

Calvary Baptist Church

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Friendship

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

We need Godly Friendships.

Read: Proverbs 27:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

God designed us to be in relationships with others. God even says, “It is not good that the man should be alone.” (Genesis 2:18) Man was made to be in relationships with others. Adam needed an Eve and David needed a Jonathan. We see throughout Scripture how important it is to have Godly friendships as a Christian. Notice that I don’t just say that it’s important to have friendships, but more importantly, “Godly friendships.” Why the distinction? Well, the people we surround ourselves with will influence the kind of person we become. We begin to mimic their values and characteristics. We reflect the way our friends talk, their attitudes, and character. Our friends will either direct us toward Christ or pull us away from Christ. We are meant to have Godly friendships. Make sure the people that you’re surrounding yourself with are the kinds of people that will direct you toward Jesus, and not away from Him.

Why do you think God designed us to live in relationships with other people rather than live in isolation?

Proverbs 13:20 says, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm." How have you seen the people you spend time with influence your attitudes, behaviors, or decisions? How?

What are some characteristics you would look for in a godly friend? What makes someone a friend who points you toward Jesus?

Pray

Pray that God would send you Godly friends who will direct you toward Jesus.

Sing

Everlasting

EVERLASTING

Chorus:
From everlasting to everlasting
You are God
From everlasting to everlasting
You are God

Verse 1:
In holiness You stand secure
Through culture's shifting sands
Unchanged by all the vanities of man
And as the nations rise and fall
Your sov'reignty remains
You are You are
You are the one true God

Verse 2:
In faithfulness Your love extends
Through times of turbulence
Adopting those who call upon Your name
And ev'ry generation joins in songs
Of grateful praise
You are You are
You are the one true God

Bridge:
Eternal (eternal) immortal (immortal)
Invisible (invisible God) God

TUESDAY

A Friend who loves (always).

Read: Proverbs 17:17

I have a friend in the Lord who always calls me “brother” when he talks to me. It means the world to me that he always refers to me in this way. I know what he is saying is, “No matter what it is, I’ll walk through it with you.” He is a friend to me at all times. He is also a brother who will be with me through every kind of adversity. We all need friends like this. When we think of friendship, it’s easy to think of the times we have together laughing and having a good time. But we must also remember the hard times those friends have walked with us through. Having a brother (or sister) who walks through those hard times with us is a good thing. It’s a God-ordained thing. We were not meant to be alone for this reason. It’s impossible to fulfill the “one another” commands in Scripture without having good friends who are with us through the good times and the bad times. Let us also strive to be the kind of friend who sticks closer than a brother (Prov. 18:24).

Why is it sometimes easier to be a friend during the good times than during seasons of adversity?

Can you think of a time when a friend walked alongside you through a difficult season? How did their presence encourage you?

What are some practical ways we can show someone that we are committed to walking with them through adversity?

Why do you think God designed the Christian life to be lived in community rather than isolation?

Pray

Pray that God would teach you how to be a Godly friend.

Sing

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Verse 1
O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made
I see the stars I hear the mighty thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art

Verse 2
When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze

Verse 3
And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Verse 4
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great Thou art

WEDNESDAY

A friend who speaks truth.

Read: Proverbs 27:5-6

I've always said that someone who is willing to tell me when I have food in my teeth is a true friend. I still believe that. A true friend will speak the truth, even when everyone else continues to pretend like everything is completely fine, when all the while I have food in my teeth. Sometimes, having a close friend means having uncomfortable conversations. Like if a friend is caught in a sin that dishonors God, we (who are Godly friends) should come alongside that brother or sister and speak the truth to them. That's because a good friend will honor God by being more concerned with your spiritual well-being than making you feel comfortable. We must come to grips with the reality that being a true friend that honors God means that we must have difficult conversations that confront sin and point everyone back to God and His Word. A true friend who loves you and God will care enough to be honest with you.

Proverbs 27:5–6 says, "Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend." What do you think it means for a friend to faithfully wound us?

Why do you think we sometimes avoid telling our friends things they need to hear, even when we know it would be good for them?

Have you ever had a friend lovingly confront you about something in your life? How did you respond, and how did God use that conversation?

Why should we be more concerned about a friend's spiritual well-being than simply keeping them comfortable or keeping the peace?

Pray

Pray that the Lord would embolden you to speak the truth to your friends.

Sing

O Worship the King

O WORSHP THE KING

Verse 1
O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

Verse 2
O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Verse 3
Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

Verse 4
Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

THURSDAY

The selfless friendship.

Read: Philippians 2:3-4

In some regard, being a friend means being a servant. We are called to serve others like Jesus did. Probably the most well-used example of Jesus serving others in His life is when He washed the feet of His disciples in John 13. Jesus, a part of the Triune Godhead, became a servant to the disciples and washed their dirty feet. This is because Jesus came to serve and not be served. Part of being like Jesus is to serve others in such a selfless way that we are willing to get down and dirty for Jesus. When it comes to friendships, try to outdo one another in serving one another. Many times, friendships get centered around ourselves. We start to get hyperfocused on how we can benefit out of the relationship. Jesus teaches us that we should be hyperfocused on how we can serve others in our relationships with them. We gravitate toward people and friendships that meet our needs and make us feel good. What if biblical friendship isn't about that? What if it's about how much we can serve others in our friendships? The Bible teaches us that we should put others before ourselves and live sacrificial lives, even with our friends.

In John 13, Jesus humbled Himself and washed the disciples' feet. What does this example teach us about the kind of attitude we should have toward our friends?

Why do you think we naturally gravitate toward friendships that benefit us or make us feel good?

What are some practical ways we can serve our friends in ways that might be inconvenient, uncomfortable, or even unnoticed by others?

Have you ever had a friend serve you in a way that demonstrated genuine selflessness? How did that impact you?

Pray

Pray that God would show you ways to live sacrificially with your friends.

Sing

Take My Life and Let It Be

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Verse 1
Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Verse 2
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 3
Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee

Verse 4
Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne

Verse 5
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee
Ever only all for Thee

FRIDAY

Jesus is the greatest friendship example.

Read: John 15:12-15

The command from Jesus is to “love one another as I have loved you.” The question is: how has Jesus loved us? Well, He loved us enough to lay down His life for us on the cross. And we are to emulate that kind of love. Love is a decision, not a feeling. Love is deciding to be compassionate and sacrificially seek the well-being of another person. This is why you can love even your enemies. Because you may not like them, but you can love them because love isn’t based upon feelings; love is a decision. We may eventually have feelings of affection for those that we love, but that’s not how we love others. We love them by choosing to put their well-being before our own. Jesus is the greatest example of true friendship because of how He laid down His life for His friends. Are you His friend? Are you someone that Jesus died for? Jesus is available to you right now; all you need to do is confess faith in Him and be saved.

Jesus commands us in John 15:12 to love one another as He has loved us. What stands out to you about the way Jesus demonstrated His love for us?

Why is it important to understand that biblical love is a decision rather than simply an emotion?

Jesus tells us to love even our enemies (Matthew 5:44). How does understanding love as a decision help us obey this command?

What are some circumstances in which it might be especially difficult to choose to love someone? How can we respond in a Christlike way in those situations?

Pray

Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us.

Sing

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Verse 1
What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
And what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Verse 2
Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3
Are we weak and heavy-laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there


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

