

**30 DAY DEVOTIONAL
JOURNEY
THROUGH
THE BOOK
OF JOHN**

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OVERVIEW

Journey through the book of John together as a family with age aligned content for adults, youth, and kids. Follow along as leadership from the AG leads us into the Word of God every weekday.

Help your student stay in the Word of God daily with devotionals from the National Youth Ministries team! They will travel through the book of John with the rest of the family.

Your kids will have a blast with a devotional designed just for them! They will learn from the same passage of scripture every weekday as the youth and adults.

DAY 1 - JESUS IS THE WAY TO THE FATHER

Today's Reading: John 1:1-14

Today's Big Points

1. Creator
2. Communication
3. Commands

Questions to Ponder

For you:

How does receiving the unfailing love of Jesus give me the motivation and power to speak and show love to others? My spouse? My children? What is my next step?

For your Children:

- Who is THE WORD?
- How are our words different than God's words?
- What is one thing you learned about Jesus today? What does that mean to you?

For your Teenagers:

- What did you learn about Jesus today?
- According to this Scripture passage, what is one thing Jesus has done for you? What does that mean to you?
- This passage teaches that Jesus gave us both natural life and eternal life. What other explanations are given for the existence of life? What other explanations are given for hope beyond this life? How are those different from what John 1 teaches?

DAY 2 - JESUS IS THE LAMB

Today's Reading: John 1:29-34

Today's Big Points

1. John Recognizes that Jesus was the lamb
2. John Reveals who Jesus was and why He was here
3. John Received the Revelation of the Spirit coming on Jesus

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What types of sacrifices do I make to try to make myself right with God on my own? Why don't those sacrifices work?
- What is one area of my life that I need to learn more to trust Jesus?

For your kids:

- Who is THE LAMB OF GOD? What is sin?
- What is the problem with sin?
- How were people in the OT forgiven of their sin?
- How can you and I be forgiven of our sins?

For your teenagers:

- What is sin?
- What is the problem with sin?
- How were people in the OT forgiven of their sin?
- How can you and I be forgiven of our sins?
- What does it mean to trust and hope in Jesus, the Lamb of God?

DAY 3 - JESUS AND HIS FRIENDS

Today's Reading: John 1:40-46

Today's Big Points

A Disciple is a learner:

1. Follow and imitate
2. Listen and learn
3. Participate while under direction

How did he build His community?

1. Preaching
2. Disciples inviting friends
3. Personally

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How did you come to know Him?
- Now that you know Him how has being His disciple changed you?
- How has He used you to gather other disciples?

For your kids:

- How is Jesus different than your other friends?
- Why did Andrew and Philip tell others about their new friend Jesus?
- Do you have any friends that need to know about Jesus?

For your teenagers:

- What is one way that friendship with Jesus has changed who you are?
- Why did Andrew and Philip tell others about their new friend Jesus?
- What are some different ways that you can introduce Jesus to your friends?

DAY 4 - JESUS IS KIND

Today's Reading: John 2:1-11

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- Is kindness an undervalued characteristic in our world today? Why or why not?
- How does experiencing the kindness of Jesus help us be kind to others?
- Who is someone in your life that you could show God's kindness to this week?

For your kids:

- What does it mean to be kind?
- How does this story show us that Jesus is kind?
- How has Jesus been kind to you?

For your teenagers:

- How does this story teach us that Jesus is kind?
- How does experiencing the kindness of Jesus help us be kind to others?
- Why is it important that Jesus came to earth full of both kindness and power?

DAY 5 - JESUS GETS ANGRY

Today's Reading: John 2:13-22

Today's Big Points

Jesus was so concerned because of:

1. Inappropriate use of God ordained institution
 - a. Family
 - b. Church
 - c. Marriage
2. The neglect of the proper use of the institution

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- If He were to walk through our home, church, or private time; how would He respond?
- Have you ever burned with zeal when you should not have?
- Have you ever been passive when should burned with zeal?

For your kids:

- Why did people travel to the temple during Passover?
- What did they need to worship and how did they get it?
- Why was Jesus angry? What does this show us about Jesus and his Father?

For your teenagers:

- Why was Jesus angry? What does it teach us about God and what He cares about?
- How is Jesus' anger different than our anger?
- What is something in this world that it is right to be angry about?

DAY 6 - THE GIFT OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 3:16-21

Today's Big Points

1. The Love of God
2. The Gift of God: His only son!
3. The requirement of faith
4. Eternal Life

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How does the promise of eternal life help us live God honoring lives here and now?
- What is one area of your life in which you need greater trust in Jesus and his plans and purposes?

For your Children:

- How do we know that God loves the world?
- Why did God give us the gift of Jesus?
- What does it mean to believe in God?

For your Teenagers:

- How would you summarize John 3:16 in your own words?
- How is head belief different from heart belief?
- What hope do we have for beyond this life?

DAY 7 - JESUS, THE LIVING WATER

Today's Reading: John 4:4-14

Today's Big Points:

1. Living Water
2. The Person
3. The Problem
4. Prophesied

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What are the differences between an Old Testament hero like Jacob and Jesus?
- What things do you tend to turn to for satisfaction instead of Christ?

For your Children:

- Why was it surprising that Jesus talked with this woman?
- Who is the living water?
- How does Jesus, the living water, satisfy our souls?

For your Teenagers:

- What does it mean that Jesus is the living water?
- What are some ways that people try to satisfy the thirst in their souls?
- What did Jesus do and how does that give us eternal life?

DAY 8 - JESUS AND THE RULES

Today's Reading: John 5:1-17

Today's Big Points

1. Legalism was in control of the culture
2. Understanding the expectations
3. Who surrounds you?
4. Jesus asks: "Do you want to get well?"

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- Are you more a rule keeper or rule breaker?
- How can rule breaking be a path to rejecting Jesus? How can rule keeping be a path to rejecting Jesus?

For your Children:

- Who did Jesus heal in this story?
- Why were the leaders upset?
- Why did Jesus come to challenge the rules?

For your Teenagers:

- What do you find most interesting about this story?
- Why did Jesus come to challenge the rules?
- Why can't keeping the rules give us salvation?

DAY 9 - JESUS AND THE FATHER

Today's Reading: John 5:16-24

Today's Big Points

1. Jesus gave them the answer
2. Jesus sets a great example
3. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit the Life Giver

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- Why is Jesus' obedience to the Father so important for you and me?
- In what ways can you—as a child of God—love and know him better? What can you do to join in his work in the world around you?

For your Children:

- Who did Jesus say was his father?
- How did the religious leaders respond? Why?
- What is one thing you learned today about Jesus and the Father?

For your Teenagers:

- What is one thing you learned today about Jesus and the Father?
- How did Jesus obey the Father?
- Why should we be grateful that the Trinity work together

DAY 10 - JESUS FEEDS THE CROWD

Today's Reading: John 6:5-13

Today's Big Points

1. Jesus anticipated the need before it arrived.
2. Philip looked at the cost
3. Andrew was already connected to a boy.
4. Jesus blessed the servers beyond the receivers.
5. Jesus is the bread!

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How has Jesus shown himself to be the “bread of life” in your life?
- How has God used brokenness in your life to heal you and even help others?

For your Children:

- Why was Jesus becoming popular?
- How did Jesus feed the hungry crowd?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the bread of life?

For your Teenagers:

- What were the series of events that led to the crowd being fed?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the bread of life?
- How is Jesus more satisfying than the other things people look to?

DAY 11 - JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

Today's Reading: John 6:16-21

Today's Big Points:

- 1) They didn't wait on Jesus.
- 2) They rowed into a storm.
- 3) Jesus came to them in the storm
- 4) Jesus makes a pathway of rescue.
- 5) Jesus on board was always the destination.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What fears are holding you back from living free?
- How can you use spiritual disciplines to help you grow in your fear of the Lord?

For your children:

- What was happening in this story before Jesus showed up?
- What is one reason that Jesus walked on the water?
- How does this story show us Jesus' power?

For your Teenager:

- What is one reason that Jesus walked on the water?
- Can you think of any reasons other than the two given in the teaching?
- How does fear keep people from living free? How can a fear of God free us?

DAY 12 - JESUS IS THE BREAD OF HEAVEN

Today's Reading: John 6:22-35

Today's Big Points

- 1) Jesus is the bread of life
- 2) Why He came?
- 3) What do they have to do?

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- Are there any ways in your life that you are following Jesus for selfish reasons?
- What evidence is there that Jesus alone is where you find satisfaction in life?

For your Children:

- Why was the crowd chasing after Jesus?
- In this story, what did Jesus call himself?
- What does it mean that Jesus is "the bread of life?"

For your Teenager:

- Why was the crowd chasing after Jesus?
- Why isn't it right to follow Jesus for what you can get out of it?
- What is a right motivation for following and serving Jesus?

DAY 13 - THE CROWD LEAVES JESUS

Today's Reading: John 6:60-69

Today's Big Points

- 1) Jesus' teaching.
- 2) The Word of God produces spiritual maturity.
- 3) The Cross: love and holiness

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- When have you been tempted to stop following Jesus? How did you endure?
- Take the time to tell your children about your own moments of decision to follow.

For your children:

- What did the crowds do once they didn't like what Jesus said?
- What did Jesus ask his twelve disciples?
- What did Peter say to Jesus?

For your Teenagers:

- Why did the crowd stopped following Jesus?
- Why did the Twelve stay with Jesus?
- What is difficult about following Jesus?
- What gives you strength to follow?

DAY 14 - THE TEACHING OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 7:14-24

Today's Big Points

- 1) There is LIVING WATER available through God.
- 2) LIVING WATER is available to all.
- 3) Share the LIVING WATER with others.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How is your teaching (discipling of your children) like Jesus' teaching?
- What things in your life are you tempted to look to for glory and fame?

For your Children:

- What was the Feast of Booths about?
- Why was the crowd surprised by Jesus' teaching?
- What is one way that Jesus' teaching was different than the others?

For your Teenagers:

- Why was the crowd surprised by Jesus' teaching?
- Why is it important that we don't just hear teaching, but we act on it?
- What does it mean to live for the glory of God?

DAY 15 - THE INVITATION OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 7:37-44

Today's Big Points

- 1) The invitation through His witness.
- 2) The invitation through His works.
- 3) The Invitation through His Word.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What “thirsts” in your life have too much control over you? In what ways is Jesus better than any of those things?
- How much time do you spend studying and learning about Jesus? What next step could you take to be a better student of the person and work of Jesus?

For your Children:

- In this story, what was the invitation given by Jesus and what do you think it means?
- How did people respond to Jesus' invitation?
- Why it is important to study and learn everything we can about Jesus?

For your Teenagers:

- What did Jesus mean by “thirst?”
- What are some harmful ways people satisfy their thirst? Why doesn't it work?
- Why do you think people are still divided in their opinions about Jesus?

DAY 16 - THE MERCY OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 8:3-11

Today's Big Points:

- 1) The wisdom of Jesus
- 2) Jesus revealed the law.
- 3) The wisest
- 4) Jesus forgave.
- 5) Jesus is the righteous judge.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How has the mercy of Jesus found you in the worst moments of your life?
- Why is the order of Jesus' final two statements so important?
- How do you regularly remind yourself and your family of both of those truths?

For your children:

- In this story, how was Jesus' response to the woman different than the Pharisees?
- What two questions did Jesus ask the woman?
- At the end of the story, what two statements did Jesus say to the woman?

For your teenagers:

- What do you notice about how Jesus responded to the Pharisees?
- What do you notice about how Jesus responded to the woman?
- Why is the order of Jesus' final two statements so important?

DAY 17 - THE CLAIMS OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 8:48-59

Today's Big Points:

1. Jesus claimed to honor his father.
2. Jesus claimed that people would never experience death.
3. Jesus claimed to know the Father.
4. Jesus claimed to be the I am.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What does the fullness of life look like here and now for you?
- How are helping your family understand the radical claims of Jesus?

For your children:

- In this story, what two claims did Jesus make?
- Why were people so angry about those claims?
- In this story, what kind of life does Jesus promise?

For your teenager:

- What two claims did Jesus make?
- What do those claims mean to you?

DAY 18 - JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN

Today's Reading: John 9:1-11

Today's Big Points:

- 1) Healing is part of the Gospel.
- 2) Healing identifies Jesus as the promised Savior.
- 3) Healing is a gift of God's grace.
- 4) Healing will be fully realized when Jesus returns.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What lifelong struggles have you had that Jesus has helped you with?
- How are you using your story to point others (including your children) to Jesus?

For your children:

- In this story, what did Jesus do for the blind man?
- How did the neighbors respond to the healing?
- How did the blind man explain what Jesus did for him?

For your teenager:

- In this story, what did Jesus do for the blind man?
- What do you notice about the neighbor's response and the blind man's answer to them?
- How would you explain what Jesus has done for you?

DAY 19 - THE INVESTIGATION OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 9:24-34

Today's Big Points:

- 1) Repent often of your sins.
- 2) Ask the Lord to show you your areas of spiritual blindness.
- 3) Don't allow positions to hinder from learning the truth.
- 4) The priesthood of all believers.
- 5) Study God's Word.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- Are there any rules you love that keep you from loving people? What are they?
- How are you finding opportunities to share your story with others?

For your children:

- Why were the religious leaders arguing with the man who used to be blind?
- How did the man answer them?
- How would you explain to a friend what Jesus has done for you?

For your teenagers:

- Why did the religious leaders care about the rules more than helping others?
- How would you defend your faith to someone who questions you?
- What would your story of "I was blind, but now I see" sound like?

DAY 20 - JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Today's Reading: John 10:11-18

Today's Big Points:

- 1) His goodness
- 2) Lays down his life: Loves us.
- 3) Reaches the Lost
- 4) Owned His Mission
- 5) Obeyed the Father.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- Are there any “fake shepherds” in your life? How can you turn from those false sources of hope and look to Jesus?
- If we belong to Jesus, how does that change the way we make decisions?
- In what ways should is the good shepherd’s sacrifice a model for you and me?

For your children:

- In this story, what did Jesus call himself?
- Why is it important for us to listen to and know the voice of the good shepherd?
- The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. How did Jesus do this?

For your teenagers:

- Why is it important for us to listen to and know the voice of the good shepherd?
- What are some examples of “fake shepherd” that you’ve seen? These would be things that people trust in and love instead of Jesus.
- If we belong to Jesus, how does that change the way we make decisions?

DAY 21 - THE TEARS OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 11:32-44

Today's Key Points:

- 1) Jesus is the teacher.
- 2) Jesus has compassion.
- 3) Jesus is Power for life.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How do you approach pain and sorrow? How is it like Jesus? How is it not?
- What would it look like for you to be angry at the sin in your own life?
- What situations in your life seem “dead?” How can you trust God for a “resurrection” in those circumstances?

For your children:

- In this story, who had died? Who were his sisters?
- What do we learn from Jesus' tears? (Why did he cry?)
- What did Jesus do for Lazarus? What does this show us about his power?

For your Teenagers:

- How do your friends deal with their sadness? How is it the same or different than how Jesus enters into Mary and Martha's sadness?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be angry and sin and the effect of sin in our lives?
- What is an area of your life where you need more confidence in what God can do?

DAY 22 - THE PLOT AGAINST JESUS

Today's Reading: John 11:45-53

Today's Key Points:

- 1) Do you believe?
- 2) What are we accomplishing?
- 3) They came to a crossroads.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How can people respond so differently to witnessing the same miracle?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus died in your place?
- Are you good at making plans? Why or why not?

For your Children:

- What were the different ways people responded to Lazarus being raised from the dead?
- Why didn't the Pharisees want people to believe in Jesus?
- How did God use the plans of the religious leaders for our good?

For your Teenagers:

- Why did the Pharisees react the way they did to the news of this miracle?
- Who was Caiaphas and what did he say?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus died in your place?

DAY 23 - THE ANOINTING OF JESUS

Today's Reading: John 12:1-7

Today's Key Points

- 1) Choosing the better
- 2) Our greatest comfort
- 3) Sacrifice, devotion and love

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How do you view others who are more extravagant than you in their devotion to Jesus?
- What would an extravagant act of love and worship look like in your life?

For your children:

- Who was at this banquet and who was the guest of honor?
- What did Mary do and why did she do it?
- What was different about how Judas and Jesus reacted?

For your Teenagers:

- What was surprising about what Mary did?
- What was different about how Judas and Jesus reacted?
- What would an extravagant act of love and worship look like in your life?

DAY 24 - JESUS ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM

Today's Reading: John 12:12-19

Today's Key Points

- 1) Prophecy fulfilled.
- 2) Jesus was humble in character.
- 3) We must worship God.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- How is Jesus different than the world thinks he is?
- How can your life communicate the same type of humility and servant heart?

For your Children:

- How did the people respond to Jesus entering Jerusalem?
- What did the palm branches symbolize?
- How does this story show that Jesus is a humble king?

For your Teenagers:

- What did the palm branches symbolize?
- How was Jesus different than what the crowd was expecting?
- What does it mean to be a humble servant? Who in your life can you serve?

DAY 25 - JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH

Today's Reading: John 12:20-33

Today's Key Points

- 1) The provision in His death.
- 2) The Promise in His death.
- 3) The promise of jubilation.

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What does sacrificial love look like in your own life?
- How do the objective and subjective aspects of the cross help you love Jesus?

For your Children:

- In this story, who wanted to meet Jesus?
- What did Jesus say about the seed (kernel of wheat)?
- How did Jesus' death bring life for you and me?

For your Teenagers:

- How did Jesus respond to the request from the Greeks?
- What was Jesus trying to teach us by using the example of the kernel of wheat?
- What are some ways you can lay down your life to serve and love others?

DAY 26 - JESUS, THE SERVANT

Today's Reading: John 13:1-17

Today's Key Points

- 1) We also must know the hour:
- 2) Jesus knew who He was
- 3) Jesus knew he would be rejected

Questions to Ponder

For you:

- What does this story teach you about what it means to be like Christ?
- Who is someone in your life that you can better serve? What will you do?

For you Children:

- What did Jesus do for his disciples?
- Why were Jesus' actions surprising?
- What was Jesus teaching his disciples (and you and me!)?

For your teenagers:

- What was surprising about what Jesus did for his disciples?
- What was Jesus teaching us by his actions?
- Who is someone in your life that you can better serve? What will you do?

DAY 27 - JESUS PREDICTS HIS BETRAYAL

Today's Reading: John 13:21-30

Today's Key Points

- 1) Who was Judas?
- 2) What did Judas see?
- 3) Where was Judas?
- 4) Why did Judas respond that way?

Questions to ponder

For you:

- What does this story teach you about the danger of simply being around Jesus?
- How is God leading you to trust his plans and purposes in new ways?

For your children:

- What did Jesus say that surprised his friends?
- Why did John call himself “the disciple Jesus loved?”
- How were Judas and John different? What can we learn from them?

For your Teenagers:

- Why did John call himself “the disciple Jesus loved?”
- How were Judas and John different? What can we learn from them?

DAY 28 - JESUS' ACTIONS

Today's Reading: John 13:31-37

Today's Key Points:

1. Jesus washing His disciples' feet.
2. Jesus predicts the betrayal of Judas.
3. Jesus talks about a new commandment.

Questions to Ponder:

For you:

- Jesus loved and served his disciples even knowing they would hurt him. Who is God asking you to love and serve despite what they've done?
- "We can't obey God's commands unless he gives us new hearts, new desires." How does that truth inform how you disciple and pray for your children?

For your children:

- What command did Jesus give his disciples?
- What did Jesus predict about Peter?
- Why did Jesus go to the cross?

For your teenagers:

- Jesus loved and served his disciples even knowing they would hurt him. What does that teach you about his nature?
- Why do we need new hearts and not just new commands?

DAY 29 - JESUS COMFORTS HIS FRIENDS

Today's Reading: John 14:1-4

Today's Key Points

- 1) Aloneness
- 2) Truth and Skepticism
- 3) Relationship

Questions to ponder

For you:

- Where do you turn in hard times and when you face real challenges? What does that reveal about who or what you trust most in?
- Do you think about heaven often? Why or why not?

For your Children:

- Who did Jesus tell his disciples to trust in?
- What kind of place is Jesus preparing for his friends?
- How does believing in heaven give us comfort when we go through a tough time?

For your Teenagers:

- What does it mean to trust God? What other things do people tend to trust in instead of Jesus?
- How does the hope of heaven comfort our hearts in hard times?

DAY 30 - JESUS IS THE WAY TO THE FATHER

Today's Reading: John 14:6-14

Today's Key Points

- 1) Through Covenant
- 2) Through Conviction
- 3) Through Contentment

Questions to ponder

For you:

- How would you explain to someone else that Jesus' work is enough?
- What is one area of your life where you are still tempted to make your own way?

For your children:

- Jesus claimed to be three things – what were they?
- Why can't we make our own way to God?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the way to the Father?

For your teenager:

- What are some ways people try to find their own way or define their own truth?
- Why can't we make our own way to God?
- Jesus' work is enough – what does that mean to you?