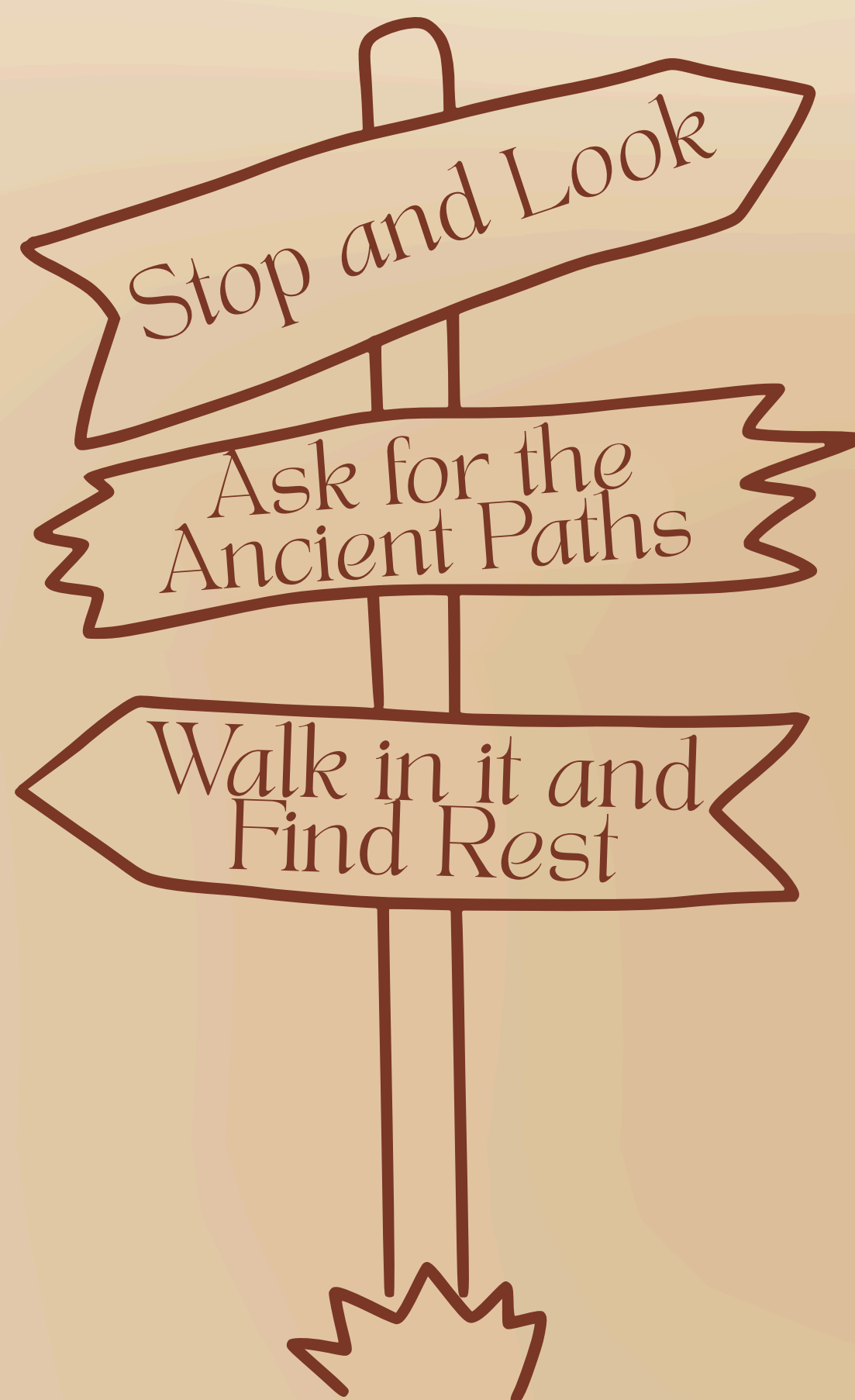




DAILY DEVOTIONAL

ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT



MURDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



S T O P A N D L O O K

Gather together and read **Jeremiah 6:16** aloud. Take a moment to close your eyes and listen to the sounds around you. Take note of the birds, the wind, the sound of laughter, or the stillness of your surroundings.

Imagine you're on a hike and you come to a fork in the trail. You have no map and cell signal is gone. You are in a situation where you must stop and look around to try to figure out which way to go. If you don't stop, you might just wander off in the wrong direction.

This is the exact opportunity we're being given this weekend. The opportunity to stop and look at where we've come from and where we're going.

This weekend is a chance to hit the "pause button" on our lives. It's a chance to stop and take an honest look at our hearts, our priorities, and our relationship with God.

D I S C U S S

Why is it so hard for us to stop and be still?

When you "look" at your life right now, what do you see? Where have you come from? Is your path clear? Does it feel like you're wandering?

What is one thing you're hoping God will show you this weekend?

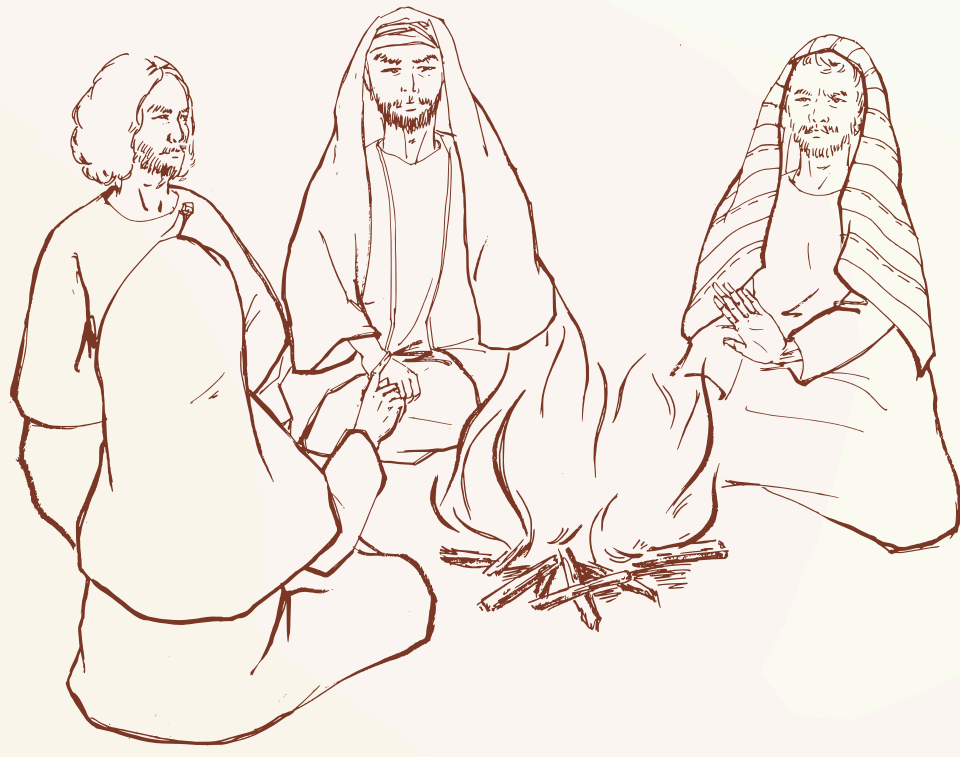
Kids: What is your favorite part of being at All Church Campout? How is it different from being at home?

C H A L L E N G E

Take a walk together. But instead of talking, practice quiet observance. Stop at different points around the camp and just look and listen. What do you see? What do you hear? After a few minutes, share what you noticed and what you would have missed if we didn't take the time to stop and look.

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ASK FOR THE ANCIENT PATHS

Gather together and read **Jeremiah 6:16** aloud again. This time focus on the words, “Ask for the ancient paths, ‘Where is the good way?’”

Imagine you’re at that fork in the trail again, but this time, you have some helpful resources to help you find your way. You have a map and a compass. Not only that, but you have a guide who knows the way to where you’re going. This guy even knows the ancient paths that other guides don’t know about. These paths are not old and useless but timeless, tested, and reliable. They are the ways of God that have been shown to lead to abundant life.

The people of Judah had all but forgotten these paths. They chased after what was new, flashy, and sadly empty things. God was calling them back to what they knew was true.

Sadly, we do the same thing. We chase after trends, new ideas, flashy opinions... But God says, “Ask for the ancient paths. Ask where the good way is.” Asking requires that we humble ourselves and admitting we don’t have all the answers and that we need direction from God.

DISCUSS

Why is it hard to ask for help or directions, even when we’re lost?

What are some “ancient paths” or timeless truths from the Bible that your family can commit to following?

Kids: Who is someone you can ask for help when you don’t know what to do? How is asking God for help different than asking a person?

CHALLENGE

Find someone today that you see as a wise person at the camp. Ask them one question: **“What is one ‘ancient path’ or timeless truth from God that has helped you the most in life?”** Listen to their answer and talk about it together.

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W A L K I N I T A N D F I N D R E S T

As you prepare to leave camp read **Jeremiah 6:16** one last time. This time focus on the command to “walk in it” and the promise to “find rest for your souls.”

Knowing the right path is one thing. Walking in it is another. God doesn’t just want us to “know” the good way. He wants us to walk in it. To put into practice the things we know! Taking the things we’ve learned this weekend and applying them every day.

What happens when we do this? Rest. Not just a physical reset, but rest for our souls. Deep soul-filling peace that comes from being in the right place with God, from walking in the right direction God has shown, and from walking with the right guide who God is.

However, there is a sad warning at the end of this passage: the people then said, “We will not walk in it.” They heard the invitation, knew the right path, but refused to walk in it...

What will you do? You can go back to “normal” and let this simply be a fun weekend. Or you can choose to walk in the good way, step by step, and find the rest your soul longs for.

D I S C U S S

What is one specific thing you learned or experienced this weekend that you want to “walk in” when you go home?

What does “rest for your souls” mean to you? When have you felt that kind of rest?

Kids: What’s something you love about your family’s faith or relationship to God that you haven’t shared with them before?

C H A L L E N G E

Before you pack up, gather together. Have each family member share one thing they are going to commit to doing differently when they get home to “walk in the good way.” It could be a new habit, a changed attitude, or steps of obedience. Write them down and put it somewhere you’ll see it as a reminder.

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