



PURPOSE

LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM

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DEVOTION

GOD AS DELIVERER

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Devotion to God is a commitment to continually deepen our relationship with God and orient our lives around that priority.

2 SAMUEL 22:1-7 ESV

- ¹ And David spoke to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.
- ² He said, "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
- ³ my God, my rock, in Whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my Savior; You save me from violence.
- ⁴ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.
- ⁵ "For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me;
- ⁶ the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me.
- ⁷ "In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry came to His ears.

We can grow in our devotion to God as we experience His deliverance, which brings us to a place of safety and security.

MATTHEW 6:13 ESV

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

EPHESIANS 4:20-24 MSG

But that's no life for you. You learned Christ! My assumption is that you have paid careful attention to him, been well instructed in the truth precisely as we have it in Jesus. Since, then, we do not have the excuse of ignorance, everything—and I do mean everything—connected with that old way of life has to go. It's rotten through and through. Get rid of it! And then take on an entirely new way of life—a God-fashioned life, a life renewed from the inside and working itself into your conduct as God accurately reproduces His character in you.

We can grow in our devotion to God as we embrace the deliverance that comes from submitting our lives fully to Jesus.

1 PETER 5:8-10 ESV

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

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JOHN 17:14-19 ESV

¹⁴ I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

COLOSSIANS 1:21-22 ESV

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him

We can grow in our devotion to God as we realize that His truth delivers us from the power of the lies of the accuser.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:2-3 ESV

² I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

1 JOHN 4:4 ESV

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

We can grow in our devotion to God when we understand that He is greater than anything we will ever face.

PSALM 40:1-4 ESV

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry.
² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

PSALM 32:5-7 NASB

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my guilt; I said, "I will confess my wrongdoings to the Lord"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah
⁶ Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Certainly in a flood of great waters, they will not reach him.
⁷ You are my hiding place; You keep me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.

We can grow in our devotion to God as we write and recite our own songs of God's deliverance.

DEVOTIONAL CHALLENGE 10: "SONGS OF DELIVERANCE"

Each day this week, let's journal about the following:

1. Read one of the Psalms. (The first seven are great for this exercise.)
2. Reflect on a time in which you have seen God deliver you from something.
3. Write about an area in which you would like God to deliver you and then write about why you believe He will deliver you through this circumstance as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does knowing God as our deliverer help to provide security? How do we experience this regarding both eternity and the here and now?
2. What does surrendering to the Lordship of Jesus look like tangibly? What areas in which you are seeking deliverance may require doing this, and how could others be invited to help?
3. If you were to write a "song of deliverance," what past experiences of God's faithfulness would you include to best encourage you? How can sharing our "songs of deliverance" help encourage one another?

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