can approach Him with confidence, “that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16) As we approach the season known as Halloween, fear may be on the minds of many. There is nothing to fear except the Lord, Almighty. Fear is a deeply theological and pertinent part of the Christian’s life. Fear not flesh and blood. Fear not the dark. Fear only the one who can destroy both soul and body.

What does it mean to fear the Lord? How is fearing God different from being afraid of Him in the sense that you want to run away from Him?

What are some things people commonly fear? How can remembering God's character help us respond to those fears?

Hebrews 4:16 tells us to approach God's throne of grace with confidence. How can we have both a genuine fear of God and confidence to approach Him?

Is there a fear in your life that has become bigger in your mind than God? How could remembering God's power, holiness, and goodness help you face it?

Pray
Pray that God would take your fears away and be your source of joy.

Sing
Only a Holy God

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God
What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!

TUESDAY

Fear of the Future

Read: Matthew 6:25-34

Fear of the future is natural. It is a human instinct to perceive incoming threats to see if we need to adjust anything in our lives that would help us avoid running into danger or certain disaster. Jesus tells us not to worry about today because we have enough troubles for today. I understand this temptation all to well. I am prone to trying to look into the future and anticipate certain dangers (as if I could actually do this). What I end up sacrificing is ignoring the immediate issues in my life. I may neglect the immediate issues in my life so as to prepare for the future "what if" that could happen. Do you do anything like this? Biblically, we need to be firmly planted in the present and be concerned about our lives today rather than worrying about tomorrow. Even for the worries of today, we must take these to God in prayer. We must give these things that cause us worry to the Lord, for He is the grace-giver and sustainer. Cast your fears before the Lord today.

Why do you think we are so prone to worrying about what might happen in the future, even when we have no way of knowing what will happen?

Have you ever spent so much time worrying about a future possibility that you neglected something important happening in your life right now? What happened?

What is the difference between wisely preparing for the future and anxiously worrying about the future? How can you tell when you have crossed that line?

What does it mean to cast your fears before the Lord? What are some practical ways you can do that when anxious thoughts keep returning?

Pray

Cast your fears before the Lord today.

Sing

And Can It Be

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus:
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies!
Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more. [Refrain]

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me. [Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee. [Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

WEDNESDAY

Anxiety

Read: Philippians 4:6-7

What is it that takes our joy? It can be any number of things in our lives. It can be the loss of a job. It can be getting bad news. Maybe you wake up with a flooded basement. Maybe you lose a loved one to a terrible disease. These types of hurts can create in us a fear of losing more in our lives. But Paul tells us not to be anxious about anything but to go to God in prayer. We are to pray with a heart of gratitude. A prayer of thanksgiving is the weapon you need to fight against the things that make us anxious in our lives. If we utilize this weapon, we can receive a peace that surpasses our comprehension. That peace, then, guards our hearts and minds in Christ. Because of who we are in Christ, we can have protection from those things that cause us to fear and be anxious. Christ is who makes us victorious over our fears and anxieties. Run to Christ so that He can make you victorious.

What are some things that can take away our joy or cause us to become anxious? Why do you think difficult circumstances can sometimes make us afraid of what might happen next?

Philippians 4:6 tells us not to be anxious about anything, but to bring everything to God in prayer. Why do you think we sometimes worry about things longer than we pray about them?

The devotional describes thanksgiving as a weapon against anxiety. How can remembering God's goodness and faithfulness help change the way we respond to our fears?

Philippians 4:7 describes the peace of God as surpassing understanding and guarding our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. What do you think it means for God's peace to guard our hearts and minds?

Pray

Go to God with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Sing

Christus Victor

CHRISTUS VICTOR

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood, You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus:
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of Man sent for sinners
By Your blood, You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2:
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen

THURSDAY

Our fears do not define us

Read: Romans 8:15

Sometimes, our fears can take hold of our lives so severely that they feel like they define us. As if they define who we are becoming and direct the course of our lives. Romans 8:15 teaches us that those who have been adopted into God's family receive a spirit of sonship rather than being slaves to our fears. The God that we serve has provided victory for us over our fears, sins, and regrets. That victory is found in us being adopted as sons into his holy family. Being sons, we receive the inheritance of eternal life with the Triune God. Where there is no fear, tears, or hurting hearts. There is only joy, love, peace, and praise in the presence of the King of kings and Lord of lords. Our fears do not define us. Christ defines us as coheirs with Him in the Father. Thank God for the gift of being called a son of God.

Have you ever experienced a fear that felt like it was beginning to define you or control your decisions? How did it affect the way you lived?

Why do you think we sometimes allow our fears, sins, or past regrets to shape how we see ourselves?

Romans 8:15 teaches that we have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but a Spirit of adoption. What do you think it means to be adopted into God's family?

How does knowing that you are a child of God change the way you should view yourself when you are struggling with fear or regret?

Pray

Thank God for the gift of being called a son of God.

Sing

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

Chorus
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

FRIDAY

Give God your fears

Read: Psalm 34:4

Throughout Scripture, we are told to cast our anxieties and burdens on the Lord, rather than carry them alone. We can rest assured that God loves us enough not to leave us alone in our fears but to minister to us in the midst of them. You're not going to burden God by giving Him your burdens. He wants you to give Him your burdens! How can we cast our burdens upon the Lord? Well, it should be no shock that we can do this through prayer. We can take our fears to God and be honest with Him about how they are affecting our lives. We can also go to God's Word. Our verse today speaks of how the psalmist "sought the Lord" and found Him. And God delivered the psalmist from all his fears. By spending time seeking the Lord, learning about Him, and meditating on who our God is, we can find the Lord and be delivered from all our fears. Give your fears to God and be delivered!

Why do you think we sometimes try to carry our burdens alone instead of bringing them to God?

What does it look like to be honest with God about how your fears are affecting your life? Why is it important to be honest with Him rather than pretending everything is okay?

The devotional mentions both prayer and God's Word as ways to seek the Lord. How can spending time in Scripture help us respond differently to our fears?

What does it mean to meditate on who God is? What attributes of God—such as His love, power, faithfulness, or sovereignty—can help you when you're afraid?

Pray

Give your fears to God and be delivered!

Sing

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.


Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;
let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!
Psalm 95:6

CALVARY
BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am

CalvaryLeavenworth.com

913-682-3790

“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

