

## **Climb Family Devotional**

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### **Let's Climb Together!**

**You've stayed at this mountain long enough; it's time to break camp and head north toward the Promised Land.**

*Deuteronomy 1:6-7*

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Since we moved here in 2009, Lisa and I have been amazed at what God has done in our midst! From 15 people at a Sunday morning service to where we are today is simply nothing short of a miracle. Lives have been touched, destinies changed, marriages restored and lost dreams found.

The *Climb* Campaign marks the beginning of the next phase in our attempt to *climb* to the Summit. The last 6 years have been awesome, but we believe the future is going to be even brighter! We have great anticipation in our hearts of what God is going to do through this church in the future, and what part He has for you and your family to play in what He is doing here. It does take a team, and we're *Climbing Together!* We would not want to do it without you.

The *Climb Daily Devotional* is designed for you and your family to use over the next 14 days (May 3-16) as we seek God together as a family of believers. This devotional provides an avenue where you and your family can learn more of what it means to be fully dependent on God in every area of your life. As we go through this, you will see that there are three areas we must be involved in if we are going to impact our world for Jesus:

- *Shine and Let the World See God*
- *Share God's Love with Others*
- *Trust God to Meet our Needs*

Each of the 14 daily devotionals is divided into 5 parts:

1. **Verse** – If you have children, this is a good way to include them in your daily devotional time. Have them read the Scripture passages. This will help them to take ownership of



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the vision.

2. **Illustration** – Share the illustration and discuss it as a family.
3. **Application** – Give the application; then ask your family how they think this truth can be practically applied to their lives.
4. **Quote** – Read the quote for the day and ask each member what he or she believes it means.
5. **Prayer** – End with a time of prayer asking God to help each member of your family to receive and apply the truth you’ve learned that day. Also, use this time to take prayer requests and please include prayer for Summit Church, our leadership team and staff.

Choose a time of the day when your entire family can come together with the least amount of distractions. Try to make this a fun and interesting time for everyone. You are modeling that the things of God are both important and should be enjoyable. Also, continually emphasize that each person, young and old, is an important part in what God is doing in the life and future of Summit Church.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to the church. It is a very special honor to be your pastor, and we don’t take that privilege lightly. We look forward with great expectation to all God is going to do in your life, in our church and in our community. We are so thankful you are in this with us because we *could* not if you *did* not!

*Let’s Climb Together!*

**Hal & Lisa Boehm**  
Lead Pastors

*“While it was still night, way before dawn, He got up and went out to a secluded spot and prayed.” – Mark 1:35 (MSG)*

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## DAY 1

### ***Shine and Let the World See God***

#### **Verse**

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. – Matthew 5:16*

#### **Illustration**

A preacher moved to a new town, and, a few weeks after he arrived, he had occasion to ride the bus from his home into downtown. When he paid the fare and sat down in his seat, he discovered the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As the preacher considered what to do, he thought to himself, "Give the quarter back; it would be wrong to keep it." Then he thought, "Oh, forget about it; it's only a quarter. It's too small an amount to worry about. The bus fare is too high anyway. They'll never miss it."

When he came to his stop, the preacher paused for a moment at the door. Then he handed the quarter to the bus driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change." The driver smiled and said, "Aren't you the new preacher in town? I've never gone before, but lately I've been thinking about going to church. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he grabbed the nearest light pole and sank to his knees sobbing. "O God," he cried, "I almost sold your Son for a quarter!"

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## Application

- “What people who don’t know Jesus think of Him will usually be determined by what they think of those of us who do know Jesus.”
- Does this truth affect the day to day choices you make and how you live your life?
- Can you remember a time when you had the opportunity to do the wrong thing but chose to do the right thing?
- If you have, you obeyed what Jesus said in Matthew 5:16.

## Quote

Do all the good you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as you can. – *John Wesley*

## Prayer

Father, help us to always remember that the people in our world are watching us every day and that what they see in us will determine what they think of You.

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## DAY 2

### *Love is What God is Like*

#### **Verse**

*By this all men know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. – Matthew 13:35*

#### **Illustration**

A few years ago, at the Seattle Special Olympics, six contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the 100-meter run. There were 50,000 people in the stadium to watch them compete. The kids had prepared all year for this event, and they all wanted to win. The starting gun went off and all six began to run. Although they couldn't run very well, they were all giving it their very best.

About the 50-meter mark, one of the six runners stumbled and fell down, face first on the track. The little boy who fell began to cry. The other five took a few more steps, but then heard the boy cry. They all slowed down and looked back at the fallen runner. The five turned around and went back—every one of them. One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "That will make it better." Then, the six linked arms and walked to the finish line together—all of them crossing the finish line at the same moment.

Each one received a gold medal.

#### **Application**

- This true story is a perfect picture of how God cares for us and how He wants us to care for hurting people in His name. God desires for us to help others up when they fall

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down, kiss their hurts and make them better, link arms with those who have fallen, and encourage each other to keep on, keeping on.

- Do you know someone who is hurting? What are some practical ways you can show them God’s love?

## Quote

When somebody needs a helping hand, he doesn’t need it tomorrow or the next day. He needs it now, and that’s exactly when you should offer to help. Good deeds, if they are really good, happen sooner rather than later. – *Marie T. Freeman*

## Prayer

Father, please help each of us to care about hurting people the way you do and show we care by the way we live our lives.

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## DAY 3

### ***Show the World What God is Like***

#### **Verse**

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. – Ephesians 4:32*

#### **Illustration**

Corrie ten Boom, the great woman of faith who was the only member of her family to survive a Nazi concentration camp during World War II, told the true story of addressing a church in Munich, Germany in 1947. She had come from Holland to speak to the German people about the forgiveness of God. That evening she told the crowd that anyone who is willing to confess their sins can be forgiven and have their sins cast into the deepest sea by God to be remembered no more. Corrie said that the service had just concluded and people were filing out when she saw a balding, heavysset man in a gray overcoat working his way to the front of the room.

The moment she laid eyes on him the horrible memories of Ravensbruck came flooding over her. The man making his way toward Corrie had been one of the guards in the concentration camp—one of the most cruel of all the guards. The man stuck out his hand to Corrie and said, “A fine message, Fraulein! How good it is to know that, as you say, all sins are at the bottom of the sea.” Corrie said that even though she had just finished speaking on forgiveness she pretended to fumble in her purse rather than take his hand. The man evidently didn’t remember her from Ravensbruck, but she remembered him all too well.

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"You mentioned Ravensbruck in your talk," her said. "I was a guard there. Since that time I have become a Christian. I know God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did there, but I would like to hear it from the lips of someone who was there. Fraulein, will you forgive me?" The former guard put out his hand again. Corrie said that she stood there--a person whose sins had been paid for by the Lord Jesus—a person who had been forgiven, but yet, could not forgive. She had watched her sister die in that horrible place. Could this man possibly erase her sister's terrible death simply by asking? Corrie said forgiving would be the most difficult thing she had ever had to do, but she knew she must.

Since the end of the war she had run a home in Holland for victims of the Nazi brutality. Over and over she had seen those who forgave their enemies return to the outside world and rebuild their lives. And she had seen those who refuse to forgive become bitter, emotional cripples.

"Jesus, help me!" She prayed silently. "Help me lift my hand." Corrie said that as she thrust out her hand, not because she wanted to or felt like it, but only in obedience to God, something incredible happened. She said it was as if healing seemed to wash over her whole body and tears immediately came to her eyes. "I forgive you, brother!" she cried. "With all my heart, I forgive you!" For a long time the two grasped each other's hands, the former guard and the former prisoner. Corrie ten Boom said that she had never known God's love so intensely as she did at that moment.

### Application

- If I have been forgiven by God, then I must forgive others if I want to show the world what God is like.
- I must also be willing to ask for forgiveness when I have offended someone else. There are six little words I must make





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### DAY 4

#### *Shine the Light of Jesus*

##### **Verse**

*You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.*  
– Matthew 5:14-15

##### **Illustration**

Years ago, in a small Midwestern town, one man's job was to watch the railroad crossing. When a train approached at night, he was to wave a lantern to warn those driving on the narrow road that a train was approaching and to stop until the train passed by.

One night the train was coming down the tracks as usual and the man took his place to warn any oncoming cars. He could see a car in the distance approaching the railroad tracks, so he began to wave his lantern in the moonlit sky. The car continued to come; he waved his lantern even harder. The train was only seconds away from the crossing, but the car was not slowing down. He frantically waved the lantern now. Still the car kept coming at full speed.

Finally, the man jumped out of the way as the car sped by and was hit by the train. Everyone in the car was killed. At the investigation the grief-stricken man explained to the authorities how he tried to warn the car, but it would not stop. The officer in charge said to the man, "Sir, you waved your lantern—but you forgot to light it."

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### Application

- Christians are not the source of light, but we are to light up this dark world by reflecting the light of Jesus.
- Hold up a small hand mirror in front of a lit candle. Say: "Just like a mirror reflects light, our lives are to be like a mirror which reflects the light of Jesus (the candle) to our world."
- Now, smear soap on the mirror and hold it up in front of the candle. Say: "When our lives get smudged by sin, Jesus can't shine as brightly through our lives."
- How important is it to people who are lost in the darkness of sin that our lives be able to reflect the light of Jesus?

### Quote

It is a great better to live a holy life than to talk about it. Lighthouses do not ring bells; they just shine. – *D. L. Moody*

### Prayer

Father, the people in our world need to see You. Please help our lives to clearly and accurately reflect what You are really like.

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## **DAY 5**

### ***Show the World What Jesus is Like***

#### **Verse**

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. – Philippians 2:5-7*

#### **Illustration**

A man who was an alcoholic came to know Christ at a mission in Chicago. Prior to his conversion, Joe had gained the reputation of being a drunk for whom there was no hope, only a miserable existence in the ghetto. But following his salvation experience, everything changed in his life. Joe became the most caring person that anyone had ever known. Joe spent his days and nights at the mission doing whatever needed to be done.

There was never any task that was too lowly for Joe to take on. There was never anything that he was asked to do that he considered beneath him. Whether it was cleaning up the bathroom after someone had been sick or scrubbing the filthy floors, Joe did what was asked of him with a soft smile on his face and with seeming gratitude for the chance to help. He could always be counted on to feed the men who wandered into the mission off of the streets. He would undress those who were too drunk or sick to care for themselves and tuck them into bed.

One evening, when the director of the mission was delivering his evening evangelistic message to the usual crowd of pitiful men, there was one man who looked up and came down the aisle to

the altar. The man knelt to pray, crying out to God to help him to change. The repentant drunk kept shouting, "Oh God, make me like Joe! Make me like Joe! Make me like Joe!" The director of the mission finally leaned over and said to the man, "Son, I think it would be better if you prayed, 'Make me like Jesus!'" The man looked up at the director with a quizzical expression on his face and asked, "Is He like Joe?"

### **Application**

- Jesus said in John 14:9, "He who has seen Me, has seen the Father." The same thing was true of Joe's life that was true of Jesus' - to see them was to see God. Could that be said of you?
- If we are going to show the world what God is really like, we must have the same humble attitude Christ had when he lived here on earth.
- Can you think of anything you have done recently for someone else that only Jesus would have done?

### **Quote**

Our walk counts far more than our talk, always! – *George Mueller*

### **Prayer**

Father, please give us a heart for people who need to know what You are really like. Help us see others through Your eyes and love them with Your love.

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### Day 6

#### ***Show the World Who You are in Christ***

##### **Verse**

*Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. – Colossians 3:2-3*

##### **Illustration**

One day, an Indian brave found an eagle's egg and put it into the nest of a prairie chicken. The eaglet finally hatched with the brood of chicks and grew up with them. All his life, the eagle, thinking he was a prairie chicken, did what the prairie chickens did. He scratched in the dirt for seeds and insects to eat. He clucked and cackled. And he flew in a brief thrashing of wings and a flurry of feathers no more than a few feet off the ground. After all, that's how prairie chickens were supposed to fly.

Years passed and the eagle grew very old. One day, he saw a magnificent bird far above him in the sky. Hanging with graceful majesty on the powerful wind currents, it soared with scarcely a beat of its strong golden wings. "What a beautiful bird!" He said to his neighbors. "What is it?" "That is an eagle, the chief of birds," the neighbor clucked. "But don't give it a second thought. You could never be like him."

So the eagle spent his life looking up at the eagles in the sky and longing to join them among the clouds. It never once occurred to him to lift his wings and try to fly himself. Until the day he died, the eagle lived his entire life thinking he was a prairie chicken. Growing up among prairie chickens, the eagle thought he was a prairie chicken; so he acted like a prairie chicken. How sad that he

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never realized who he really was and that he, too, could have soared with the eagles.

### **Application**

- If we are going to give the world an accurate picture of what God is like by the way we live our lives, we must first know who we are in Him. Christians are meant to soar in the heavens like eagles and not live in the dirt of this world like prairie chickens.
- We must learn to live our lives like the eagles God created us to be. What do you think that statement means?
- Can you think of an example of how some Christians live like prairie chickens?

### **Quote**

A person ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian. –  
*D. L. Moody*

### **Prayer**

Father, we need to live like what you have created us in Christ to be, so the world will know You for who You really are. In order to do that, we need to keep our eyes and our minds on You. Please give us the desire to do that every day.

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### Day 7

#### ***Share God's Love with Others***

##### **Verse**

*Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you." – Acts 3:6*

##### **Illustration**

Edward Kimball was concerned about one of his young Sunday school students who worked at a shoe store in town. One day Kimball visited him at the store and found the student in the back stocking shoes. Mr. Kimball led the boy to Christ then and there. Dwight L. Moody was the boy's name, and he eventually became one of the greatest preachers and evangelists of all time.

Moody, whose international speaking took him to the British Isles, where he preached in a little chapel pastored by a young man with the imposing name of Frederic Brotherton Meyer. In his sermon Moody told an emotionally charged story about a Sunday school teacher he had known in Chicago who personally went to every student in his class and led every one of them to Christ. That message changed Pastor Meyer's entire ministry, inspiring him to become an evangelist like Moody.

Over the years Meyer came to America several times to preach. Once in Northfield, Massachusetts, a confused young preacher sitting in the back row heard Meyer say, "If you are not willing to give up everything for Christ, are you willing to be made willing?" That remark led J. Wilbur Chapman to respond to the call of God on his life.

Chapman went on to become one of the most effective

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evangelists of his time. A volunteer by the name of Billy Sunday helped set up his crusades and learned how to preach by watching Chapman. Sunday eventually took over Chapman's ministry, becoming one of the most dynamic evangelists of the 20th century. In the great arenas of the nation, Billy Sunday's preaching turned thousands of people to Christ.

Inspired by a 1924 Billy Sunday crusade in Charlotte, North Carolina, a committee of Christians there dedicated themselves to reaching that city for Christ. The committee invited the evangelist Mordecai Ham to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in 1932. A lanky 16-year-old sat in the huge crowd one evening, spellbound by the message of the white-haired preacher, who seemed to be shouting and waving his finger at him. Night after night the teenager attended and finally went forward to give his life to Christ.

The teenager's name was Billy Graham—the man who has communicated the gospel of Jesus Christ to more people than any other man in history.

### **Application**

- Remember the man named Kimball? He wasn't rich or famous. He wasn't a preacher or an evangelist or a missionary. He was simply an ordinary man who cared enough about a boy to take the time to share Jesus with him. By sharing what he had to give with others, Mr. Kimball helped change the world. Millions of people have had their lives affected over the years, and millions more will continue to be touched by the Gospel because of Edward Kimball. God wants us to share what we have and make a difference in our world, too.



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## DAY 8

### ***Share What You Have with Others***

#### **Verse**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. – Colossians 3:23-24*

#### **Illustration**

Little River Community Church was located just down the street from First Memorial Church. Since they were located on the same street in the same town, the youth groups from the two churches were often competing with each other. They participated in the same softball league, the same basketball league, and had become intense rivals. Little River Community was always trying to outdo First Memorial and vice versa.

One Sunday, following a Bible study on serving others, the youth group at Little River Community Church fanned out into the neighborhood and started serving. One group washed cars for people up and down the street. Another group pumped gas for free at a self-service gas station. Another group went to a convalescent home and sang songs to the residents who lived there. When they finished, all the ministry teams returned to the church and reported what they learned and how it made them feel.

One group told how they had gone to serve an older woman who lived close to First Memorial Church. “We mowed her grass, raked leaves, and did yard work for her,” said one of the students. “She was real nice. After we were through, she invited us in and prayed

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for us. Then she said, 'You young people from First Memorial Church are always doing such nice things for us old folks.'

"Oh no!" said the youth pastor. "She thought you were from First Memorial? Well, I hope you set her straight. Did you tell her that you weren't from First Memorial but from Little River Community?" "Well, no, we didn't," said the student, surprised by the youth pastor's question. "You told us to do what Jesus would do, didn't you? We decided that Jesus wouldn't care who got the credit."

### Application

- If we are going to share with others and serve them the way Jesus would, then we can't be concerned about who gets the credit. Everything we give and everything we do should be as if we are giving it to, and doing it for the Lord. He, and He alone, is deserving of any praise. Our goal should not be to call attention to ourselves, but to turn people's attention to God.
- Can you think of a time when you shared something of yours (time, money, possessions, food & etc.) with someone who needed help, and no one else knew but God?

### Quote

Nothing is really ours until we share it. – C. S. Lewis

### Prayer

Father, as I prepare to give into Your work, I'm thankful for what I have to give. Let me give with a cheerful heart and do it to honor and bless Your Name.



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### DAY 9

#### *Share with a Thankful Heart*

##### **Verse**

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. – James 1:17*

##### **Illustration**

A man once worked in the Sporting Goods section of a big department store. His area was right next to the candy counter. One day he noticed a little boy about six years old with his nose pressed against the glass looking at all the different kinds of candy. The man could tell from the way the little boy and his mother were dressed that they did not have much money.

The kind man felt sorry for the little boy, so he went up to the little boy's mother and asked her if it would be okay for him to buy her son some candy. She smiled gratefully and said, "Yes." The man turned to the little boy and told him to pick out whichever candy he would like to have. The boy's eyes lit up, and he hurriedly pointed to the chocolate-covered caramels that he had been looking at longingly. The man told the clerk behind the candy counter to give the boy a pound of the candy he had chosen. Then the man took out his wallet and paid the clerk for the candy, and the clerk handed the bag of candy to the little boy.

The little guy immediately opened the bag and began to eat the candy. The man who had purchased the candy for the boy said, "Son, may I have a piece of your candy?" The little boy looked up at the man who had just paid for the candy and shouted, "NO—this is all MY candy," and he ran away!

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### Application

- Do you ever treat God like the little boy treated the man who bought him the candy? God gives you everything you have. All He asks is that you give back to Him a small portion of what He has given you.
- Do you ever act like God has no right to ask that of you?
- Do you ever act like all the money and possessions you have belong to you?
- How would you have reacted to what the little boy said if you had been the one who bought the candy for him?

### Quote

How generous you are does not depend on how much you give, but how much you have left. – *Anonymous*

### Prayer

Father, every good and perfect gift in my life came from You, and for that I am thankful. With a grateful heart I want to give to You as You have given to me. Prepare me to give that special gift.

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### DAY 10

#### *Share the Gifts God has Given You*

##### **Verse**

*I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me. – Matthew 25:4*

##### **Illustration**

Miss Thompson was a schoolteacher who said the same thing to her students every year: “Boys and girls, I love you all the same. I have no favorites.” But that wasn’t completely truthful. Teachers are human, and they do have favorites. What’s worse, most teachers have students that they simply don’t like. Teddy Stallard was a boy that Miss Thompson simply didn’t like and for good reason. He didn’t seem interested in school. He wore a deadpan, blank expression on his face, and his eyes were glassy and unfocused. When she spoke to Teddy, he merely shrugged his shoulders. His clothes were messy and his hair was unkempt. He wasn’t an attractive boy, and he certainly wasn’t likable.

Whenever she marked Teddy’s papers, she got a certain perverse pleasure out of putting X’s next to the wrong answers. When she put the F’s at the top of the papers, she did it with flair. She should have known better. She had Teddy’s records, and she knew more about him than she wanted to admit.

The records read:

1st Grade:      Teddy shows promise with his work and attitude, but poor home situation.

2nd Grade:      Teddy could do better. Mother is seriously ill. He receives little help at home.

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3rd Grade: Teddy is a good boy but too serious. He is a slow learner. His mother died this year.

4th Grade: Teddy is very slow, but well-behaved. His father shows no interest.

At Christmas, the boys and girls in Miss Thompson's class brought her presents, piled them on her desk, and crowded around to watch her open them. Among the presents was one from Teddy. She was surprised that he had brought her a gift. Teddy's gift was wrapped in brown paper and held together with Scotch tape. When she opened Teddy's present, out fell a gaudy rhinestone bracelet with half the stones missing and a bottle of cheap perfume.

The other boys and girls began to giggle and smirk over Teddy's gifts. But Miss Thompson at least had enough sense to silence them by immediately putting on the bracelet and dotting some of the perfume on her wrist. While holding her wrist up for the other children to smell, she said, "Doesn't it smell lovely?" The other children, taking their cue from their teacher, readily agreed. When school was over and the other children had left, Teddy lingered behind. He slowly came over to her desk and said softly, "Miss Thompson, you smell just like my mother, and her bracelet looks real pretty on you, too. I'm glad you like my presents."

When Teddy left, Miss Thompson got down on her knees and asked God to forgive her. The next day when the children came to school, they were welcomed by a new teacher. Miss Thompson had become a different person. She was no longer just a teacher—she had become an agent of God. She was now committed to loving her children and doing things for them that would live on after her. By the end of that school year, Teddy showed dramatic improvement. He caught up with most of the



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students and was even ahead of some. Once the school year ended, Miss Thompson didn't hear from Teddy for a long time. Then one day she received a note that read:

"Dear Miss Thompson, I wanted you to be the first to know. I will be graduating second in my class. Love, Teddy Stallard."

Four years later, another note came: "Dear Miss Thompson, They just told me I will be graduating first in my class. I wanted you to be the first to know. The university has not been easy, but I have had a good four years. Love, Teddy Stallard."

And, four years after that: "Dear Miss Thompson, As of today, I am Theodore Stallard, M.D. How about that? I wanted you to be the first to know. I am getting married next month, the 27<sup>th</sup> to be exact. I want you to come and sit where my mother would sit if she were alive. You are the only family I have now. Dad died last year. Love, Teddy Stallard."

Miss Thompson went to that wedding and sat where Teddy's mother would have sat. She deserved to be there because she had given something to Teddy that changed his life.

### Application

- We can also be like Miss Thompson and share with others what we have to give. We can give them love, acceptance, encouragement, support, friendship, and hope. We can believe in them and help them to not only believe in themselves, but in the God who created them and loves them.
- Is there a Teddy in your life right now who needs your encouragement, hope and friendship?

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# DAY 11

## ***Trust God to Meet Your Needs***

### **Verse**

*But let him who boasts boast about this: That he understands and knows Me, for I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight. – Jeremiah 9:24*

### **Illustration**

The story is told about a family who was awakened in the middle of the night by their smoke detector to discover that their house was on fire. The father ran into the upstairs bedroom of his children and carried his baby in his arms while dragging his four-year-old son by the hand. They were halfway down the stairs when the little boy remembered that he had left his teddy bear in the bedroom, so he broke free from his father's hand and ran back into the bedroom to get his beloved bear. In the confusion, the father didn't notice that his son wasn't with him until he got outside. By that time, the little boy was trapped by the flames and the smoke. As the smoke swirled around him, he cried out from the upstairs window, "Help me, Daddy, Help me!"

His father yelled from below, "Jump out of the window, Andy! I'll catch you!" In the darkness and smoke, the little boy yelled back, "But Daddy! I can't see you!" His Daddy shouted back, "It's okay, Son. I can see you! Jump!"

When you are afraid of the future and afraid of the dark, and can't see what lies ahead, God simply says, "It's okay. I can see. Jump and I'll catch you."

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### Application

- Do you think that little boy jumped out of the upstairs window in the dark or not?
- Do you think his decision to jump or not to jump had anything to do with how well he knew his father?
- Nothing brings more joy to the heart of God than to have His children trust and obey Him. But in order to obey Him, we must first know our heavenly Father is trustworthy, and we can't know that until we know Him.
- Is trusting God an easy or a hard thing for you to do?
- How can you get to know God better and trust Him more?

### Quote

God's mark is on everything that obeys Him. – *Martin Luther*

### Prayer

Father, please give us the desire to trust and obey You, and then the strength to do so every day.

### Notes

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## **DAY 12**

### ***Trust God for the Commitment***

#### **Verses**

*Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. – Luke 6:38*

*Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

#### **Commitment**

Our financial gift into *Climb* will be one of the greatest expressions of faith in the history of Summit Church. This commitment involves both trust and obedience on your part. Be encouraged because God is pleased when we step out in faith, and He rewards those who seek Him.

The two Scriptures we read today teach about the Law of Sowing and Reaping. Before you make your commitment, be reminded of four principles associated with this Law. These are true both in the physical and spiritual realms.

1. You reap *because* you sow.
2. You reap *what* you sow.

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3. You reap *after* you sow.
  4. You reap *more than* you sow.

Commitment Sunday is less than 72 hours away, and it is time for our family to make a decision about what we are going to do. This is a very special time in the life of our church, and it does involve reaching a financial goal. But, more importantly than that, our church wants to learn to trust God more and obey Him better. That should also be the goal for our family. Our commitment is also a way for us to say “Thank You” to God and to show the world what a great and awesome God we serve.

Before we make our commitment, let’s ask ourselves two questions:

1. What has the Lord already done for us? (List spiritual, physical and material blessings)
2. What do we have that was not given to us by God? (Even the things we have acquired by working have come to us as a result of the time, strength, health, skills, and intelligence God has gifted us with.)

Hold up your commitment card, and ask God for the faith to sow into *Climb*. Then, listen to the Holy Spirit as He impresses an amount on your heart. If you are married, share the amount you are sensing with each other. Pray over that amount together. Also, encourage your children to pray about what they can give to *Climb*. They are never too young to participate in what God is doing! Now, in faith, complete the card and say the following prayer.

Father, thank You for giving me the faith to sow into *Climb*. With this commitment, I trust You to provide for my needs and for the financial seed to sow. Please guard my heart and mind from anxiousness and worry. As I give with confidence, I am also giving cheerfully knowing that much fruit will come as a result. I want to see Your Kingdom advance and people in our community and world forever changed.

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## Day 13

### ***Trust God to Provide for Me***

#### **Verse**

*But seek first the kingdom of God and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. – Matthew 6:33*

#### **Illustration**

A father had just settled into his recliner one afternoon after church, looking forward to reading his Sunday paper, when his five-year-old son Bobby came running into the room. “Daddy! Daddy!” said the little boy. “Can you play with me now?” The father tried to be gentle in his response to his son. “Bobby, Daddy wants to read his paper for a little while, but if you will come back in twenty minutes, I’ll play with you.” Though he was not happy about having to wait, Bobby left the room so his father could read the paper.

Since Bobby was too young to tell time, he was back in a matter of minutes. “Daddy, can we play now?” “Not now, Bobby,” said the father. “Don’t bother me until I’m finished with my paper.” Bobby left the room again to wait, but before his father could even get to the sports page, little Bobby returned.

He stuck his head up under his father’s paper and said, “Daddy, can we please play now?” The father realizing he would never get a moment of peace without giving in, looked on the floor and noticed that there was a full page map of the world included in his newspaper. He reached for the scissors on his desk and proceeded to cut the map into about twenty pieces.



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Leading his son to the kitchen table, he told Bobby to put together the puzzle of the world as the first of their afternoon games. "When you finish the puzzle, then I'll play with you," the father promised. He knew it would take his son a long time to put the puzzle together, and that would give him plenty of time to read his paper.

But not five minutes had passed when Bobby flew back into the room. "Daddy, I'm though with the puzzle! What can we play next?" "What? You're finished already?" asked the father. He got up from his chair and went into the kitchen to look. Sure enough, the puzzle was complete with every piece in its proper place.

"Bobby, how did you ever do this so fast? Where did you learn how to do this?" asked the father in amazement. "It was easy, Daddy," said Bobby. "You see, on the back of the map of the world was a picture of a man. I put the man together first, and, when I did that, the world seemed to fit right into place!"

### Application

- When we put God first place in our lives, everything else in our world falls into its proper place, just like the little boy's puzzle.
- Read Matthew 6:25, 31-32. What things in life do you worry about and why?
- Do you think that trusting God and believing Matthew 6:33 would help you not to worry as much?

### Quote

When you worry about what you don't have, you won't be able to enjoy what you do have. – *Charles Swindoll*



Father, as we *Climb*, please help us to seek first your Kingdom;  
having faith that You will always meet our needs.

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## **Day 14**

### ***Trust God for Everything***

#### **Verse**

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. – Hebrews 4:15-16*

#### **Illustration**

There was a farmer who had a beautiful Golden Retriever named Cindy. She had a litter of puppies and when they were old enough to be weaned, the farmer put a sign in his yard that said, “Puppies for Sale.” One day a little boy knocked on the farm house door. When the farmer opened the door, the little boy said, “Hi, Mister, I’d like to buy a puppy!”

The farmer could see from the looks of the little boy that he was poor. He smiled and said to the boy, “Son, I’m afraid you couldn’t afford one of my puppies. You see, their mother is a champion and the puppies are worth a lot of money.” The little boy dug deep down in his pocket and pulled out some change. “I got twenty-five cents, Mister. Will that at least buy me a look?” “Sure it will, Son,” the farmer replied. So, he stepped off the porch and led the little boy around back.

The farmer then whistled and called, “Here, Cindy.” From a big dog house at the back of the yard, came running the most beautiful dog the boy had ever seen, and right behind her came five adorable puppies. The boy knelt down and squealed with delight as the puppies jumped all over him and licked his face.

He looked up, and standing at the door of the dog house was another puppy, much smaller than the rest. When this puppy started down the ramp of the dog house, he just rolled head over heels onto the ground. The little puppy picked himself up and tried to run to join his brothers and sisters, but he stumbled a lot and ran sideways. As the puppy jumped into the little boy's arms, the child screamed, "This is the one I want, oh please, Mister, this is the one I want!" "But son," the farmer said, "You don't want this puppy. You see, he's the runt of the litter, and he'll never be able to run and play with you like these others."

The little boy slowly stood up and pulled up one pant leg to reveal a brace on one of his legs. "See, Mister, I don't run so good either, and I just thought he needed somebody who could understand."

### **Application**

- The Bible tells us that Jesus came willingly to this earth to take on the handicaps of this life so that He could identify with our pain and understand our problems.
- Does that fact make it easier for you to trust God to meet your needs? Why, or why not?

### **Quote**

Christ's love is like a river that never stops flowing. – *Jonathan Edwards*

### **Prayer**

Father, we thank You that we can approach Your throne with grace and confidence. As we give to *Climb* in faith, we ask You to help us in any moment of weakness, by filling us with all joy and peace, that we would be full of hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

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## **Final Word**

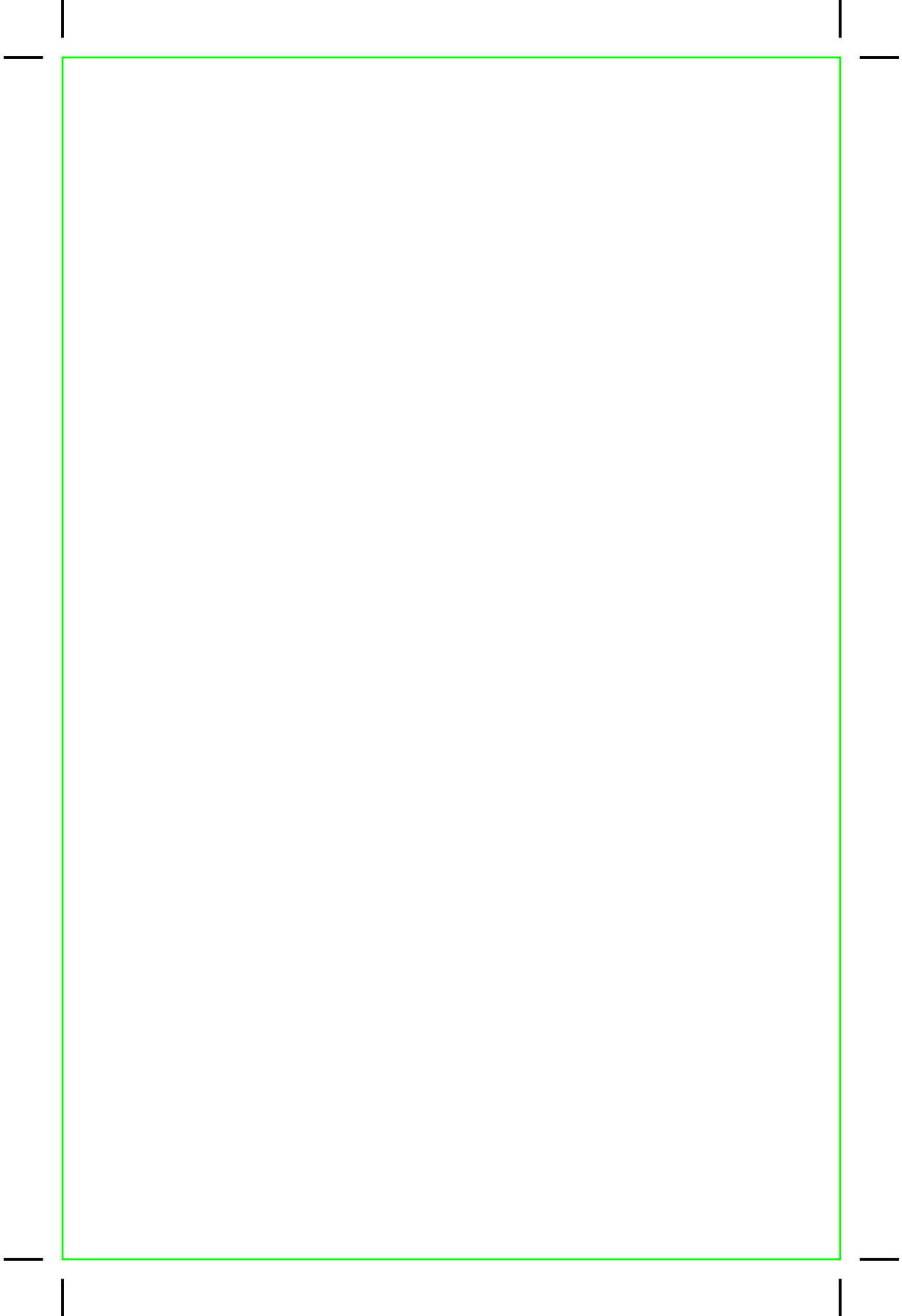
Congratulations! You have completed a 14 Day Devotional with your family. Just because you completed the *Climb Devotional* does not mean that your family has to stop.

We encourage you to continue meeting together as a family to read from God's Word, discuss ways to apply it to your lives and to pray together. You will be amazed at the difference it will make in your family! If you need ideas on another family devotional, just let us know.

We also pray that God will fill you with faith and peace as you believe Him to bring the "seed" for you to fulfill the commitment you made to *Climb*. One thing we have seen over and over again is God is always faithful!

*Let's Climb Together!*

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