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INTRODUCTION

Parents,

You have sent your student to FUGE Camp this week. For some of you reading this parent devotion, this week of camp is a mainstay on your family calendar. You plan your entire summer around it. For others, this is the first camp experience for your student and your family. The week sounded exciting and good for your child to be with friends and have a good time. Wherever you and your family are on the spectrum, we are thankful that they are at camp and that you are reading this devotion.

We invite you to make this set of devotions a daily part of your reading. You will keep up with the camp conversation your student will be hearing and corresponding with. They will have every opportunity for a fun week. They will also be challenged to grow and experience God in a new and fresh way. Camp offers a unique opportunity for students to retreat from day-to-day obligations, quiet the outside voices, and hear in more sincere ways. We also invite you to grab an extra cup of coffee and enjoy.

Although you might have mixed feelings about being away from your child for a few days, God can use this time to draw you both closer to Him. Lean into this quiet time with Him. Listen. Rest. Learn. Allow the Lord to strengthen you this week. We are praying for all of you!

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Arrival Day: What Is Revival?

A Spiritual Awakening

Key Verse: “And my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Life Questions: What is revival? How can I experience it personally and impact my generation?

Throughout history, we have seen the people of God rise and turn back to Him with passion and fervor for their faith in times of great revival. What is revival? It isn't goosebumps or an emotional high. Revival is the spiritual awakening of God's people to their true nature and purpose. Revival is mainly for God's people, but those who do not know Christ also benefit because Christians get serious about their faith. Has the time come for another great revival?

Read the key verse, 2 Chronicles 7:14, above.

This week will be centered around this passage. It is found just after King Solomon and the Israelites dedicate the newly built temple. The temple represented a dwelling place for God in the midst of His people. It gave a more visible sign of God's presence with the people. The people stayed in Jerusalem twenty-three days celebrating the dedication. Then, King Solomon sent them home. God appeared to Solomon with a message about how the covenant-based relationship is to be lived.

A covenant is where two or more parties agree to live in relationship together. Each party agrees to bring their parts or their responsibilities to the relationship. Read the verse once more.

What actions do the people bring?

What will God bring?

The people are to **humble** themselves, **pray** to God, **seek** after God's ways, and **turn** from their evil ways. These four actions are the foundation to a life in pursuit of God. This was true for the Israelites then, and it's also true for us today. These actions create within the Christ-follower a mentality of pursuit — or to use our language for camp — a revival.



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In turn, God will **hear**, **forgive** sin, and **heal** the land. Since we live in the time after God's incarnation on earth in the person of Jesus, we have shifted from a brick-and-mortar temple to God's Spirit dwelling in the lives of His people. **Romans 10:9** gives another formula to this covenant.

Circle the actions of people. Draw a square around God's actions.

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).

Confession and belief equate to humbling ourselves, praying, seeking, and turning. Salvation is God's response through Jesus to hear, forgive, and heal.

This week, we will dive more into these actions which lead to revival. We will dig into four Bible stories where everyday people like you and me chose to live their lives in pursuit of God.

Take time to pray for your child on this opening day of camp. Ask the Lord to ease their nerves and anxieties, to take away any distractions, to open their hearts and minds to Him, and to have fun.



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First Full Day: Where Does It Begin?

Pray and Turn to the Lord – Hannah and Samuel

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:9-20,26-28; 1 Samuel 7:2-14

Key Verse: This is the confidence we have before him: If we ask anything according to his will, he hears us (1 John 5:14).

Life Questions: Is prayer an active part of your life? What can you do to spend more time with God?

Your student woke up to the first full day of camp this morning. Excitement is most likely bursting at the seams. Hopefully everyone chose to get a decent amount of sleep as it will be most beneficial to their day. Pause for a moment to pray for them today.

Today in Bible Study, students will be studying the story of Hannah and Samuel in 1 Samuel 1, and Samuel and the Israelites in 1 Samuel 7, and how prayer played a part in both of these stories.

Hannah's story was one of a bride longing to be a mother. She was married to Elkanah¹, and he loved her very much. Like several women in the Bible before her, Hannah desperately wanted a son. Just as with women like Sarai, Rebekah, and Rachel, Hannah's barrenness adds significance to the story. You may know couples who have longed to have a child but for whatever reason have had trouble. This could also be your story. Hannah's pain and longing run deep.

How does she respond? **Read 1 Samuel 1:9-11.**

Hannah prayed. When life was empty and barren, she prayed to the Lord.

Her prayer included four requests of God — to notice her, to remember her, not to forget her, and to give her a son. Ultimately, the first three requests signified her longing for God and for God's presence to be with her. Then, she committed to give her son to God.

If you were in Hannah's position, what would be your first step?

Prayer was an act of trust in Hannah's life. **Read 1 Samuel 1:12-18.** When all else seemed broken for Hannah, she trusted in God.

¹ Elkanah had two wives. In the early part of biblical history, polygamy was a common practice for men. The New Testament only portrays marriage as a monogamous relationship. We cannot easily explain in this limited space why polygamy was so widely practiced by our biblical patriarchs.



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Eli the priest saw Hannah praying. He thought she was drunk because her lips moved without audible words coming out. He confronted her. Hannah replied to him that it was her broken heart from which she prayed and not wine. Eli sent her with these words, “Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant the request you’ve made of Him.” Hannah left and ate. Contrary to her actions earlier in the story (verse 7) where she did not eat because of her duress.

Hannah turned her struggle over to the Lord and let go of it. Her prayers out of hurt and desperation turned into a new sense of hope. And this was before God answered her prayer.

Read 1 Samuel 1:19-20.

Hannah and her husband, Elkanah, returned home. They had marital intimacy, and she became pregnant out of her barrenness and had a son. Hannah named him Samuel, which in Hebrew sounds like “requested from God.”

Prayer is at the heart of today’s story and devotion. We see in Hannah that prayer is the beginning of life change for herself and her family. In her brokenness, Hannah turns to God. She fulfilled her commitment by dedicating her son, Samuel, to God. **Read 1 Samuel 1:26-28.**

It would have been easy to hold Samuel to herself after he was born. Hannah did not. She continued to trust God. Samuel grew to be a great leader for the people of Israel (1 Samuel 7:2-14). Hannah’s prayer was the beginning of new life for herself and many people beyond her.

How can we reflect this trust and commitment in our own lives today?

How will you commit your child and your family to God for today and this week?

Let’s fast forward to when Samuel is grown and serving as a prophet for Israel. **Read 1 Samuel 7:2-14.**

Samuel instructed the Israelites to return to the Lord with all their hearts. They were holding on to their other gods. So, they had to put away the other things that received their focus.

When the people had agreed to put away their idols, Samuel called them to go to Mizpah and interceded on their behalf. He prayed for revival. Prayer is where revival begins.



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When the Philistines heard the Israelites were gathered, they prepared an attack. The people pleaded for Samuel not to stop. He prepared a burnt offering and cried out to God. His burnt offering was offered along with his prayer, so that the people's committing themselves to God is again not merely a matter of words.

God threw the Philistines into confusion, so they were defeated by the Israelites. He answered Samuel's prayer with a "yes."

On a scale from 1 to 10, how active is your prayer life?

1	5	10
Non-existent	Only when I need something	Daily

What can you do to spend more time with God?

How can you and your family spend more time together in prayer?

In your own words, describe how revival begins with prayer and what that means for you and your family.

Spend time praying for your child, your family, your church, your friends and neighbors, and yourself.



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Second Full Day: What Does It Take?

Confess and Repent of Your Sins — John the Baptist

Scripture: Luke 1:57-66; 3:1-22

Key Verse: Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out (Acts 3:19).

Life Question: What sins do you need to admit and turn away from?

Have you ever heard a person be described as a “force of nature”? When this description is given, it means a person has a strong personality. He or she is a change-agent on things and people around them. When given a task, the person is unstoppable.

John the Baptist was a force of nature. From his birth story in Luke, people asked, “What will this child become?” John’s life created a buzz and people were amazed.

Read Luke 1:57-66.

Underline the elements in Luke 1:57-66 that indicate amazement in the people.

1. **Elizabeth gives birth to a son.** Luke 1:5-7 introduces us to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Both were old and without children because she could not conceive.
2. **Elizabeth names him John.** In a time where continuing with a family name was expected, she broke that tradition to name him John. Which lead us to . . .
3. **The people objected to the name John.** The people asked Zechariah for his opinion. (He had been unable to speak since confronting the Angel Gabriel in Luke 1:8-23.) Zechariah writes, “His name is John.”

The question, “What will this child become?” sets the stage for a bigger-than-life, force-of-nature type of person to emerge. And such a person does.

Read Luke 3:1-22.

John’s voice was strong and direct. Verse 2 says, “God’s word came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.” Finding John to be a voice from the wilderness would have taken people to Moses’ leadership in the Exodus from Egypt. John understood his role to fulfill the prophet Isaiah’s words to be the one to prepare the way for God’s promised Messiah.



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John was to make the paths straight, to remove any obstacles from Jesus' coming. His message was direct. He preached a baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sins. His words in 3:7-14 were anything but warm and cozy. His message was about life change. If you are called a "brood of vipers," there cannot be anything good about who you are. You must change the ways of your life.

Corruption was rampant in John's society. Tax collectors overcharged. Soldiers forced excessive payments. People with power kept their power. Those without power or stability of circumstances were taken advantage of. John's message was to the point – CHANGE through confession and repentance.

People came to John to be baptized (3:7). His message was to change their ways. The immersion in the river signified being washed clean, to be forgiven.

John's voice was so strong, and his baptism was so transforming for people, that they wondered if he were the coming Messiah. Even as a force of nature, John understood his role. In 3:16 he stated, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I am is coming." John knew God was coming.

What does it take for change? What does it take for revival? Confession and repentance. These actions were the essence of John's message. They create the foundation for our desire, need, and pursuit of God, which enables us to know and experience God's forgiveness.

Confession is literally acknowledging and owning sin that creates a barrier between us and God. Repentance is turning away or changing our behavior away from the sin. The sin can also be between people. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:23-24 that if we are making a gift at the altar and realize we have done something wrong with a person, we are to go immediately and reconcile with that person.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out (Acts 3:19).

Take a moment to analyze your life. What do you need to confess and repent to God? It can be big things. It can be small things.



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What things in your family's life need to be given to God?

Pray for your day. Pray for your child's day at camp. Pray for specific ways, behaviors, and relationships where confession and repentance need to be done. Doing so creates a new, clean start to life.



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Third Full Day: What Does It Lead To?

Obedience and Worship the Lord – Hezekiah

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:1-11,27-30; 30:1-9

Key Verse: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD. Hallelujah! (Psalm 150:6).

Life Questions: In what area do you need to obey God’s leading? How is your life one of worship to the Lord?

When have you been part of a rebuilding process? Maybe it was a house, sports team, or organization. The term “rebuilding process” can be used for many different items.

I love to use cast iron skillet cookware. I have several pieces, from a traditional 8-inch skillet that my grandmother gave me to a couple of different griddles, and the coolest pan for individual pieces of cornbread. Iron skillets can be extremely easy to use if cared for appropriately. But, if the cookware is left to rust through lack of use, it must be re-seasoned . . . or rebuilt. The blessing of iron skillets is that even after years of neglect and rust, they can be reclaimed with the right techniques.

Our devotion today focuses on the Israelite King Hezekiah reopening the temple in Jerusalem. **Read 2 Chronicles 29:1-11.**

What was the condition of the temple when Hezekiah became king? (vv. 3,7)

Why did the temple fall into its condition? (v. 6)

What did Hezekiah do to rebuild the temple? (vv. 3-5)

What was Hezekiah’s motivation to rebuild the temple? (vv. 10-11)

Hezekiah became king at age 25. He found the temple in what many people would consider a state of disrepair. The doors were closed shut and needed repair to reopen. The space for sacrifices and incense was shut off and lamps were extinguished. The temple was a dark and cavernous building. Work had to be done.



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If you are cleaning a cast iron skillet, you need a baking soda and water mixture to remove the rust and impurities before the actual seasoning can begin. The priests and Levites (religious leaders) had to be called in to prepare the temple for consecration. Impurities had to be removed.

The beauty in the reopening of the temple is Hezekiah's heart. "It is in my heart now to make a covenant with the LORD, the God of Israel so that his burning anger may turn away from us" (29:10). Hezekiah's desire was for the people to once again be living in covenant with their God and to have a place to worship. Hezekiah's heart led to the work needed to be done which resulted in the people's worship of Yahweh once more.

Read 2 Chronicles 29:27-30.

The temple became functional again. Offerings were given. The whole assembly worshiped, sang, and blew their trumpets. King Hezekiah and those with him bowed and worshiped God.

Read 2 Chronicles 30:1-9.

Because Hezekiah repaired and reopened the temple, the people could once again worship God. He did not stop at rebuilding the temple. The Passover was reinstated. A cornerstone of the Israelite history and their worship was observing the Passover, and it had been neglected (30:5) — just like the temple had been neglected.

There were some intentional choices made by the people to turn away from God (30:7-8). We can suppose others drifted casually away from active faith. Either way, we see in verse 9 that even the people can be rebuilt. God is gracious and merciful. He will not turn His face away from us, if we return to Him.

The rebuilding of the temple and the reinstating of Passover were ways in which the people turned back to God. The brick and mortar of the temple and the day on the calendar created opportunity for worship. It is a king's heart that motivated the people to once again be obedient and worship.

How do you connect with today's Scripture story?

With whom in the story do you most connect?

Is your heart like Hezekiah's? Or are you like the priests and Levites who needed to experience renewal before going to the temple and observing Passover?



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Regardless of where you are, God is ready to show grace and mercy. It is this grace and mercy that we know to the fullest extent in the life of Jesus. He did not turn His face away from the cross. In His crucifixion on the cross, we find forgiveness and new life.

Consider next steps of obedience and worship that you will commit to take in the near future for you and your family. **Note those below.**

Close with praying for your own obedience to God. Pray for how your student will respond to this story today.

Spend some time in worship today, just you and God. Listen to your favorite praise music. Pray and speak words of adoration to God. Read a Psalm from your Bible.



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Fourth Full Day: What Will You Do With It?

Heed the Call and Share Your Passion — Philip

Scripture: Acts 6:2-7; 8:4-8,26-40

Key Verse: Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord (Romans 12:11).

Life Questions: Are you passionate in your faith and pursuit of the Lord? Do you have a sense of urgency in sharing Jesus with others?

Today is the last full day of camp for your student. Have you heard from them? If you haven't, take that as a good sign that they are having a great experience. If you have heard from them, be thankful. However way their week has gone, pause now to pray for their last day. Pray for connection with God through worship, Bible study, and all the camp activities. Pray for their relationships with the people they are with. (The last day can be hard relationally for some because many are tired.) Pray for eternal change in their relationship with Jesus.

This week in our devotions, we have looked at different elements that lead to revival. Hannah's story shows prayer is the beginning point. John the Baptist calls us to confession and repentance. Hezekiah gives us the example of obedience that rebuilds opportunity for worship. Today, we are looking at Philip who lived his faith through sharing his passion.

We find Philip being chosen by the apostles to help serve and lead in the early church (Acts 6:2-7). Philip, along with six others, was given the task to serve tables and handle financial matters, freeing the apostles to preach and pray. The nature of his character is said to be of good reputation and full of the Spirit.

After this time, the church experienced persecution from local religious officials. Early Christians were forced to scatter. But as they moved beyond Jerusalem for safety, they continued to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Read Acts 8:4-8.

As Philip spoke, the people responded — unclean spirits cried out and left people, paralyzed people were healed, and great joy was in the city. Philip's obedience to his calling enabled him to share with great passion.

Read Acts 8:26-40.



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Philip's travels continue. He heard from an angel to go to the road from Jerusalem to Gaza. There on the road he encountered an Ethiopian man reading the prophet Isaiah's writing. Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading. The man does not and responded with, "How can I unless someone guides me?" From that point, Philip sat with the man to explain the Scriptures and how Jesus fulfilled them. The Ethiopian responded with faith and asked to be baptized.

Philip is an example for us. He shared Christ with a man who would have been unfit as a Jewish man, he proclaimed Christ to Samaritans who also would have been seen as unfit by Jews, and he had the humility to serve tables, if that is what was needed.

Do not lack diligence in zeal; be fervent in the Spirit; serve the Lord (Romans 12:11).

To be diligent is to be thorough in one's work and duties. Philip spoke the message of good news to the Samaritan town. He heard the Lord's voice to go to the road to Gaza. He listened to the Ethiopian reading. Each of these times, Philip responded with showing God's love in word and deed to others.

Ministry to others comes from having a heart for Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. When we see and hear of needs, we are to respond. Confessionally, I sometimes pack too much on my calendar to be able to see, hear, and respond. **What are the things that keep us from heeding our call and sharing our passion?**

While your child is at camp, they are unplugged to a level different from the other fifty-one weeks during the year. Camp quiets the outside noises and stressors. It enables students to live at a different pace. They will come home talking about all they experienced. Some will even sound like a different person.

The challenge for students is to act on the decisions and things they have learned and experienced at camp when they come home. Maybe your family needs a different pace to be more diligent to heed your calling as Christ-followers and share your passion.

What is one action step your family can do to see, hear, and respond to opportunities for ministry? This can be to neighbors, friends, teammates, and family.

What is holding you and your family back from sharing Jesus with others?



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What is the name of one person you and your family will commit to having a gospel conversation in the days ahead?

Pray for opportunities and the boldness for your family to minister and share Jesus with others, especially other family members who need to know Him. Pray to be able to see and hear so you can respond.



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Last Morning – Will You Trust Him?

Key Verse: And my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Life Question: Will you trust Him?

Your child is returning from camp today. Reentry into “normalcy” will include catching up on sleep, washing clothes, figuring out if anything was left at camp, sharing experiences, and hopefully hearing of a deeper commitment to following Jesus. This last one is the essence of revival.

Heart change and deeper commitment come from trusting Jesus more. 2 Chronicles 7:14 has been a key verse at camp this week. We looked at it on Day 1 of these devotions. The actions of humbling, praying, seeking, and turning all lead to deeper trust. We trust God to hear us, forgive us, and heal us.

- Trust leads to a stronger prayer life.
- Trust finds wholeness through confession and repentance.
- Trust desires obedience and worship.
- Trust leads to heeding our call and sharing our faith with others.

“Indeed, God is my salvation; I will trust him and not be afraid, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation” (Isaiah 12:2).

Our faith grows. It becomes both an inner commitment and an outward expression in our lives.

What action can your family take to intentionally trust more?

Get to better know a neighbor. Serve in a local ministry. Set a time for a weekly devotion and pray together.

This week has been an opportunity for not just your child to grow in his or her faith but also for you. It’s an opportunity for your family to know the goodness of revival in your home. Our hope for you, your student, and your family is to have begun a personal revival that changes how you engage your daily life. This is step 1.



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We challenge you and your family to set goals for church engagement, studying the Bible, praying to God, ministering to others, and loving one another. Greater implementation of these actions will only deepen your relationship with Jesus. You'll grow in your trust and experience greater revival.

Be sure to engage in ongoing conversations about your child's experience at camp and any decisions he or she made.

Thank the Lord for a week away from the normal of life for you and your child and for all the ways the Lord has worked.