



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Contentment

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

The Secret of Contentment

Read: Philippians 4:10-13

Have you ever prayed for patience? It always seems like God doesn't give us more patience, but that he gives us opportunities to be patient. Almost like he wants us to learn how to be patient. Patience isn't like mashed potatoes, where we can just put more and more on our plate to have more than we need in any given circumstance. It's almost like we must learn it.

Contentment is the same way. In our passage today, we see that even Paul had to learn the secret of being content. The secret is to rejoice in the Lord greatly, regardless of our circumstances. Our circumstances cannot be the source of our contentment. Finding contentment in any and every situation we find ourselves in is a matter of finding our joy in Christ. We must rejoice in Christ, even when we receive bad news. We must rejoice in Christ, even when things don't go our way or when things don't go the way we expected or wanted them to. The secret of contentment is to learn to be content, no matter our circumstances. We hope in Christ; that's the secret.

What are some circumstances that make it difficult for you to be content?

Why is it so easy to believe that we will be content once we get what we want or when our circumstances improve?

What is the difference between being content with your circumstances and finding your contentment in Christ?

Why do you think Paul had to learn the secret of contentment? What does that teach us about our own struggles with contentment?

Pray

Pray that the Lord would teach you contentment in your everyday life.

Sing

How Majestic is Your Name

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God;
O Lord God Almighty.

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TUESDAY

Contentment Instead of Comparison

Read: Exodus 20:17

Some people spend their entire lives and careers devoted to making you feel as if you are dissatisfied with your life. Advertisers are paid to make you think you're missing out and that your life could be better than it is now. They want us to compare our lives with those who "have" and make us consider ourselves as the "have-nots." Have you ever heard the old adage that "comparison is the thief of joy"? Exodus 20:17 tells us something close to this. We are warned not to have a passionate longing to possess something that is not ours to possess. Becoming a covetous person makes us materialistic and makes us consider the physical things of this world more important than the spiritual. To guard against discontentment, we must refrain from comparing ourselves to others. Contentment starts with knowing and believing that God is good and that He would never withhold anything good "from those who live with integrity" (Psalm 84:11). God will never leave you or abandon you. The sooner you believe this, the sooner you'll be satisfied with what you have.

Have you ever compared your life to someone else's and found yourself feeling less thankful for what God has given you? What made that comparison difficult?

Why do you think comparison so easily steals our joy?

What is the difference between appreciating something someone else has and coveting it?

Exodus 20:17 commands us not to covet. Why do you think God cares about the desires of our hearts and not just our outward actions?

What are some practical ways we can guard our hearts against comparison and covetousness?

Pray

Pray that God would protect you from comparing your life to others.

Sing

*Leaning on the
Everlasting Arms*

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus:

 Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.



WEDNESDAY

Gratitude Changes Everything

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

An attitude of gratitude can change your perspective on your life. Our passage today tells us to “Rejoice always.” Always? Really? How can I rejoice when I just had bad news? How can I rejoice when I don’t feel like it? These are precisely the situations in which we are called to rejoice. We can choose joy in moments when we don’t feel content and happy. We can find contentment in our times of pain and discontentment. How? The text tells us! By praying without stopping! You can find joy through the power of meeting with God in prayer. You can find contentment in your circumstances when you meet with God in prayer. And then Paul tells us to “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God.” It is the will of God that you show gratitude in all of your circumstances. All means every circumstance in your life. That means that even in the tough times. Not just when it’s easy to give thanks, but when it doesn’t make sense to give thanks. When we have an attitude of gratitude, it changes everything. We can find contentment in all circumstances.

Why do you think it can be difficult to be thankful when life isn't going the way we hoped?

What do you think Paul means when he tells us to “rejoice always”? Does that mean Christians should never feel sad, disappointed, or discouraged? Why or why not?

Have you ever experienced a time when praying helped change your perspective on a difficult situation? What happened?

Why do you think prayer and gratitude are so closely connected? How can spending time with God help you find contentment?

First Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to give thanks in all circumstances. How can we obey this command when we're experiencing grief, disappointment, or suffering?

Pray

Pray that God would give you the grace to be grateful in all circumstances.

Sing

In Christ Alone

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
my Comforter, my All in All;
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save;
'til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!



THURSDAY

Christ is Enough

Read: 2 Corinthians 12:9

Jesus says, “My grace is sufficient for you...” In other words, Christ is enough for us. His grace is enough for us when we struggle. When Paul wrote this verse, he was telling us about how he had a thorn that was given to him in the flesh and a messenger of Satan to harass him. When Paul went to the Lord in prayer, he remembered the words of Jesus, “My grace is sufficient for you.” Did the Lord take away the thorn in Paul’s flesh? No, but Christ was present with him in his suffering and His grace was enough to satisfy Paul in the midst of his hurt. Maybe you’re going through something that is a thorn to you? You could use the same encouragement from the words of Christ, that His grace is enough for you and that His power is made perfect in your weakness. Where are you weak right now? Is that a place in your life where the Lord could be magnified in your life?

Why do we sometimes believe that we need God to remove our struggles before we can experience peace or contentment?

Have you ever experienced a time when God didn't remove a difficult circumstance but gave you the strength to endure it? What did you learn from that experience?

Where do you feel weak in your life right now? How might that weakness cause you to depend more fully on Christ?

2 Corinthians 12:9 teaches that God's power is made perfect in weakness. Why do you think God sometimes chooses to display His power through our weaknesses rather than removing them?

Pray

Pray that God would use your weakness to magnify His glory.

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!



FRIDAY

When things are out of control

Read: Matthew 6:25-34

At the beginning of our text today, we are given the command not to be anxious about our lives. There is a lot in your life to be anxious about. I'm putting a new roof on my house. I've never done it before. There is a lot about this process that naturally leads me to be anxious. I yearn to be content in my life. When I go through seasons like this, I go to this text for comfort and encouragement. Put whatever you're anxious about inside the verses so that it hits home a little bit more. For me, it would go like this, starting in verse 28, "And why are you anxious about your roof?" Skipping to verse 30... "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more roof your house, O you of little faith?" When I put it like that, I'm convicted to lay my anxieties at the foot of the cross and choose contentment, even when circumstances feel out of control in my life.

What are some things in your life that tend to make you anxious or worried?

Why do you think it's so difficult to trust God when we're facing an unfamiliar situation or something we've never done before?

Jesus points to how God cares for the grass of the field. What does this teach us about God's character and His care for us?

Why can our circumstances feel more real or powerful to us than God's promises?

Pray

Put your worries into the passage and pray that as a prayer.

Sing

His Eye is on the Sparrow

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy—
I sing because I'm free—
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.



Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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"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

