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ONE THING I ASK FROM THE LORD, THIS ONLY DO I SEEK: THAT I MAY DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, TO GAZE ON THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD AND TO SEEK HIM IN HIS TEMPLE.
PSALMS 27:4

2026 CAMP DEVOTIONAL

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DEAR STUDENT,

WHAT AN UNBELIEVABLE WEEK! WE ARE SO THANKFUL YOU CAME TO CAMP THIS YEAR. FOR MONTHS, OUR TEAM HAS BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU, HOPING THAT THESE PAST FEW DAYS WOULD BE SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE OF YOUR LIFE. BEYOND THE HYPE, THE GAMES, AND THE CHAOS, OUR ULTIMATE PRAYER IS THAT YOU MET GOD IN A REAL WAY. WHETHER CHURCH IS A SECOND HOME TO YOU OR YOU'RE PROCESSING THE LOVE OF JESUS FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME, WE WANT YOU TO WALK AWAY WITH SOMETHING THAT LASTS MUCH LONGER THAN CAMP MEMORIES.

THAT'S WHY WE PUT THIS DEVOTIONAL TOGETHER. IT'S A TOOL TO HELP YOU GUARD WHAT HAPPENED HERE AND KEEP BUILDING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. OVER THE NEXT TWELVE DAYS, YOU'LL BREAK DOWN THE SPEAKER MESSAGES FROM THIS WEEK, GRAB A PEN, OPEN YOUR BIBLE, AND REALLY CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO GO DEEPER. GET QUIET, LISTEN TO HIS VOICE, AND LET HIM WRITE HIS TRUTH ON YOUR HEART. HE LOVES YOU IMMENSELY AND HAS AN INCREDIBLE PURPOSE FOR YOU IN 2026 AND BEYOND.

THE MOMENTS YOU HAD WITH GOD AT CAMP DON'T HAVE TO END JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE HEADING HOME. IT WAS REAL, AND HE HAS SO MUCH MORE IN STORE FOR YOU.

WE LOVE YOU AND ARE ALWAYS IN YOUR CORNER!
- PASTOR RAYMOND & SADI MARSHALL



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Part 1: First Class Life (From Message 1)
Day 1: Could vs. Should

SCRIPTURE:
LUKE 5:1-7

DEVOTIONAL:
Peter was a professional fisherman. He knew the waters, he knew the boats, and he knew exactly how to catch fish. But on this specific night, he caught absolutely nothing. He was staring at a boat full of empty nets and failure. Then Jesus climbs into his boat and tells him to do something crazy: drop the nets back into the deep water in the middle of the day. Peter obeys, and suddenly, the nets are tearing because they are so full of fish.

Right after this mind-blowing miracle, Jesus gives Peter a new calling: "From now on, you will fish for people."

Peter had to make a massive choice. He had to leave what he could do (fishing for a living) for what he should do (following Jesus' calling). You have a lot of talents and things you could do with your life. But camp was about discovering what you should do. Don't settle for a normal, comfortable life when Jesus is calling you into a first-class adventure of faith.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
What is something you are good at or comfortable doing that might distract you from what God is calling you to do?

What does it mean to you to live a life based on what you should do for God, rather than just what you can do for yourself?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Ask Jesus to give you the courage to trade your own plans for His calling. Pray for the willingness to step out of your comfort zone today.

Day 2: Turning Failure into Success

SCRIPTURE:
LUKE 5:8-11

DEVOTIONAL:
Isn't it just like Jesus to take us right back to the exact place of our failure and turn it into a place of total success? Peter failed on the water all night long. Yet, Jesus used that exact same water and that exact same boat to pull off one of the greatest miracles in the Gospels.

Sometimes we think our mistakes or failures disqualify us from being used by God. We think, "I messed up too bad," or "I tried to live out my faith and I failed." But faith isn't a belief issue; it's a trust issue. Do you trust your failure, or do you trust the Master who handles the nets? When you put your life in Jesus' hands, He loves to take the areas where you felt completely defeated and transform them into testimonies of His power.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
What is an area of your life where you feel like you have failed or fallen short recently?

How does shifting your mindset from "believing in God" to "totally trusting God" change how you look at that failure?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Surrender your failures to Jesus. Ask Him to come into the messy areas of your life and show His power through your weakness.

Day 3: His Worst vs. Your Best

SCRIPTURE:
LUKE 5:11

DEVOTIONAL:
When Peter, James, and John pulled their boats up to the shore after that massive catch, they did something wild. They left the biggest payday of their lives behind on the sand to follow a penniless rabbi. Why? Because they realized a foundational truth: Jesus' worst is better than my best. If you are the one who calls the shots in your life, then it is entirely up to you to make things happen. You have to manufacture your own happiness, your own success, and your own future. That is an exhausting way to live. But if Jesus is the one who calls you, it's on Jesus to make it happen! Stop stressing about whether you are strong enough or smart enough. His grace on your worst day is infinitely better than your absolute best day without Him.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
In what areas of your life are you exhausting yourself by trying to make things happen in your own strength? What does it look like to practically hand the controls over to Jesus this week?

PRAYER PROMPT:
"Jesus, I acknowledge that Your worst day is better than my best day. I stop trying to force my own way. I trust You to lead me and make happen what You've called me to do."

Part 2: Plane on Fire (From Message 2)
Day 4: Real Feelings vs. Truth

SCRIPTURE:
2 CORINTHIANS 10:5, PHILIPPIANS 4:8

DEVOTIONAL:
Imagine being on a plane, looking out the window, and seeing the engine on fire. Panic hits instantly. Your heart races, your palms sweat, and fear takes over. In life, anxiety, trauma, and deep hurt can feel exactly like that burning plane. Our hurt can seem, look, and feel like absolute brokenness.

When we are hurting, our emotions scream at us. But here is a life-changing truth you need to anchor your heart to: Your feelings may be real, but they might not be true.

Just because you feel unlovable, abandoned, or completely broken doesn't mean you actually are. God's Word says you are fearfully and wonderfully made, chosen, and loved. We have to take control of our thoughts, capture the lies, and focus our minds on what is true, pure, and trustworthy.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
What is a negative feeling or anxiety that has been screaming loudly in your mind lately?

Look at Philippians 4:8. How does comparing that feeling to God's truth change how much power you give it?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Ask God to help you separate your intense feelings from His absolute truth. Pray for the power to take your anxious thoughts captive today.

Day 5: He Weeps with You

SCRIPTURE:
JOHN 11:32-36

DEVOTIONAL:
When Jesus arrived at the tomb of His friend Lazarus, He knew exactly what He was about to do. He knew that in just a few minutes, He was going to raise Lazarus from the dead and turn everyone's sorrow into a massive celebration. He knew everything was going to be totally fine.

Yet, when Jesus saw Mary and Martha crying, the Bible gives us the shortest and most profound verse in scripture: "Jesus wept."

Even though Jesus knew it was going to be okay, He wept when it wasn't okay. Jesus doesn't look at your pain, your trauma, or your tears and say, "Oh, cheer up, it'll all work out." He steps right into the middle of your hurt and feels it with you. You don't have to fake being fine around Him. He understands your hurt, and He is right there in the tears.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
How does it make you feel to know that Jesus actually weeps with you and cares about your pain, even when He knows the future?

Why is it important to know that hurting doesn't mean you are spiritually broken?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Bring your current hurts or past traumas to Jesus. Let yourself be honest with Him, knowing that He listens with total empathy and love.

Day 6: Only Jesus Can Heal

SCRIPTURE:
MATTHEW 5:4

DEVOTIONAL:
When we are going through an emotional storm, we often look for relief in the wrong places. We scroll through social media, hide away in video games, or turn to people to fix us. But there is a huge difference between comfort and a cure. Other people can help you, but only Jesus can heal you. Your youth pastor, your parents, and your Christian friends are awesome gifts from God to support you. But they don't have the power to mend a shattered heart—only the Creator does. Matthew 5:4 says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." When you invite Jesus directly into your pain, He begins to reconstruct your heart. You are not the lie you once believed. You are a child of God, fully capable of being healed.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
Who are the people in your life that God has given you to help you through tough times?
Have you been expecting people to fix things in your heart that only Jesus has the power to heal?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Invite Jesus into the deepest wounds of your heart. Explicitly tell Him: "People can help me, but only You can heal me. I stand on Your truth, not the lies of my past."

Part 3: The Holy Spirit Is Not A Bird (From Message 3)
Day 7: God Living Inside You

SCRIPTURE:
MATTHEW 3:16-17

DEVOTIONAL:
When Jesus was baptized, the Bible says the Holy Spirit descended on Him like a dove. Somewhere along the line, people started thinking the Holy Spirit is just a quiet, fragile bird or a weird, mysterious cloud floating around. But the Holy Spirit is not a bird. He is God. He is the third person of the Trinity, packing all the power, majesty, and authority of heaven.

The mind-blowing part? Once you give your life to Jesus, this same Holy Spirit comes to dwell inside you. You become a walking temple of the living God. You don't have to look up at the sky and wonder where God is. He is close. He is in you, guiding your thoughts, checking your attitudes, and comforting your heart every single day.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
What has been your concept of the Holy Spirit in the past (a force, a feeling, a bird, or God)?

How does it change your confidence today knowing that the actual power of God lives inside your heart?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Acknowledge the Holy Spirit as God in your life. Thank Him for choosing to live inside you and ask Him to make His presence clear to you today.

Day 8: The Miraculous Life

SCRIPTURE:
JOHN 16:7, ACTS 1:1-4

DEVOTIONAL:
Before Jesus went to the cross, He told His disciples something that must have sounded totally crazy to them: "It is for your good that I am going away." Can you imagine? How could losing Jesus face-to-face be a good thing? It's because if Jesus stayed on earth in a physical body, He could only be in one place at a time. But through the Holy Spirit, Jesus can be with all of us, everywhere, all the time.

Living with the Holy Spirit is Jesus' ultimate plan for you. It is a million times better than trying to live life on your own. Think about this: there is not one single miracle recorded in the Bible performed by Jesus until He was filled with the Holy Spirit at His baptism. If Jesus relied on the Holy Spirit to live a miraculous life, how much more do we need Him?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
In what areas of your daily routine are you still trying to live "life on your own" instead of leaning on God's power? What does a "miraculous life" look like for a student in middle school or high school?

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Day 9: The Gift Receipt

SCRIPTURE:
LUKE 5:1-7ACTS 1:8, ACTS 2:1-8

DEVOTIONAL:
When you receive a really awesome gift, it usually comes with a gift receipt—proof that the gift is officially yours and is completely authentic. In the Assemblies of God, we talk a lot about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Think of it this way: speaking in tongues is like the gift receipt for the Holy Spirit gift Himself. It's the physical, initial evidence that the Spirit has filled you to overflowing. But remember, the gift isn't just about having a cool spiritual experience in a church service. Acts 1:8 says the whole purpose of this gift is power to be His witnesses. The Holy Spirit fills you so that you have supernatural boldness to speak the truth, love the unlovable, and shake up your campus for Christ.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
Have you ever sought after or experienced the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? What questions do you still have about it?
How can the power of the Holy Spirit help you overcome fear when it comes to talking about Jesus with your friends?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Ask the Holy Spirit to baptize you and fill you to overflowing. Pray for the evidence of His power to show up in your life through supernatural boldness.

Part 4: Faith for Healing (From Message 4)
Day 10: Just Because He Didn't, Doesn't Mean He Doesn't

SCRIPTURE:
PSALM 103:2-3, MATTHEW 10:8

DEVOTIONAL:
One of the toughest parts of faith is when we pray for something good—like a sick family member to get better—and they don't get healed right away, or they even pass away. It hurts, and it can make us wonder if God really cares. But we have to settle this truth in our hearts: Just because God didn't do something in one specific moment, doesn't mean God doesn't do it at all.

God does not make you sick. He is a healer, not a harmer. Sickness and pain are results of a broken, fallen world, but God's nature is always goodness and restoration. Psalm 103 tells us to forget not His benefits—He forgives sins and heals diseases. Never lower your theology of a good, healing God just because of a painful experience. He is still the Healer.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
Have you ever experienced a time when a prayer for healing or help didn't get answered the way you wanted? How did you handle it?

How can you maintain faith that God is a Healer even when things around you don't go perfectly?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Protect your heart from bitterness. Declare out loud that God is good, He is a healer, and His character never changes based on your circumstances.

Day 11: Your Faith Made You Well

SCRIPTURE:

JAMES 5:14, LUKE 18:42-43

DEVOTIONAL:

Throughout the Gospels, 19 times Jesus encounters individuals one-on-one and prays for them or heals them. In 12 out of those 19 times, Jesus ends the interaction by saying the exact same thing: "Your faith has made you well."

Jesus didn't just wave a magic wand; He looked for faith in the hearts of the people coming to Him. Faith isn't just sitting back and wishing for things to get better. Faith is actively reaching out to touch the hem of His garment, believing that He can actually do the impossible. God wants to heal you—spiritually, emotionally, and physically—and He is looking for a generation of youth who will have the crazy, radical faith to believe Him for it.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

On a scale of 1-10, how big is your faith when you pray for hard or "impossible" things?

What does it look like to actively show Jesus you have faith, rather than just hoping things work out?

PRAYER PROMPT:

"Jesus, I stretch out my faith to You today. I believe You are able to heal, restore, and fix what is broken. Increase my faith where it is weak!"

Day 12: Heal the World

SCRIPTURE:
MATTHEW 10:8, JAMES 5:14-16

DEVOTIONAL:
We've talked about the gifts of the Holy Spirit (like prophecy or miracles) and the fruit of the Holy Spirit (like love, joy, and patience). They seem pretty different, but they have one massive thing in common: **Faith**. You can't operate in the gifts without faith, and you can't grow the fruit without faith. On this final day, look at Jesus' command to His followers: "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." God doesn't just want to heal you; He wants you to go out and pray for the healing of others! He wants to use your hands to pray for sick friends at school, your words to bring emotional healing to a broken family member, and your faith to change your world. You have received the power of camp—now go give it away.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
Who in your circle of friends, family, or classmates needs physical or emotional healing right now?
Do you have the boldness to actually offer to pray for them this week? What stops you?

PRAYER PROMPT:
Commit to being a vessel of God's healing power. Ask Him for specific names of people who need prayer, and ask for the courage to step out and pray for them.

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