



Texas Kingdom Christian Sports Association
BE PRESENT | The Perfect Gift
2025 Devotional Series
Feature Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20 | The Great Commission

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Week 1: BE | Be in the Moment.

Scripture: Matthew 6:34

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Do you have a lot to do every day? Count the number of things you have to do every day? (EX: go to school, go to practice, do homework, go to work, etc.) Do you ever get nervous or anxious about everything you have to do and worry about if you will get it all done, will you be late, will you do well on the test, did you practice enough? Then, before you go to bed, do you find yourself nervous, scared or worried about what will happen tomorrow?

Almost everyone, kids and adults alike, worry about today and tomorrow and even the next day! We have become a world of worriers! That is not how God intended us to live. God's desire for us was to spend one day at a time and BE in that day, BE in the present, BE in the moment we were actually in. What does that mean? It means not thinking or doing anything else expect exactly what you are thinking or doing at this very minute. If you are sitting on the gym floor, listening to this devotional and not thinking about "what's next", or "what's for lunch", or "what am I doing tomorrow", **that's BEing in the moment.**

Worry, being scared and anxious about what will happen robs us of joy and happiness. No one can change what will happen tomorrow. We may have plans, but they could change. Worrying about that keeps us from being our best "in the moment".

God is in charge of our todays and tomorrows. God asks is that you stay in the present, be in this moment, and invite Him to be there with you. God will take care of tomorrow for you.

PRAY: *Let's pray today and thank God for know what our todays and tomorrows will be like. Thank Him that he is trustworthy to take care of us so we do not have to worry about tomorrow. Ask Him to help you overcome worrying and being anxious.*

Week 2: P | In the Presence of God

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Last week, we talked about **BEing in the moment**. This week we will talk about being **in the Presence of God**. God is our creator and creator of all the Earth and Universe. He created time and every moment. God is everywhere all the time. That's hard to imagine isn't it? We can't see God, but we can see everything he has created and how every day marches on one day at a time.

How do we find God and BE in His presence? It's easier than you think. Let's take a moment, and be still (in the moment). Our scripture today says seek God with all your heart and you will find Him. To seek something is to go after something like a quest for something special. God is extremely special and if we seek him, or really want to see him in our hearts, He is there! God is always there, but we have to take time and invite Him. He loves to spend time with us, but too often, we are too busy to sit and be in His presence. God will never be pushy and demand you to spend time with Him. His desire is to spend time with you, but it ends up being our choice.

Imagine, you have the choice to be in the presence of the God of the Universe all the time just by seeking Him out! He will always be there.

PRAY: Let's thank God for all of His creation and for creating us. Thank God for always being with us waiting for an invitation from us to send time with Him. Pray that God will help you to slow down, spend time in the present and invite Him to spend that time with you!

Week 3: R | Rely on God

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

So far we have talked about being in the present and not worrying about tomorrow. We now know how to be in the presence of God by seeking him with all of our heart. Today we will talk about **Relying on God**.

What does it mean to rely on someone or something? When we climb a ladder, we rely on it to stand up firm and not tip over if we use it correctly. When we need help we rely on other people, like mom and dad, to help us. Relying is like trusting – trusting the ladder won't fail or that mom and dad will be able to help us – without any doubt.

Trusting is really hard to do sometimes, especially when you don't see, hear, feel or taste it. How do you rely on something you're not sure is even there?

Trusting or relying on God is all about the heart. Remember, last week we learned that being in the presence of God means seeking Him with all our heart. Trusting in God with all our heart is how we rely on God. Trust also means knowing in your mind also that God will be there for you. God knows everything about you and even knows how your day will be before you do (he is everywhere, remember?). So instead of trying to figure everything out by yourself or leaning on your understanding of things, rely on God, trust Him with your heart and know in your mind He is there and completely trustworthy!

PRAY: Thank God that He has created every moment of every day and that we can rest in every moment. Thank God that He desires to be in our presence every day and will be simply by seeking

Him. Thank God that he is reliable and trustworthy, the very best friend you could ever have. He knows all about you and all about your life even before you do. Ask Him to help you when you feel doubtful and find it hard to trust Him and others.

WEEK 4: E | Give Everything to God through His Son, Jesus

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

God created the Universe, the Earth and humans to have a special relationship (friendship) with each of us and pour out his love and glory to enjoy. He is our Heavenly Father and we are His Children.

Unfortunately, this relationship was ruined in the Garden of Eden when a Serpent (Satan) convinced Eve to eat fruit from a tree that God had forbidden. Adam also ate fruit from the tree. This was the first sin against God and it separated all of us from God.

All humans have sin now and we are separated from God. Life is not what God intended it to be for us. Instead of being in the “presence of God” all the time and seeing him and feeling his love and seeing Him in His glory, we live in a world that is evil and causes us pain and sadness many times.

We are not left alone to fend for ourselves though. As you remember, last week we learned that we can rely on God. If we seek and trust God with all of our heart, he is trustworthy to be there for us. In addition to that, he can also save us from harm, and help us escape from doing things we should not do, also known as temptation.

Giving everything to God’s Son, Jesus will save us from some of the hurt, anxiety and temptation we have every day. What does it mean to give Jesus everything? It means: whatever we are worried about, give it to Jesus. Whatever we are struggling with (a test, a friend, our parents) give it to Jesus. In fact, if we give everything we think about to Jesus, and ask for his help and guidance, He will do exactly that, because He cares for you.

Like God, Jesus loves you and wants to help you through every moment of your life. Jesus is our rescue, our savior and guides us to having that special relationship with God.

PRAY: Thank God for His beautiful creation. Thank God for loving each of us and for wanting to take care of us. Thank Jesus for caring for us. Ask Jesus to show you areas in your life that He wants to help you with and give you the strength to give Him everything!

WEEK 5: S | Your Sins are Forgiven

Scripture: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

How did you do last week giving everything to Jesus? Were some days better than others? It is sometime very hard to do!

Last week we mentioned how much God and Jesus love us. Jesus is our rescuer, our guide, our Savior. Because of God's great love for us, He actually sent his Son to be our Savior, but exactly what does that mean?

Because of the sin that Adam and Eve committed, we are all sinners and no longer righteous in the eyes of God. God loves us, but because of His holiness (God is perfect in every way) He is separated from us because of evil, which is pride, rebellion against God, self-centeredness, lying, cheating and hate. We have all done these things which God can not be around, so we are separated from having the relationship God always wanted us to have with Him.

God came up with the perfect plan though. In order for God to be able to have a relationship with us, He had to have a perfect sacrifice, the perfect solution. God sent His own son to Earth, to become a man but not sin. Jesus is God's only son, who lived on Earth, faced all the same temptations and sin we do and never sinned. Many did not like Jesus, so they killed Him. This was also a part of God's plan. Because Jesus was sinless, He died in our place to sin. He took our sins as His own, died and rose from the dead 3 days later to become our eternal Savior.

This makes Jesus our Savior – he saves us from sin because He gave His own life away.

But how are our sins forgiven? Jesus died 2000 years ago? If we seek God with our heart and confess our sins, and believe Jesus died for us and rose from the grave 3 days later, Jesus is faithful and just and He will forgive us and make us righteous in God's eyes again! That means we will be once again in a special relationship with God, just like he planned.

God did it all for us through His son Jesus. All we have to do is **BELIEVE!**

PRAY: Thank God for His sacrifice to make us righteous through Jesus. Thank Jesus for sacrificing His own life so our sin can be forgiven. Pray for God to help you understand what it means for Jesus to be your Savior and help you in your belief!

WEEK 6: E | Take Every Step Closer to Jesus

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:7

For we live by faith, not by sight.

Last week we learned about the incredible truth of Jesus' great sacrifice for us to be a part of God's glorious family again. Through His death and being raised from the dead, we can be forgiven of all sin if we confess our sin and **BELIEVE**.

Some of us may wonder, but how do I know if I truly believe? Believing is not anything you can physically touch, taste, hear or see. It can be a feeling, but it's more than that. Believing is also called faith. Having faith in something is a commitment to knowing something is true.

For example, your mother and father say that they love you. You can not taste, smell, see or really hear actual love. Love can be felt sometimes, just like faith. The reason you believe or have faith that your mother and father love you is because you spend time everyday experiencing their love for you through their actions towards you, they say it several times, and they comfort you or protect you when you are hurting or scared.

Believing or having faith in Jesus is the very same thing. The more time we spend in the presence of God, the more we rely on God, the more we **give everything to Jesus** and confess our sin regularly, we will live by faith in Jesus, believing in all He says and does. These are the daily steps of drawing closer to Jesus which gives us complete faith in him.

PRAY: Thank Jesus for being a constant help and safe place for you. Thank Him for His sacrifice. If you are having trouble believing, ask Jesus to help you with your belief and to build your faith in Him stronger every day.

WEEK 7: N | Now, I Choose Jesus

Scripture :John 3:16

For God so loved the world, He gave his only Son, and whosoever believes Him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

We have spent the last six weeks talking about several things:

1. Being in the present, and not worrying about tomorrow.
2. Being in the presence of God by seeking Him with our heart.
3. Relying on God by trusting Him with our heart.
4. Giving everything to Jesus, because He cares for us.
5. Our sin is forgiven because of Jesus' life sacrifice for us.
6. Every step we take closer to Jesus will grow our belief in Him.

So far, our heavenly Father and our Savior Jesus have invited us to spend our lives on Earth and then in Eternity with them. They have always wanted us to have a relationship with them, to be a part of their family. They have made all the sacrifices, they have made it possible to be forgiven for sin. They desire to spend every day being your very best friend.

Through your belief (faith) in Jesus and understanding and admitting that you have sin, you are ready **to choose Jesus!** Choosing Jesus is a big deal. Angels in heaven are cheering you on! If you are ready to choose Jesus tell one of us, the referee, your coach, or your mom and dad! We are here to celebrate your decision with you and also help you continue to grow your faith in Jesus.

Remember, your belief and confession of sin is all Jesus requires, He has done all the rest. What an amazing gift, it keeps on giving and lasts forever.

PRAY: If you are now ready to choose Jesus, please speak to an adult and pray with them about your decision. If you are not sure, that's ok. Pray to God to help you make a choice for Jesus, to help you with your belief. Ask an adult to pray with you if you would like to.

WEEK 8: T | Tell Others About Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

This is our final game day! Some of you may have chosen Jesus as your Savior last week. Some of you may still be thinking about it. That's ok, Jesus is there when you are ready.

When we accept Jesus we become a part of a very large family – God's family. Jesus came to save all of us, not just a few. However, since Jesus does not live on Earth now, He needs our help **telling others about what He has done and how they can be saved from sin.**

As part of God's family we are living examples of Jesus. His Holy Spirit lives in our heart. We are called to share His story with others. This is called the Great Commission – making others become disciples just like us.

Since Jesus' spirit lives within us when we choose Him as our Savior, we are never alone, Jesus is always with us, guiding us through life and showing us where and when we can share His story with others, giving them the chance to become a part of God's big family.

This devotional is an example of sharing Jesus' story! It is because of Jesus that we share His wonderful story with you in hopes you will be one of His disciples too.

PRAY: Thank God for His wonderful plan to save everyone who chooses Jesus and making them a part of His family. Pray for Jesus to show you daily how to be like Him to others. Ask Him to grow your belief every day in a hope to share His story with others.