

Notes from Today's Lesson:

Devotional #1: Trusting Jesus as Our Provider

Read Luke 9:1-2

What were some challenges you face this past week?

Did you know God promises strength by His power to face and overcome challenges?

Read 2 Peter 1:3-4

These verses tell us God gives us (those who trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord) the power to live a life following Him. Like the disciples, we too will face challenges as we live life. Facing those challenges unprepared or by ourselves will result in failure. The disciples would not have had a good report (v. 10), if it were not for the trust they had in God's power in them.

The challenges and failures you suffered from before are in the past. Read God's promise. Write it down. Memorize it. Most importantly, trust God's promise because you trust Him. Start each day this week remembering that God has given you all the power you need to follow Him and face the challenges of the day.

Are you willing to trust Jesus as your provider of strength for anything and everything that comes up this week?

What are some challenges that you know are coming up, and how can you face them with God's help?

Devotional #2: Focusing on Jesus instead of anxiety (worry)

How have you been doing this week, as you face challenges?

Read Luke 9:3-4

What kind of challenges would the disciples face by travelling for multiple days and making no reservations for sleeping?

Jesus is helping the disciples to trust in God as their provider. They had to leave trusting God was going to take care of the food and housing.

While this is not a command to us (or them) to never plan, Jesus is wanting us to trust Him as our ultimate provider.

Read Matthew 6:25-34

What are some concerns or anxious thoughts many people have that Jesus warns against in this passage?

What are some worries that you have (friends, health, family, school, etc.)?

What are some comforting examples that Jesus gives that should calm our anxious thoughts?

Jesus says God knows and understands our needs. We are challenged to trust Him, which means moving our focus from worrying about providing for ourselves to focusing on God's kingdom and following Him. We can become so distracted by our worry that we fail our mission of following God. When our focus is off ourselves and on God, we can grow in our relationship with Him and as His disciple.

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Grace Kids Devotional:

This is an opportunity for you to go home and continue to learn about the lesson taught in Children's Church. The three devotionals are designed to connect to this week's lesson.

The Challenge:

Complete all three devotionals either as a family or by yourself. If you are by yourself, you will need to write down your answers to verify you did the devotional.

Have your parent or guardian sign below, verifying you completed each devotional. Each devotional is to be done on a separate date (for example, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday).

The Reward:

Return this portion of your notes to Children's Church on the following Sunday and you will receive one Grace Buck per devotional (so you can earn up to 3 Grace Bucks for doing all three)

(Week of August 16)

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Devotional #1

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Devotional #2

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Devotional #3

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Devotional #2 Continued

We all have worries that we need to let go of and trust in Jesus as our provider. This week, can you commit to letting go of those worries that you mentioned earlier, and focus on following Jesus' plan for your day instead?

Remember, God loves you, has promised you all the power you need, so trust Him and joyfully follow Him, leaving worry behind.

Devotional #3: Praying and Remembering to Keep Our Focus on Jesus

Read Luke 9:10-17

How did Jesus show His ability to provide for His followers?

How did the disciples do in remembering Jesus as their provider?

Read Matthew 6:9-13

There is a lot of amazing concepts in this passage, but what are some things Jesus tells us to ask God to provide?

Our focus, according to Jesus' prayer, should be on God's kingdom and His Will being done. We should not worry about ourselves, but trust in our loving God to provide for us.

Pray everyday and remember to keep your focus on following your Lord and Savior Jesus, trusting that He will provide what you need to succeed as you follow His Will (His Plan).



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