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Dear Student,

This eBook is a tool that we hope will help you to get into the habit of doing regular devotions with Jesus. Now what are devotions? Devotions are simply a time you set aside to spend time with Jesus one-on-one! When you do devotions you pray, read your Bible and listen to God's voice for encouragement and direction in your life. You may already do this, or maybe you don't know where to start. This eBook is a GREAT place to start! Each time you do devotions you will want your Bible, a journal (like a notebook) and a pen!

Each eBook has four or five weeks of ideas for your devotion time. Each week has five days of devotions. The little exercises will usually have something to do with what you learned on the weekend. Don't worry if you miss a day, just skip it and if you have time go back and do it on the weekend.

If you have any questions about this eBook or how to do devotions please ask Pastor Amy or Kyle – of course you can email me directly as well! I trust you will grow closer and closer to Jesus this year!

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thom Dick', with a long, sweeping underline.

Thom Dick  
Pastor of Resource Development  
Southland Church

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## Memory Verses

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*Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.*

**Matthew 6:20 (NLT)**

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*And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.*

**Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)**

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.*

**Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)**

*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.*

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NLT)**

## SCOOP

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Once or twice a week, you'll have the chance to lead your own devotional time. Something we use a lot for devotions in the church is SCOOP. SCOOP stands for Scripture, Confession, Observation, Obedience, and Prayer!

Here's how you do it:

**S – Scripture** – Read the passage of the day. Maybe even read it a bunch of times. Sometimes, the second or third time you read a passage, a verse pops out to you that you hadn't noticed the first time!

**C – Confession** – This is a fancy word for telling Jesus how you haven't been obedient to Him and ways you have sinned against Him. After reading the passage, confess to Jesus any sins that the Holy Spirit showed you through the passage. Ask Him if there are any other sins you should confess.

**O – Observation** – Write in your journal anything God is teaching you or telling you from the passage you read. Did the passage say something that you didn't know before? Is God saying something to you through the Bible? If you have any questions about what you read and learned or what God is saying to you, we encourage you to talk to your parents or your Middle School Leaders about it!

**O – Obedience** – Sometimes, God asks us to do things for Him when we pray or read the Bible. Is there anything God is asking you to do from your Bible reading?

**P – Prayer** – Spend time thanking God for teaching you and showing you new things. Pray that you will do the things He is asking you to do. Pray for yourself, friends, family, the church, and the world!

## Monday, March 2

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**Read** Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:2-13

**Did you know?** It should have taken the Israelites 11 days to reach the Promised Land, but because of their disobedience God made them wait and wander for 40 years!

### **Think about it**

After Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, he was supposed to bring them to the Promised Land. It took the Israelites a long time to get there, and in that time the Israelites complained lots. During one of these times God told Moses to strike a rock so water would pour out and provide the Israelites with water to drink. Moses struck the rock and had faith that it would work because God told Him to do it. Later on when Moses struck the rock again, He did it because he trusted in himself...not God! Since Moses did not trust God, God told Moses he would not be able to enter the Promised Land. If Moses had not struck the rock the second time and been obedient by speaking to it, He would have been rewarded, but because he did it to gain earthly approval, he lost his reward.

1. Write down all the good things you do.
2. Do you do anything on your own without trusting in God? Confess those to God and ask Him to motivate you trust Him.
3. Ask God, "What are the good things I'm doing that are making You proud because I am doing them only for You?" Thank Him for encouraging you!
4. Pray that you will continue to be obedient to God's Word because you depend on God's strength and not your own strength!

### **Practice your memory verse**

*Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.*

**Matthew 6:20 (NLT)**

## Tuesday, March 3

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**Read** Luke 12:22-34

**Did you know?** There are 10,000 different kinds of birds!

### **Think about it**

Worrying doesn't do any good. Worry doesn't help us and like Jesus said, worrying doesn't add any time to our lives. Worrying actually takes up time that we could be enjoying with the Lord! God feeds the birds and clothes the lilies and grass. Jesus says you are even more valuable than them and He will surely take care of you even more so! With God, we have nothing to worry about.

1. Write down everything that you've been worrying about recently. Ask God to speak to you about each worry. What does He have to say about it? How does He want to encourage you and grow you?
2. Ask God to show you how valuable you are to Him. What does He love about you?
3. Pray and thank God that He will always be there to take care of you. Ask Him to keep showing you that you don't have to worry because He always has plans for your good!

### **Practice your memory verse**

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**Matthew 6:20 (NLT)**

## Wednesday, March 4

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**Read** Matthew 6

**Did you know?** The Sermon on the Mount is the longest sermon Jesus preached!

**Think about it**

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Read Matthew 25

**Did you know?** Jesus preached 32 different parables in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. None of His parables are mentioned in John.

### **Think about it**

This chapter may seem strange. What's up with these women and the lamps or these servants and the talents? These stories Jesus often told are called parables. He used these stories to teach spiritual lessons. The lesson we can learn from these parables is that we always need to be ready for Jesus to return. Some of the women weren't ready for the bridegroom because they hadn't brought extra oil for their lamps and had to go back to get more. The servant with one talent wasn't ready for the return of his master because he hadn't invested the talent he was entrusted to produce more with; he had done nothing with what the master gave him! Jesus is the bridegroom and the master. Through these parables, He teaches us that we need to be ready for His return and we need to use the things He has given us to produce fruit!

1. Ask God these questions and write down everything you think or hear:
  - Right now, am I more like the women who had enough oil in their lamps or more like the ones who had to go back for more and missed the coming of the bridegroom?
  - Am I using my talents or am I like the servant who buried their talent and did nothing with it? What talents has He given you and how could you use them for His glory?
2. The most important thing to prepare us is to have hearts that love Him and follow Him. Sit in silence with Jesus and ask Him to prepare your heart.
3. Pray for your friends and family that don't know Jesus that they would also be ready to meet Jesus one day!

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**Matthew 6:20 (NLT)**

## Friday, March 6

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**Read** Acts 5:17-42

**Did you know?** At least 180 Christians around the world are killed each month for their faith.

### **Think about it**

The Apostles were continually getting in trouble because they were bold in telling others that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. When the Holy Spirit told them to do something they obeyed because they had faith and knew that Jesus had died for their sins. While in jail, they were told to go and do exactly the thing they were in jail for doing! They went and did it and were persecuted and oppressed for it, yet they left rejoicing. That's amazing! They didn't worry about how they were treated because of their faith while on earth because they always had eternity in mind.

1. Have you ever spoken to someone who wasn't a Christian about your love for Jesus? What was it like?
2. If you haven't, what has kept you from sharing your love for Jesus with others? Are you scared of what they might say, think, or do? Ask Jesus to give you boldness to tell others about why you are a Christian!
3. Take some time to write out what your journey with God has been like. We call that a testimony! You can write about the last few years, since you became a Christian, or your whole life! Thank God for what He has done!

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## Monday, March 9

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**Read** Mark 4

**Did you know?** A mustard seed is usually 1 or 2 millimetres in size!

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**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

## Tuesday, March 10

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**Read** Romans 8

**Did you know?** Just like fingerprints, everyone also has a unique tongue print!

### **Think about it**

God's love is amazing! He will never stop loving you and nothing will ever separate you from it! Today, simply respond to God's love for you. Write Him a letter, write a love song to Him, paint something for Him, or just sit with Him and talk to Him! He loves any effort you make to be with Him.

### **Practice your memory verse**

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***Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)***

# Wednesday, March 11

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**Read** Judges 7

**Did you know?** In Exodus, the Israelites fought in a war that they would lose if Moses' hands were down, but win if he held his hands up.

**Think about it**

God wanted to reveal His strength to the Israelites. He wanted them to know that it wasn't their skill that would win the war against the Midianites. It would be the strength and faithfulness of God that won the war. So God made their army smaller and smaller until there were only 300 people fighting an army that looked like the sand on the seashore because it was so big! God is strong and He will never leave us.

1. As humans, we can't be faithful to God all the time. Confess to Him the ways you have not been faithful to Him.
2. How has God revealed His strength in your life? How has He been faithful to you?
3. Pray that your friends and family that don't know God would also see God's faithfulness in their lives. Try sharing with them how God has shown those characteristics in your life!

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***Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)***

# Thursday, March 12

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**Read** Matthew 8

**Did you know?** In the Bible, “leprosy” was a term used for many skin diseases.

**Think about it**

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## Friday, March 13

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**Read** Psalm 119

**Did you know?** There are over one thousand chapters in the Bible, and Psalm 119 is the longest one!

### **Think about it**

This is a psalm all about the goodness of God's Word. Here are a bunch of the words David uses that mean "God's Word": instructions, laws, commandments, decrees, regulations, commands, and word. We can't know God without knowing His Word and the truth that fills it!

1. Go through the Psalm again and write down all the things that stick out to you about His Word. Here are some ideas to get you started: they give wise advice, the Word is reviving, or suffering teaches us to pay attention to His Word.
2. Do you long for God's Word like David clearly does? What keeps you from reading the Word? Confess that to God. Ask Him to give you a longing for the Word like David had.
3. Do you trust God's Word? Are there things that don't make sense to you? Write down any questions or thoughts you have and ask God to show you the truth in them. If you still have questions, talk to a parent or your Middle School Leader! They would love to talk to you about those things!

### **Practice your memory verse**

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***Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)***

# Monday, March 16

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**Read** Hebrews 11

**Did you know?** The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years!

## **Think about it**

This is the “faith chapter” of the Bible. God can do so much when we have faith in Him, and that is shown through all the amazing people described in this chapter from the Old Testament. Each person was just like us: sinful, disobedient, and imperfect. However, God did things with them anyways because they believed He could do anything and that He loved them!

1. Which people inspire you the most? Why? Did they go some of the same things you did? What can you learn from them?
2. What are things that have helped you grow in faith in your life? What are things that have held you back?
3. Ask God what are some ways you can grow in your faith? Does He want you to spend more time reading your Bible or praying?
4. Spend time in thanksgiving, praising God for all the mighty things He does.

## **Practice your memory verse**

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**Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)**

## Tuesday, March 17

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**Read** Matthew 14:22-33

**Did you know?** 750 million people don't have access to clean water. That is over two times the population of the United States!

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## Wednesday, March 18

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**Read** Genesis 12

**Did you know?** Abraham is considered the “Father of Faith.”

### **Think about it**

God asked Abraham to have a lot of faith. God told him to leave his country and family and head to a land He was promising to Abraham. God promised that if Abraham would have faith, He would give him many descendants (kids, grandkids, great-grandkids...) even though he was already 75 years old! We don't have to wait in suspense for too long because we see soon that the rest of the Old Testament is all about Abraham's descendants that become the nation of Israel!

1. Have you ever lost confidence in Jesus? Have you ever thought He wouldn't save you from something?
2. Is there anything big you have been asking God to do in your life? Is there anything big you've been wanting God to do, but have been too scared to ask Him?
3. Pray to God and ask Him to do those big things! When we pray we show God that we have faith that He can do the things we ask if He chooses!
4. Do you know any other stories in the Bible where people had amazing faith! Look for them and write them down!

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**Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)**

## Thursday, March 19

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**Read** Genesis 18:1-15; Genesis 21:1-7

**Did you know?** Sarah was 90 years old when she had her first child and died when she was 127.

### **Think about it**

Sarah lacked faith when God said He would give them a son in their old age. She had so little faith that she actually laughed when God said that! God knew and convicted her for it because He longed for Sarah to trust Him in this. God called Sarah to grow in her faith and trust that He would do exactly what He promised. He pulled her into a faith adventure, and He showed himself faithful to His promises!

1. Thank God for His desire to take you on a faith journey. Have you been following or have you been resisting His lead?
2. At the beginning of the week, you asked God for ways you could grow your faith. How has that been going these first few days?
3. Are you going through some tough stuff right now that you feel like God is asking you to keep having faith in Him in? God is always good. In any situation He has good plans for it even if it doesn't feel like it. Think of God's goodness and thank Him for it. Tell God all the feelings you are having about this situation. Ask Him to comfort your heart and build your faith.

### **Practice your memory verse**

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**Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)**

## Friday, March 20

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**Read** Romans 5

**Did you know?** There are three religions that name Adam as the first man: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

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## Monday, March 23

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**Read** Psalm 103

**Did you know?** There are about 185 songs in the Bible. Most of them were pieces of poetry that were sung or intended to have music with them.

**Think about it**

Today, you get to be creative! Write a psalm or song about how God has been compassionate to you. How has He shown that He cares about you? What did He save you from?

Don't think you're creative? Don't think you can write something nice? It doesn't matter! God loves any effort you take to show Him that you love Him!

**Practice your memory verse**

*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.*

**1 Corinthians 7:23 (NLT)**

## Tuesday, March 24

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**Read** John 11:1-44

**Did you know?** There are two people in the Bible who were raised up to heaven without dying. They were Enoch and Elijah.

### **Think about it**

Jesus can and does do miracles. He raised Lazarus from the dead! Our God is amazing!

1. Have you ever seen God do a miracle? It doesn't have to be a huge one like raising someone from the dead or healing someone. Have you ever experienced God do a little miracle? Ask God if there are any miracles He has done in your life. Sometimes He does them and we don't even notice!
2. Have you been praying for a miracle in your life or for someone you know? Keep praying! God loves to see you continue to have faith that He will do it. Spend some time praying for that situation.
3. The best thing God ever will do (or ever has done) for us is save us through sacrificing His Son Jesus on the cross. Even that's a miracle! Thank God for doing that miracle in your life.

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## Wednesday, March 25

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**Read** Luke 6:27-49

**Did you know?** According to Sabbath laws, Jews can't even cook or write on the Sabbath!

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## Thursday, March 26

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**Read** Acts 3:1-10; Acts 20:7-12

**Did you know?** Before Paul became a Christian, his name was Saul and he actually persecuted and killed Christians!

### **Think about it**

Paul and Peter were normal people who knew Jesus and believed Jesus was God. They had incredible faith in Jesus, and in that time after Jesus died, they did many miracles to show the Jews that Jesus was the Son of God. When we follow Jesus, He can give us power to do miracles.

1. Since sin separates us from God, sometimes He can't do or doesn't do big things in our lives because we have sin issues that we haven't confessed or repented of. Spend time in confession and repentance, confessing everything to God that you can think of. When you can't think of anything else, keep listening to God because He might show you more!
2. Distractions and idols also separate us from God. Has anything been distracting you from giving your love to God? Have you been putting anything ahead of God in your life? Surrender those things to God.
3. How does it feel to pour your heart out to God and let go of things? Spend time thanking God that He wants to do big things through you!

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## Friday, March 27

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**Read** 1 John 3

**Did you know?** The believers in the early church often shared everything with each other so that everyone had what they needed.

### **Think about it**

1. How does this passage tell us to love one another? Write down as many ways as you can find!
2. Look through the list you made. Which ones do you do often? Which ones have you not been doing? Confess the things you haven't been doing and ask God to help you grow in those areas.
3. Ask God if there is anyone you need to ask for forgiveness, for not loving them in a godly way. If He reveals someone to you, apologize! If talking to them about it scares you, write out a note for them to read!
4. What are some ways you could love your family more? Some ideas: help your parents around the house or help your siblings with their homework!

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# Monday, March 30

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**Read** Isaiah 53

**Did you know?** Isaiah was written over 700 years before Jesus was even born!

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**1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NLT)**

## Tuesday, March 31

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Read Matthew 26:17-56

**Did you know?** Jesus was hung on the cross for about six hours.

### **Think about it**

What do you think you would have done if you were in Jesus' position? He knew exactly what was coming. He knew Peter would deny him, Judas would betray Him, and He would die on the cross the next day. If you were in Jesus' position would you run instead of staying on a mountain all night to pray? Jesus knew what was coming and He loved us so much that He endured all of it.

1. The night before Jesus was crucified, He created the first communion with His disciples. As believers, we still do communion to symbolize that we are believers and commit to being a part of the body of Christ, which is the Church. Do you like or not like church? Why? Ask God to show you why it is important to be a part of the Church.
2. On the night where Jesus needed His disciples the most, they failed Him. However, He still loved them and died for them to receive salvation! Do you ever feel like you fail Jesus? Tell Him about it and ask Him to show you why He loves you anyways.
3. When the people came to take Jesus away, a disciple tried to fight for Him, but Jesus didn't want to fight His future. Just imagine, in that moment, Jesus thought of you and decided it was all worth it just for you. Respond to His love for you by praying or by putting on some worship music and praising Jesus!

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# Wednesday, April 1

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**Read** Genesis 4

**Did you know?** Lots of people assume the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was an apple, but it probably wasn't an apple!

## **Think about it**

As soon as Adam and Eve sinned and ate from the tree they weren't supposed to eat from, God had a plan to redeem His people. In verse 15, God tells the serpent that one of Eve's offspring would "strike his head." This means that one of Eve's descendants would defeat or beat the serpent, and the serpent was Satan. God's plan was for Jesus to die on the cross from the very beginning. Slowly, God revealed more and more of His plan to His people until finally it was time for Jesus to come to earth as a baby...minister and perform miracles...and die on the cross to pay the debt for our sins. What an amazing plan and an amazing God!

1. From the beginning, God had a plan to save us all, but He waited a few thousand years to make it happen! God is patient and waited until the perfect time to send Jesus. Do you think God knows best and is waiting for the perfect time to do some of the things you've been praying for?
2. Do you know people who don't know Jesus? Ask God to give you a heart to pray for them. Then, start praying for them to come to know Christ!

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## Thursday, April 2

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**Read** John 17

**Did you know?** John and James were brothers and were fishermen before they became disciples of Jesus.

**Think about it**

Today is a SCOOP day! If you aren't sure what to do, head to the third page to see more instructions on how to do SCOOP.

**S – Scripture** – Read the passage of the day.

**C – Confession** – Did the Holy Spirit show you anything you haven't been obeying from this passage? Ask Him if there are any other areas you haven't been obedient. Confess anything He shows you.

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## Friday, April 3

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### **Read** Romans 3

**Did you know?** Romans is the first book written by Paul in the Bible, but it wasn't the first one he wrote. Ephesians was probably the first book that Paul wrote.

### **Think about it**

This chapter shows us that God is always faithful, we are all sinners, and Christ took the punishment for our sins. It isn't by good works or keeping the law that we get saved! We only get saved because of our acceptance of Jesus Christ dying on the cross to cleanse us.

1. We have often heard the verse, "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23) We don't as often hear the one that comes right after it, which says, "Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins." (Romans 3:24) That verse is awesome! We aren't just sinners, we are also saved! Express to God what that means to you. What are you thankful for?
2. Confess to God ways you haven't been obedient to Him or His Word. When we confess and repent, He forgives!
3. Try to recite all your memory verses from this month!

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