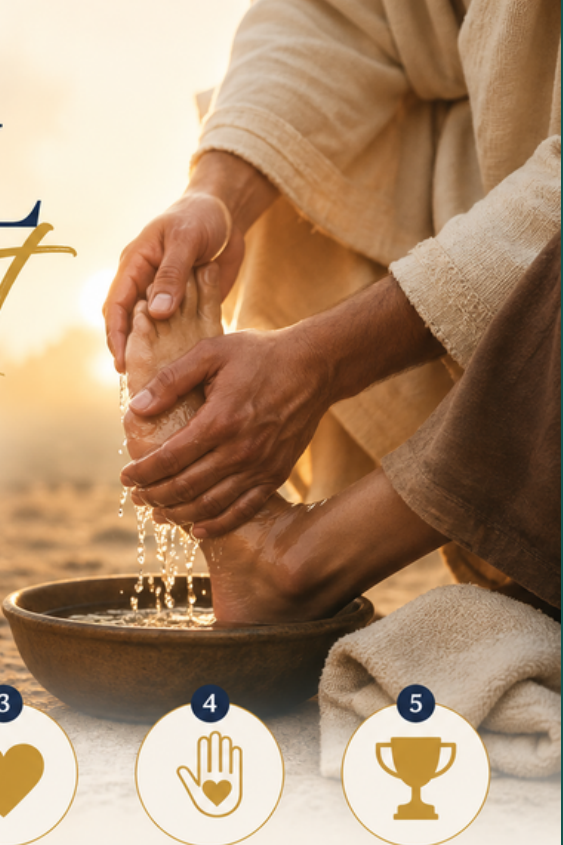




JOYFUL *Servant*

SERVING HIM. LOVING OTHERS.
FINDING JOY IN EVERY STEP.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 PETER 4:10



THE JOY OF
SERVING CHRIST

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24



JESUS—OUR
JOYFUL EXAMPLE

MARK 10:45
PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8



SERVING WITH JOY,
NOT GRUMBLING

PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16



SERVING THROUGH
THE STRENGTH
GOD PROVIDES

1 PETER 4:10-11



THE JOYFUL REWARD
OF FAITHFUL
SERVICE

MATTHEW 25:21
HEBREWS 6:10



Not just what we do, but how we do it—*for the glory of God.*

Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

Joyful Servant

The progression of this series starts with who we serve, being Christ. Then we see how we should serve following Jesus' example, followed by with what attitude we should serve. We discover by whose strength we should serve, being God's, and why we persevere in serving Him.

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 Joy of Serving Jesus

Read: Colossians 3:23-24

Our Scripture today says, “Whatever you do” work as if you’re working for the Lord. If you’re a Farmer, farm for the Lord. If you are a son or daughter, be a son or daughter for the glory of the Lord. Every action, every thought, and every word of ours is an action, thought, and word that should bring glory to Jesus. We’re not serving to gain recognition, earn praise, or impress others. We must shift our focus from people to Christ. When we do this, joy naturally flows throughout our lives. People will overlook our efforts, misunderstand our motives, and fail to care. But Jesus sees every act of kindness and faithfulness. Nothing done for Him goes unnoticed. Serving Jesus also frees us from feeling like we must receive approval from others. Our reward is not applause in this life but it is an inheritance that awaits us in eternity. Because we belong to Christ, every opportunity to serve becomes an opportunity to worship. A joyful servant doesn’t ask, “Who will notice me?” A joyful servant asks, “How can I glorify Jesus today?”

How can ordinary things—work, school, chores, parenting, friendships—be done for the Lord?

Why do we find ourselves discouraged when people don’t notice or appreciate what we do?

What is something you do regularly that you could begin viewing as an opportunity to worship Jesus?

How can serving for recognition eventually steal our joy?

What is one thing you will do differently this week because of this passage?

Pray

Thank God for the privilege we get in serving Him.

Sing

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in his suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law, in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death, the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord, He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As will we be when He comes



TUESDAY

Jesus, Our Joyful Example

Read: Mark 10:45; Philippians 2:3-8

Can you think of a greater servant than Jesus Christ? Mark 10:45 tells us, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Although He is the eternal Son of God and worthy of all honor and praise, Jesus willingly laid aside those rights so that he could serve those He created. He didn’t look for recognition or applause. Instead, He humbled Himself and became our servant.

Philippians 2:3-8 reminds us that Jesus became a servant to us, obedient to the point of death. Even a criminal’s death on a cross. His life was marked by humility, sacrifice, and love. He served because it was His Father’s will and because of His great love for sinners. As joyful servants, we are called to follow the example set before us by Jesus. True joy is not found in being noticed or praised but in faithfully serving God and others with humility. When we choose to put others before ourselves and gladly serve as Christ did, we reflect the heart of our Savior. Joyful servants look like Jesus because they serve like Jesus.

Who is someone you admire because of the way they serve others? What makes them stand out?

Jesus is the eternal Son of God. Why is it so remarkable that He chose to serve rather than be served?

What are some examples from Jesus' life that demonstrate His humility and servant-heartedness?

What does it mean to "look like Jesus" in the way we serve others?

Why is it sometimes difficult to serve without expecting recognition or appreciation?

Pray

Pray that God would make you more like Jesus as you serve Him and others.

Sing

His Glory and My Good

HIS GLORY AND MY GOOD

I have seen my Father's glory
Revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him
The more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty
When I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward
For His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know
His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus
Upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness
Deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me
It was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me
For His glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing
That Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom
That far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father
Where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him
For His glory and my good



WEDNESDAY

Serving with Joy, Not Grumbling

Read: Philippians 2:14-16

Our text today is a simple one to understand but not so simple to live out. “Do all things without grumbling or disputing.” What we do is important; that is true. But possibly even more important than what we do is our attitude while we do it. What is your attitude toward serving others? It is possible to obey outwardly while complaining inwardly, but that is not the kind of service that honors the Lord. God desires servants whose hearts are filled with joy, gratitude, and love for Him.

Our attitude in serving Christ matters at least as much, if not more, than our actions. When we grumble, we communicate that serving God is a burden rather than a privilege. But when we serve with joy, we show that Jesus is worthy of our wholehearted worship, glory, and honor.

Paul also says that believers are to “shine as lights in the world.” A joyful servant stands out in a world filled with complaints, bitterness, and selfishness. Cheerful obedience points others to the transforming power of the gospel. A servant who delights in serving Christ becomes a powerful testimony to a watching world.

Why do you think it's often easier to complain while serving than to serve with joy?

Paul commands us to "do all things without grumbling or disputing." Why do you think God is concerned not only with our actions but also with our attitudes?

Why is serving Jesus a privilege rather than a burden?

Paul says believers are to "shine as lights in the world." How does a joyful attitude make Christians stand out?

Think about your workplace, school, home, or church. How could a joyful spirit point others to Jesus in those places?

Pray

Pray that God would give you a spirit of gratitude in getting to serve Him.

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

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

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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



To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!
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When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
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THURSDAY

Serving Through the Strength God Provides

Read: 1 Peter 4:10-11

Our passage reminds us that we are each recipients of a gift from God to use in service for Him, towards one another. In this way, God supplies our strength to serve others. God doesn't call His people to serve under their own strength, but under the strength that God provides. God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called. Too often we become discouraged because we rely upon our own strength in our service to God and others. We begin to think we need more talent, energy, or confidence before we can serve effectively in God's Kingdom. But God graciously delights in using our weakness to make His power and glory known as we completely depend upon Him for sufficient strength to serve Him.

Serving through God's strength keeps us humble. Even though God works through us, He alone receives the glory. We can't boast in what He accomplishes through us because the power was never ours to begin with. When we serve through His strength instead of our own, our lives become a testimony to His power and faithfulness.

What gifts has God given you to serve Him?

Have you ever felt unqualified or inadequate for a task God was calling you to do? What made you feel that way?

Who gives believers their gifts and abilities? Why is that important to remember?

What are some signs that you're serving in your own strength rather than trusting God's grace?

How can we make sure that God receives the glory instead of ourselves when we serve?

Pray

Thank God for the opportunity to serve Him.

Sing

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Chorus:

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]

Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.



FRIDAY

The Joyful Reward of Faithful Service

Read: Matthew 25:21; Hebrews 6:10

Faithful service to the Lord can be a thankless job. The quiet acts of kindness, the unseen prayers, the hours spent caring for others behind closed doors, and the sacrifices made for Christ may never receive recognition from people. But God's Word reminds us that nothing done for Him ever goes overlooked. Every act of service offered out of love for Jesus is seen and remembered by Him.

Jesus doubles down on this truth in Matthew 25:21. Notice that the commendation is not for greatness or popularity but for faithfulness. God is not looking for shining stars to serve Him; He is looking for faithful ones.

As joyful servants, we don't serve for applause or recognition. We serve because we love Jesus, and we know that He sees every sacrifice made in His name. One day, when we stand before our Savior, every moment of faithful service will be worth it as we hear His joyful words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Have you ever worked hard on something and felt like no one noticed? How did that make you feel?

Hebrews 6:10 says that God does not overlook our work done for Him. How does that truth encourage you in your service?

What are some examples of "unseen" acts of service that God notices even when other people do not?

Why is faithfulness sometimes harder than doing something impressive or highly visible?

What are some signs that we may be serving for the approval of people instead of for the glory of God?

Pray

Pray that God would give you opportunities to secretly serve Him.

Sing

To God Be The Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.



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

