



At Beach Camp, we learned from 1 John about walking in the light instead of the darkness of sin. To be able to walk in the light, we must stay in God's Word daily. Use these devotionals to guide you in your walk with Christ this summer. We'll be looking at the remaining three chapters of 1 John, and then move to the book of Ephesians.

Day 1

Read 1 John 3:16-20

Love with Action. In verse 16, the first thing we read is that this is how we know what love is. Jesus is the ultimate example of what love is and should be in our lives. Jesus shows his love sacrificing his life to die on the cross for our sins; this is the greatest amount of love that could be shown to us. Jesus expressed his love to others through actions; The action of dying on the cross. Sometimes it is difficult love others when there is a disagreement or but we are called to love. Jesus loved everyone and showed his love for them on the cross.

How does the example of God's love show us how we should love others?

What are some ways that you can show others you love them by your actions?

Day 2

Read 1 John 4:15-19

God is Love. When we accept Jesus into our heart, we are given the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives within us, so we can have God with us through everything we do. God gives us the Holy Spirit through an action of Love. God is Love. We are

called to live in love, and when we do God lives within us. When we have God, we have the example of perfect love. God is the only one who can give perfect love, but we are to strive to love others through the example of God's perfect love.

How can we remove fear in our life?

Do you have someone in your life that needs to be shown perfect love? How can you show them that love?

Day 3

Read 1 John 5:1-5

Loving God's people. When we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we see how a father loves his son. This relationship is a great example of what perfect love is and how we can strive to love others in the same way. When we love God's people if we love God and obey his commandments.

How do we love God's people?

Day 4

Read Ephesians 1:3-6

Adopted Children. Jesus wants us to be apart of His eternal family. Even amongst all our sin, God poured out His love and grace to us. Even before the world was created, God knew that he wanted to have a relationship with all of His children. God knew that He would adopt all of His children by allowing them to have a relationship with His son, Jesus. Being adopted allows us to be a part of a larger family of Christians; It allows us to belong to an eternal family.

What does it mean to be adopted into God's family?

Day 5

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

God's gift. When we accept Jesus into our life as our Lord and Savior, God pours His grace over us as His gift. We cannot take credit for the overwhelming grace we are given. Our salvation is not a reward for how well we have acted on Earth, God had chosen you to have a relationship with Him long before you were created.

What is God's gift?

What is Salvation? How do we receive it?

Day 6

Read Ephesians 3:12-13

Boldly and Confidently. We are living in a world that is filled with hate and discontent, as Christians we are called to step out in confidence and boldness for the name of Jesus. It is because of our faith in Christ that we can step out and be strong in our relationship with the Father. When we step out in boldness, we are sharing with the world that we are strong in our beliefs and the evil cannot overcome us.

What are some examples of how you can be confident in your faith?

How can you step out in confidence and boldness in your community, school, or team?

Day 7

Read Ephesians 4:1-4

Called by God. As Paul is writing, He begs us to live our life worthy of our calling. God has a calling and purpose for our life, and we should strive daily to live up to it. Paul also shares other key notes to remember when walking through life; be humble and kind, and to be patient with one other. Both of these key items are important when being in relationships with others, we need to show the love of Christ even when we are with our family, friends, and strangers. We also are called to unite with the Spirit, binding together with peace. We need to stand together as Christians to share the love and grace of our Lord.

What is my calling?

How can I unite with the Spirit daily?

Day 8

Read Ephesians 5:8-10

Child of Light. God calls us to live our lives as the light of the Lord. When you live as a light you are living your life in a way that shows others the grace and hope that the Lord has given you. When we seek and obey Jesus with joy, we walk in the light as children of God. Think of one friend who does not know Jesus. Does your life, right now, shine the grace and love of Jesus in a way they see something different in you? If not, ask God to show you how to live as a light. When we live as a light to others we are able to engage in conversations on how your life looks different than theirs. **"Be who you are in the dark, in the light."** - Priscilla Shirer

What does it look like to walk as a child of light?

What are some things that you need to remove from the dark to live completely in the light?

Day 9

Read Ephesians 6:7-8

Serving the Lord. If you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are allowing your life to be used to serve God and further his Kingdom. We are called to serve wholeheartedly as we are serving the Lord of Lords. Think about a teacher that you have.... Now instead think about if that teacher was God, you would want to work harder on your assignments because you are wanting to satisfy their opinion of you. So, let's serve God by serving others, because when we do this we reflect Christ, who served us.

Pray and ask God to show you how to serve others well.

How are we called to serve?

Day 10

Read Ephesians 6:13-20

Armor of God. At the end of Ephesians, we are commanded to put on the full armor of God, so when the day comes we are prepared to stand our ground. The enemy will scatter challenges in front of us, but when we have the armor of God we are prepared to overcome these challenges. The first piece we are given is the belt of truth, then the breastplate of righteousness. Next, your feet fitted with the readiness from the gospel of peace, followed by the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and sword of the spirit.

The Full of Armor of God is to be used all together. With this armor, it works together to protect and leave you untouched, but without a piece of this armor you are exposed to the evil that is challenging you.