



NAMES

OF

GOD

A 20 Day Family Devotional

DAY 1 - WHAT'S IN A NAME

Name: a distinctive mark by which a person is known

'I will thank you forever, because you have done it. I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.'
- Psalm 52.9

Although you might have a nickname or two, you have one name that your parents gave you when you were born. That one name is the distinctive mark by which you are known. Your parents most likely put some time and consideration into what they would name you. For instance, they probably didn't name you after the sandwich they ate for lunch when you were born. Although, if your name is Rueben, I think it's a totally fine way to pick a name and you should be proud. No, parents typically put some effort into choosing a name, because they know that there is something in the name that will mark you for the rest of your life.

Unlike you or me, God has many names. In fact, it's God who names Himself and He refers to Himself by a variety of different names in order to reveal Himself to us. Even though God, because of His infiniteness, cannot be fully known, He chooses to give us small glimpses of His character and His personality through His names. God's many names therefore are a way that God shows His grace and love. Our desire should always be to know more of God, to know more of His personality and to know more of His character, so that we might worship Him as the great God that He is. As we look at His names, let us thank Him for revealing glimpses of Himself to us and let us strive to know Him more and more each day,

ACTION: Talk about what your name means. If you don't know, research it and have a family discussion on the importance of your name.

DAY 2 - EL

Strength, commander,
powerful, having all control

The LORD is my
strength and my song,
and he has become my
salvation; this is my
God, and I will praise
him, my father's God,
and I will exalt him.
-Exodus 15.2

Used over 200 times, this name is translated in English as 'God'. There are several suggestions as to its meaning. All definitions point to the idea that God is supreme over everything. God is in control of all things; He is all powerful; everything that is accomplished is through His work.

After leaving Egypt and walking through the parted Red Sea, Moses leads the people in a song of praise to God. Read Exodus 15.1 - 18 and write out or talk about all the things for which God is given credit. Notice that in verse 8 and in verse 10, Moses says of God that it was at the blast of his nostrils and through blowing the wind that God moved the sea. Use a timer and take 60 seconds to close your eyes and imagine God blowing the wind and waves. Talk about what you think that would look like. How do you think the Israelites felt when they saw the Red Sea in front of them and an army rushing to kill them coming from behind? How do you think they felt when they saw the Red Sea parted by God's strength and were able to escape? How do you think they felt when the waters rushed back over the Egyptian army and destroyed them? How does knowing that God is in control of all things help you when you face times where you might be afraid?

ACTION: Write your own family praise song to God. Use a favorite passage of Scripture and set it to a familiar tune or start from scratch and write out all the ways that the One who is over all things is worthy of all your praise.

DAY 3 - ELOHIM

This name is used to express the vastness of God's glory

Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from
of old and declared it?
Are you my witnesses! Is
there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know
not any.'

Isaiah 44.8

This important name is used of God 35 times in Genesis 1 & 2 and then 2500 times throughout the Old Testament. Elohim is the plural of Eloah with the plural expressing intensity and glory.

God cannot be compared to any other. He is above all other gods and is to be worshipped above all things. Elohim is used in connection to God forming a covenant relationship with His people. A covenant can be described as an act where one party gives promises to another in exchange for specific commitments. Read Genesis 17.1 - 8 together as a family. We see in these verses God making a covenant with Abraham where He promises them that He will make Abraham the father of many nations. He promises to make Abraham extremely fruitful and that God would forever be present with Abraham and his people.

[Click Here to Watch a Video from The Bible Project.](#) In this video we learn of four covenants of God. What are common themes of each covenant? What does God promise He will do each time? What are some commitments man is to perform? How does man break His end of the covenant each time? How does God keep His promise? How does the person and work of Jesus show the extensive glory of God?

ACTION: Talk about God's glory with one another. Talk about the largest thing you could think about: maybe a mountain or whale. Compare that thing to the overwhelming greatness of God. Talk about value and those things you consider to be most valuable. Think now of the worth of God, which supasses all things. Finally, think through some of the most beautiful things we find in creation and compare those things with the rich beauty of God.

DAY 4 - EL ELYON

God Most High -God is to be elevated/exalted

Yet they tested and rebelled against the Most High God and did not keep His testimonies...for they provoked him to anger with their high places.

- Psalm 78.56

Someone has said that the heart is an idol factory. An idol is anything that we put above God. We make things idols whenever we turn a good thing into the primary thing in our lives. Sports, school, and friends can all be things that become idols.

The reason we so easily make lesser things our idols is that we have a desire to be happy, safe, and at peace. In the Bible, the word for 'high place' often refers to a place of security and strength. The problem that God's people faced in the Bible and the problem that we still face today is that we often choose something other than God to give us security and strength.

So, the name 'El Elyon' reminds us that only God is to be exalted or elevated as the One who gives us security or strength. Read Genesis 14.18 - 22 and notice that Abraham (Abram at that time) honored God as 'God Most High'. Abraham's honor of God as God Most High came because Abraham had just won a battle against his enemies. Abraham found that only through God could he find security and strength.

People have always seen the power of God Most High, but instead of worshipping Him alone, we have rebelled and worshipped other things. What are some good things in your life that can take the place of God in bringing you a sense of security and strength?

ACTION: Pray for one another today. Pray that God would give you and your family members the eyes to see things that often take the place of God Most High. Take the time to tell God of your desire to turn from trusting those things for your security and strength and your desire to worship Him alone.

DAY 5 - EL SHADDAI

God is all powerful, self-sufficient, sovereign

'And God said to him, 'I am El Shaddai: be fruitful and multiply. A company of nations shall come from you and kings shall come from your own body.'

- Genesis 35.11

God uses the seven references to Himself as El Shaddai to encourage His people to trust Him as the One who is over all things. The use of this name is connected to the call of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as men whose descendents will bless the world. El Shaddai, translated 'God Almighty' reminds us that God is self-sufficient. He does not need to use Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob, but chooses to use them.

The fact that God is self-sufficient is important. Because God is self-sufficient, He does not need our works or righteous deeds to make Himself happy. He does not need our company to make Himself feel like He's important or valuable. He does not need our activity to make the world a better place or to see His name spread to the nations.

In fact, God is happy through His own work and the righteous deeds of His Son Jesus Christ. God has always existed as a community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God has always been at work to make His name great throughout the world and we can trust that that work will be accomplished.

This news of God's self-sufficiency is good for at least two reason: it gives us reason to celebrate our God who is not needy. He is not in the heavens wishing things would turn out His way. He is in control and is constantly at work. Secondly, we can rejoice that God calls us and uses us, even though He's under no obligation to do so.

ACTION: Write out the ways that you can be thankful to God for the fact that He is not needy. Talk about how God can be pleased with sinners because of the work of His Son. Talk about a way God can use you this week to show the world how great He is.

DAY 6 - EL OLAM

God is everlasting and eternal

'Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

- Psalm 90.2

Do you realize that there has never been a time when God has not existed? Even before the first bird sang its morning song or before the first pebble dropped into the sea, God existed. God has always been.

In Psalm 90, Moses prays to God and compares the shortness of our life here on earth with the everlasting nature of God. Read Psalm 90.

What do you think it means to make God your dwelling place or refuge? In what way does your house protect you from things on the outside? How does God provide you security in the midst of an uncertain world?

What does Moses say about how God views time in Psalm 90.4? He then reminds us that we really are not on this earth for a very long time, especially when compared to eternity. How does Moses tell us to respond to the shortness of life in verse 12? What does it look like to 'number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom?'

In the New City Catechism, the first truth to learn is this - Q: What is our only hope in life and death? A: That we are not our own but belong to God. What is a favorite gift you have received? For those who belong to the everlasting God, we have HOPE as a prized gift. We can be certain whether we live or die, we are God's and that hope is to encourage us each and every day.

ACTION: Memorize the question and answer listed above as a family. Take some time right now and set goals. Help one another to set an individual goal for the next 30 days and set a family goal that you can achieve together in the next 30 days.

DAY 7 - EL GIBBOR

God is powerful
and mighty

For the LORD your God is
God of gods and Lord of
lords, the great, the
mighty, and the awesome
God, who is not partial
and takes no bribe.

-Deuteronomy 10.17

The word 'Gibbor' is used in the Old Testament to refer to mighty and heroic men. When it's joined with the term EL, it always refers to God. God is mighty and heroic and we see the most heroic deed in the Hero of the Bible.

The Old Testament refers to this Hero in Isaiah 9.6 - 7. Read these passages and notice the promise of a heroic Deliverer who will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God...' This Hero will rule and reign. He will bring peace, justice, and righteousness forever.

As we look at the New Testament, we see how God fulfills this promise in sending His Son, Jesus to be that Hero. Jesus is the mighty and powerful Deliverer who comes to rule and reign. Because we are sinners, we deserve God's punishment. We are enemies of God, but in Jesus we find a mighty and powerful Deliverer who comes and takes the punishment we deserve to deliver us from God's anger over our sin and bring us peace with God. We find in Jesus the One who allows the justice of God over our sin to be carried out and then who will return to bring final justice on the earth. We see in Jesus, the mighty Deliverer who makes us righteous and then fills us with the Holy Spirit, who then lead us to pursue righteousness.

Read Matthew 1.23, John 1.1 - 14, Romans 4.16 - 5.2, Ephesians 2.20 - 23.

Action: Talk about what these passages tell us about Jesus. Talk about what these passages tell us about ourselves. Write down one promise that you can take away from these verses this week,

DAY 8 - EL ROI

God sees and knows all things

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

-Psalm 33.8

God is the all-seeing One. He knows us; He searches our hearts; He sees and watches over us. How does knowing God sees you and knows you make you feel?

In Psalm 139.1 - 2, David writes, 'O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.' For David, God's ability to see and know Him was a pathway for David to be confident.

David rejoiced in the fact that even the darkness became light with God and that there was no place he could run from God's presence. Psalm 139 continues, 'Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them' (139.16).

Wow! God saw you and saw your days before they even existed. He knows you even better than you know yourself.

Maybe the craziest thing with God being able to see all things about you is that even with all of his knowledge of your good and bad - he loves you. He loves you and He delights in showing His love to you. You can be confident of God's love for you because of verses like John 3.16, 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...'

ACTION: [Watch this Gospel Presentation Video](#) and practice drawing the same thing until you are able to draw it without looking.

DAY 9 - YAHWEH

The One Who Is and Who Will
Be/He Will Be

These are the
generations of the
heavens and the earth
when they were created,
in the day that the LORD
God made the earth and
the heavens
-Genesis 2.4

YAHWEH is God's proper name and is used 6,823 times in the Old Testament. Although God has always been Yahweh, it was not until Moses that He told someone that name. Moses and those after Moses would understand God's name in a way that no-one had understood His name before.

[Watch this video from The Bible Project.](#) Where is Moses when God reveals this name Yahweh to him? How did Israelites seek to honor the sacred nature of God's name? How do our English Bibles today signify the use of Yahweh? How do we get the word 'Jehovah'?

Read Psalm 104. Make someone the notetaker and have that person write down all the things that you and your family see about Yahweh in this passage. Remember that when you see 'LORD' in all caps, your English Bible is telling you that the word is Yahweh in the original language.

Next, write down how the creation is blessed because of what God does. In v. 18, the rock badger is mentioned. In this passage we see how God takes care of this animal. What is interesting is that the Bible lists the rock badger as an unclean animal. The psalmist could have mentioned God's care for any animal, but he chose to show us the compassion of God. God cares for every creature, providing for them - even unclean rock badgers.

Finally, write down how mankind is blessed because of what God does.

ACTION: Write down 10 ways you are blessed because of Yahweh. Repeat those 10 ways once a day for the next seven days.

DAY 10 - YAHWEH-NISSI

And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The LORD Is My Banner.'

-Exodus 17.15

The LORD is my Banner

Israel was at a place called Rephidim, a place where they ultimately tested God because they were thirsty. They accused God of not caring for them and accused Moses of bringing them out to the wilderness to simply die. God graciously overlooked their whining and provided water for them from a rock.

Soon after, while they were still in the area, another nation called Amalek came and fought against Israel. Israel put together an army to fight back and Moses went up to the top of a hill. Whenever Moses would lift his hands in the air, Israel would start to win, but anytime he lowered his hands, Amalek would start being victorious. Aaron and Hur, who had accompanied Moses to the top of the hill would help Moses as they help up his tired arms. God honored this and Israel defeated Amalek. As a way to remember this victory Moses built an altar and named it, 'The LORD Is My Banner.'

The idea of the LORD being our Banner is connected to how God delivers us from our enemies and gives us victory. In the Old Testament it is often used in connection to the Messiah. The Messiah is the Promised One, the Savior, the Deliverer who is promised to come and bring final victory and life.

Of course, that Promised One is Jesus, who has come to live a perfect life, to die on the cross, and to defeat death by rising again. Read Exodus 17.8 - 16 and Colossians 2.13 - 15 and talk about how Jesus has overcome our enemies.

ACTION: Write out your testimony of how you gave your life to Christ. Think of one word that describes your life before Christ and one word that describes your life after Christ. Write: 'There was a time in my life when: _____' but I trusted Jesus to be my Lord and Savior and 'Now my life is characterized by: _____'. Now share that with someone who needs to hear.

DAY 11 - YAHWEH-RAPHA

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals your diseases

- Psalm 103.2 - 3

The LORD is my Healer

There is a true story in God's Word about Jesus visiting a house and teaching the people who had gathered. The people were so compelled by Jesus that the house was full of men and women and probably boys and girls all eager to hear this new teacher. There were so many people gathered in the house that there was no way to squeeze another person inside.

But, four people had heard that Jesus was at this house and they had most likely heard that He was powerful and could heal. They were friends with a guy who had been paralyzed and could not walk or move his body. The four friends were sure that if they could get the man to Jesus, then Jesus would certainly have the power to heal him.

So they carried the man on a mat to see Jesus. When they reached the house and saw the great crowd they realized they had to think of another way to get their friend in front of the Healer. They climbed to the top of the house and began digging through the roof. They made a hole and lowered their friend through the hole to the feet of Jesus.

Jesus looked at the man and said, 'Your sins are forgiven.' That caused some to doubt Jesus because forgiving sins was something only God could do. Who did Jesus think he was? Knowing their thoughts, Jesus told the paralyzed man to get up, take up his mat and walk out. The people were amazed at the power of Jesus. Read Mark 2.1 - 12 and talk about what this passage tells us about Jesus. Who is Jesus? What can Jesus do?

ACTION: Write out a list of 7 stories of healing you find anywhere in the Bible. Take some time this week to learn one of those stories and to memorize the list. Share the story with someone this week.

DAY 12 - YAHWEH-ROHI

'For thus says the LORD GOD: Behold I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.'

-Ezekiel 34.11

The LORD is my Shepherd

In Ezekiel 34 God chastises the religious leaders of Israel because they have not cared for the souls of His people. They have only used God's people for their own personal gain.

He tells them that He will one day come Himself and shepherd them. A shepherd is that person who cares for sheep. Sheep are helpless animals and need someone leading them toward the right paths.

The Bible compares us to sheep and we learn from passages like Psalm 23 that God, as our Shepherd, leads us down paths of righteousness. God cares for us and watches over us. He protects us and comes to find us when we wander away. Read Psalm 23 and imagine yourself as a sheep. In verse 1, what is the example of someone who recognizes that the Lord is their Shepherd? How does God as Shepherd make us not need anything else?

How does David show us the way God takes away our fear? What do you think David means when he says, 'You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies.'

Read John 10.1 - 21. What does Jesus say about Himself in this passage? What does the good shepherd do for the sheep? How do we see this in Jesus?

ACTION: Make Psalm 23 personal. Replace 'I' and 'my' in Psalm 23 with your name. Write out the verse with your name in those spots and read it aloud.

DAY 13 - YAHWEH-JIREH

The LORD Provides

So Abraham called the name of that place, 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'
- Genesis 22.14

Read Genesis 22. Do you remember the promise God made to Abraham? He told Abraham that He would make His descendants as numerous as the sand on the seashore or the stars in the sky. He promised Abraham that He would bless the entire world through his family. Abraham was so old when God told him this promise that he and his wife, Sarah, laughed. God then told Abraham that he would not only have a son, but that he would name the son the word for laughter: 'Isaac'.

Isaac was the son of the promise. All the commitments that God made to Abraham were to be fulfilled through this son. But, in Genesis 22, Abraham was met with a shocker: Abraham was to take the son of the promise and go sacrifice him. What?!?

So, Abraham obeyed God and took his son up the mountain to sacrifice. On their way to the place of sacrifice, Isaac questioned his dad: 'I see the stuff to build the altar, but where is the animal that we will kill?'

That was a good question! Abraham surely had his own questions. How do you think Abraham felt as he followed God's command? Do you think Abraham wanted to turn around? What is something God has asked you do that you are afraid to do? Abraham had confidence that somehow God was going to make all of this work. He told Isaac just that: 'God will provide.'

ACTION: Make a list of all the ways God has provided for you? Thank God for those provisions. After reading this story, talk about how this story is a picture of what Christ has done for us.

DAY 14 - YAHWEH-SHALOM

Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD is Peace.

- Judges 6.24

The LORD is Peace

When the Bible refers to peace, it gives us the idea of being free from the attack of our enemies. We see in the story of Israel that when a king is ruling righteously, the people of God are free from their enemies' attacks. But, Israel is rarely at peace because their kings are rarely pursuing righteousness.

One major idea of Scripture is that we need a better human King. We need One who can come, fight on our behalf, rule righteously, and free us from our enemies. We were actually created with a need for a human representative to be our king. The first human King, Adam, failed. After Adam, we see a line of kings who also fail miserably. All these kings make us long for one righteous King who will rule forever and bring us peace. Jesus comes as the one who is 100% God and 100% man and who does what Adam could not do. Jesus is the last Adam - the King of kings and Lord of lords who leads us perfectly, giving us perfect peace.

Read Ephesians 2.11 - 19. According to these verses, what is our biggest problem? Explain what you think Paul means by Jesus is our peace in verse 14. What does it mean to be reconciled to God? What does being reconciled to God have to do with solving our biggest problem? How should the fact that our biggest problem has been overcome through Jesus make us feel about other problems that we face?

ACTION: Read Philippians 4.4 - 9 and make a list of things that are true, honorable, just, loveley, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise. Practice reading these verses and using the S.O.A.P.S acronym: S = Scripture; O = Observe; A = Apply; P = Pray; S = Share.

DAY 15 - YAHWEH-ZADDAQ

The LORD is Righteousness

In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: The LORD is our righteousness.
- Jeremiah 23.6

The LORD is the righteous One who sets us apart and works in us to make us more and more like Christ. Did you know that God calls us to live as families on mission. We are on a mission of exalting our righteous God.

Read 2 Timothy 3.10 - 17. Notice how Paul encourages Timothy. Paul was like a spiritual father to Timothy and because of that, Timothy followed Paul's life.

Read verse 14 - 15. When did Timothy begin learning about following God? How do you know what Timothy learned as a child was important? According to 2 Timothy 3.10 - 17, what is necessary for someone to grow like Christ?

When we feed ourselves daily on the Word of God we grow from immaturity to maturity. The Word of God speaks to our hearts and then calls us to make changes.

Read Ephesians 4.20 - 24. Imagine wearing the same clothes everyday. You would begin to smell and people would most likely begin to avoid you at all costs. Sin is the filth that covers our old clothes and because of that sin, our lives have repelled many people. The truth of the Gospel is that the sin that tainted our old clothes was cleansed by the blood of Christ. Through Christ, we have been given new clothes and at the same time we are called to continuously be changing clothes. This on-going daily process of change means that daily we repent of our sins and daily pursue Christ.

ACTION: Make a list on a piece of paper of the sins of your old life that you need to put off. Make a list of the habits that you can pursue to help you pursue Christ.

DAY 16 - YAHWEH-SABAOTH

The LORD of Hosts

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

- Isaiah 6.3

The LORD of Hosts reminds Israel that God has an army of angels who are fighting for them. God is a warrior and God fights on behalf of His people.

Read Isaiah 27.1 - 6. In the Bible, the picture of a serpent is often connected to Satan. We of course see Satan sneaking into the Garden of Eden as a serpent in Genesis 3. There is also a promise in Genesis 3 that God would raise up a seed from the line of the woman who would crush the serpent's head. It's at this moment that we see that God is a warrior who would battle against the serpent and win.

In Isaiah 27, we see the LORD of hosts waging war against the serpent and destroying the serpent. Another picture that we find throughout Scripture is the picture of a fruitful garden or trees that produce lush fruit. Again, in Isaiah 27, we see how God not only destroys the serpent, but also makes His people fruitful. Because God is a warrior, He will protect His people from all their enemies and then make them fruitful, productive, and an example of God's might throughout the world.

Draw a picture that describes Isaiah 27. Draw God crushing a serpent and draw a tree with leaves that have the fruit that we read about in Galatians 5:22 - 23 written inside them.

ACTION: Read Psalm 89.5 - 8. What does this passage tell you about God? Draw a picture that represents Psalm 89.5 - 8 and God as the leader of a host of angels.

DAY 17 - LAMB OF GOD

Jesus as the Savior, Messiah

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

- 1 Peter 3.18

Adam and Eve are told by God that they can eat from any tree in the Garden of Eden except one. They are warned that the day that they eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil they will die.

One day Satan sneaks into the Garden as a serpent and convinces Eve to disobey God and eat from the tree. She then gives the fruit to Adam, who also disobeys God and eats.

When God returns to the Garden to visit Adam and Eve, the two are embarrassed and ashamed and have sewed fig leaves together to hide their nakedness.

God immediately recognizes their disobedience and then clothes the two with the skins of an animal. We learn from this episode that sin requires blood to be spilled.

Throughout the rest of the Bible we see a repeated theme that forgiveness of sin requires the shedding of blood. The Bible repeats the theme that freedom comes through sacrifice. In Exodus 12, we see the power of sacrifice. God's people have been held captive in Egypt, but God has been at work delivering them. Part of the process of delivering His people has been through sending 10 plagues on the Egyptians. The final plague is the death of the firstborn all throughout Egypt. The only hope of escaping this plague is through killing an unblemished lamb and putting the blood on the doorposts. At midnight, as the LORD would go throughout Egypt, if blood was on the doorposts, He would pass over that house and the family would be safe.

ACTION: Read Exodus 12 and talk about how Jesus is like the Passover Lamb.

DAY 18 - REDEEMER

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

- Job 19.25

God Frees Us!

The Bible tells us that the whole world is in the power of the evil one (1 John 5.19). This means that we as sinners are in bondage to sin and to Satan. We need a way to be rescued from the bondage in which we live as sinners.

The promise that God is our Redeemer means that God Himself is the one who has come to deliver us from the dominion of darkness. God has rescued us from the chains that Satan has placed upon us.

In passages like Psalm 19.14, God is called Redeemer: 'Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.' God then promises the people that a Redeemer will come: 'And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression, declares the LORD' (Isaiah 59.20).

So, how does God redeem us? How does God free us from the bondage that we are in because we are sinners? Read Hebrews 2.14 - 15. What does Jesus do to deliver us from lifelong slavery? Why do you think it's important for Jesus to walk through the same temptations we have faced in order to redeem us?

Read Colossians 1.13 - 20. How does Paul describe what God has done for us through Christ? What does it mean for Christ to be preeminent in everything? How does Christ make peace?

Action: Read Romans 6.

How does Paul describe the new life that we have under Christ? How should that change us?

DAY 19 - PARACLETE

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.

- John 14.16

Comforter and Counselor

Jesus promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit to dwell within His people. The Holy Spirit guides and directs God's people. The Holy Spirit is there to help you when you are seeking direction. He uses God's Word to convict us and to change us. He comforts us when we are struggling and helps us to pray even when we do not know what to pray.

One book in the Bible that shows us how the Holy Spirit works is the book of Acts. The book is titled in our Bibles: "Acts of the Apostles", but it really should be titled "Acts of the Holy Spirit", because we see how active the Holy Spirit is in the lives of believers.

In Acts 1.8, Jesus says, 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.'

Throughout the rest of the book, we see how the Holy Spirit leads God's people to accomplish His mission.

The Holy Spirit is not just for the book of Acts. The Holy Spirit is present inside every believer today. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts to serve Christ and others.

The Holy Spirit works mightily in our lives and we are called to be filled with the Spirit. That starts as we put off the old way of life and pursue Christ.

ACTION: Read through Acts specifically looking for how the Holy Spirit works.

DAY 20 - DELIVERER

Jesus Delivers Us!

I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel.

- Genesis 3.15

The Bible is one story, whispering one great name. Jesus is that great name that this story is about. Jesus is the Hero; He is the One who comes and delivers a people out of the darkness and bondage that they have experienced forever. Jesus comes into a fallen world on a rescue mission, frees us, and promises to restore all things to God's original design.

In Genesis 3.15, God proclaims to Satan that He would send a Deliverer to crush Satan's head and Rescue creation. Jesus is that One.

ACTION: On the next page is an outline from creation to Christ. Take the rest of the month to learn it and commit to sharing it with someone who needs to hear the greatest story about the greatest Hero in the world.

CREATION TO CHRIST

Jesus' Story: Creation To Christ (C2C)

Part 1

- True Story
- God's Word
- Most High God's Word is the most powerful

Part 2

- Most High God is our Creator.
- He made everything.
- Creation was good.

Part 3

- Man & woman in the Garden
- Good relationship with God
- Disobeyed God's word (sin)
- Broken relationship; Promised Messiah (Hope)

Part 4

- People multiplied
- 10 commandments (the Law)
- Sacrificial system: blood (Forgiveness of sin)
- Men kept disobeying.
- Insincere sacrifices; Promised Messiah (Hope)

Part 5

- Incarnation: out of love, God sent his son, Jesus, the Messiah. - Jesus is: Immanuel, "God with us," "Salvation for sinners."
- Jesus is: teacher, miracle-worker, good shepherd, perfect (no sin)
- Jesus' miracles: calming the storm, feeding of the 5,000, healing of the demon-possessed man, raising of Lazarus from death

Part 6

- Crucified = Perfect, final sacrifice
- Resurrection = confirmed Messiah

Part 7

- Prodigal Son: shows us how to come back to God
- Go through Jesus only = the only perfect sacrifice
- Kingdom invitation: Do you want to repent & believe?

Part 8

- How to accept Christ: admit, believe, confess, trust, obey
- Pray together
- You've now been reconnected to God. You are in his family!

