

Family Moments

1 Peter 1:10–13

The Daily Anchor

Consistency is more important than duration. Develop a daily anchor that fits your family's unique morning routine by establishing a clear, recognizable starting and ending point. This could be a small physical action, a specific transition phrase, or a set location (like the breakfast table or the car). The goal is to create a predictable, recurring boundary that signals exactly when it is time to pause and focus on the Word.

Monday: The Prophets' Search

The Reading:

"This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you."

– 1 Peter 1:10

The Devotional Thought:

Imagine finding half of a very old, mysterious treasure map. You can see that there is an incredible treasure buried somewhere, but the map doesn't show exactly where or when you will find it. You would probably study it every single day, looking closely at every line and drawing. This is exactly what the Old Testament prophets did with the messages God gave them.

God's plan to save us through His grace wasn't an afterthought or a last-minute backup plan. It was written down perfectly long before Jesus arrived. The prophets carefully searched and investigated their own writings, trying to figure out the exact details of the amazing grace that was coming.

The Bottom Line:

God's perfect plan to save us through grace was carefully prepared long before we were born.

Family Reflection:

When was a time you knew a surprise was coming, and you tried everything to figure out the details before it happened?

The Prayer:

God, thank You for perfectly planning our salvation. Help us to treasure Your grace just as much as the prophets did.

Tuesday: Suffering Then Glory

The Reading:

"They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward." – **1 Peter 1:11**

The Devotional Thought:

Have you ever watched a movie trailer where the hero has to go through a dark, difficult, and painful battle before finally winning the ultimate victory? The prophets were given a sneak peek into the ultimate rescue mission. The Spirit of Christ inside of them gave them clues, pointing out that the promised Messiah would have to suffer deeply before He could experience great glory. They pondered how this could be.

We now know that those sufferings meant Jesus dying on the cross for our sins, and the glory that followed was His resurrection and His return to heaven. The hard part had to come before the glorious part.

The Bottom Line:

Our salvation was only made possible because Jesus was willing to suffer before entering His glory.

Family Reflection:

When was a time you had to go through a really hard or frustrating process to finally achieve a great result?

The Prayer:

God, thank You that Jesus was willing to suffer for us. Help us to remember His sacrifice whenever we face difficult days.

Wednesday: A Gift for Us

The Reading:

"They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen." – **1 Peter 1:12**

The Devotional Thought:

Imagine a group of builders working for years to construct the most amazing park and playground ever created, knowing the whole time that they would never actually get to play in it themselves. They were building it entirely for you to enjoy. God revealed to the prophets that their amazing messages weren't for their own time, but for us today!

We get to live in the time where the Good News is actually happening. This reality is so massive and beautiful that even the angels in heaven are looking down, fascinated and eager to watch God's grace unfold in our lives.

The Bottom Line:

We are incredibly blessed to live right now and experience the salvation that the prophets wrote about and the angels marvel at.

Family Reflection:

When was a time someone did something really kind and worked very hard just so you could enjoy something?

The Prayer:

God, thank You for the incredible privilege of knowing Jesus today. Keep us amazed by the Good News, just like the angels are.

Thursday: Roll Up Your Sleeves

The Reading:

"So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control." – **1 Peter 1:13a**

The Devotional Thought:

In ancient times, people wore long, free-flowing robes. They looked very nice, but if a person needed to run or do hard work, that long fabric would easily trip them up. Before they could move quickly, they had to gather up their robes and tuck them tightly into their belts. Today, we might say "roll up your sleeves" or "tie your running shoes."

Peter tells us we need to do this exact same thing with our minds! Because God has given us such an amazing salvation, we must be mentally alert. We need to practice self-control and clear out the distracting or intoxicating thoughts that easily trip us up, so we are completely ready to follow Him.

The Bottom Line:

Because God has saved us, we need to tie up our loose, distracting thoughts and get our minds ready for action.

Family Reflection:

When was a time you had to block out all distractions to get completely focused on an important task?

The Prayer:

God, help us to exercise self-control in the way we think today. Show us how to prepare our minds for action so we can follow You better.

Friday: Dropping the Anchor

The Reading:

"Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world." – **1 Peter 1:13b**

The Devotional Thought:

Think about a large boat out on the ocean. If the wind blows or the waves crash, the boat will drift helplessly off course—unless the captain drops a heavy iron anchor completely down to the solid ocean floor. Peter tells us that we have to set our hope "fully" on the grace of Jesus. That means we don't just hope a little bit, or leave our hope drifting around in things like our money, our plans, or our popularity. We take every ounce of our emotional and spiritual energy and drop our anchor totally onto God's grace. We can be perfectly secure, looking forward to the day Jesus returns.

The Bottom Line:

We must devote every ounce of our hope to the grace of Jesus Christ.

Family Reflection:

When was a time you felt completely safe and secure because you knew you could trust someone entirely?

The Prayer:

God, help us to put all of our hope in You and nothing else. Thank You for being a safe and secure anchor for our lives.