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Why should I share Jesus and Why Me?

Straight up—Jesus has changed everything! As a follower of Christ, part of having a relationship with God is sharing what He is doing in your life and how He is leading your life with others. The gospel, who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for us, transforms our views, passions, our past, and our future. Think of all our longings the gospel answers: **Am I loved?** The God of the universe loves you so much He would send His greatest treasure to have a relationship with **you**. John 3:16, Romans 5:8 **Why am I here?** This amazing God knows you and has a plan for **your** life. Jeremiah 29:11, Jeremiah 1:5

Look at other common struggles we face that understanding and accepting the gospel resolves:

Bad Self-Image—Why? We are a new creation in Christ! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Guilt—How? Jesus paid the price for all of our sins! Colossians 2:13

Sin's Power—How? The power of sin was crushed when Jesus rose again! Romans 6:6

Unforgiveness—How? We can forgive others because Jesus forgave us. Ephesians 4:32

Apathy—Why? We offer ourselves to Him in light of His sacrifice for us. Romans 12:1

God has a mission for you and every student, it begins, wherever you go. During the school year, it is your school. The question isn't will I become a campus missionary? The moment you accepted Christ as your Lord and Sav-

ior, you became one. The real question is *will* I be a missionary who lives on mission in the mission field that He has placed me in—*my school*? Will I own the moments that God is giving me?

***own* your STORY—What God wants to do in and through you.**

Pray Regularly and Believe God Will Work in and through You. God will use you if you ask Him to do it! A great example is the prayer of Jabez. (1 Chronicles 4:9-10) Jabez believed God (and God will do the same for you). Believe:

- ... for great things and that He will bless you.
- ... to enlarge your influence with others.
- ... to empower you with His Spirit.
- ... for protection, He is (will be) with you.

***own* your INFLUENCE**

Focus on Others. Thinking of reaching your school can be overwhelming. Make it simple. Start by creating a list of friends you intentionally pray for, invite to your youth ministry and your church, start conversations with to share Jesus. Start writing down names in the margin or in a notebook.

***own* your CAMPUS**

Start Conversations to Share the Gospel. Conversations that focus on others, built on powerful questions, then listen and respond.



What Is Your Story?

Conversation Starters

How's life treating you?

Tell me about your family.

Who are your favorite people?

Why?

What Do You Like to Do?

Conversation Starters

What do you like to do?

What are you interested in?

Could you show me that some-time?

Connect to the Gospel

Share your story, what is important to you, your favorite people (Jesus), share how God has showed Himself real to you.

Connect to the Gospel

Share their hobbies, participate with them, talk about your interests (church, Bible), invite them to your youth ministry and church.

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Explain GOSPEL. This simple acrostic is a helpful way to remember the key points of the gospel in six words that make up the core essentials of the message: **God. Our. Sins. Paying. Everyone. Life.**

GOD created us to be with Him.

OUR sins separate us from God.

SINS cannot be removed by good deeds.

PAYING the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.

EVERYONE who trusts in Him has eternal life.

LIFE with Jesus starts now and lasts forever.

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Visually you can explain the gospel to your friends through a free video at www.somethingamazing.net

and *own* the NOISE around them

Share Your Story. Learn to tell the story of how God has become real in your life.

What did God save me from? My past life.

Think of one word that would describe your life before Jesus, then put that word in a sentence: Before I gave my life to Jesus, I was

What God has done in me? My experience; how I came to Christ.

Share the feelings or circumstances that surrounded your decision to give your life to Jesus: I gave my life to Jesus _____

Who I am now? My new life.

Think of one word that would describe your life after Jesus, then put that word in a sentence: After I gave my life to Jesus, my life changed

Sign-up for Additional Coaching and Training. Just like an athlete or artist, we become stronger and better as we are encouraged and supported as we continue to learn and grow. Sign-up for free additional coaching and training.

Additionally, we have a number of helpful training videos to help you on our [Youth Alive® channel](#) on YouTube.

As part of the Our Schools Matter effort, here is a simple one-month journey to help equip you to share Jesus with others. The desire is to see students, like yourself, own the moment God has given at your school with your friends. The following 30-day *Own the Moment* devotional is connected to a youth series available for youth ministry. Let your youth leader know the series is available for free in the Our Schools Matter Leader Kit. However, as a student, you can go through these devotions without the series if you prefer.

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A 30-DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Utilize the daily Social Media post suggestion (designed for Facebook) and the corresponding daily Thought postable (located in Promo Pack/Social Media Postables section of the kit for Instagram and Twitter) to invite others to extend your devotions into conversations.

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DAILY DEVOTIONS WEEK #1: PRAY

PRAY: DAY #1

TEXT: JAMES 4:8 (NLT)

Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

THOUGHT:

Does God have 100% of your heart or are your loyalties and commitments divided?

TALK:

“God, forgive me for having a divided heart. Today I give You all of my heart, my soul, my mind, and my strength.”

TAKEAWAY:

Take time to confess your sins to God and commit to following His plans and purposes for your life.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

I started a 5-week devotional today and was challenged to pray for 100% commitment to God. Let me know if you want to join me!
#youthalive

PRAY: DAY #2

TEXT: MATTHEW 6:6 (NLT)

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

THOUGHT:

If Christ controls the inner you, the world can't control the outer you. Who is in control today?

TALK:

“God, as I surrender my heart to You in private, use me to make a difference for You publicly.”

TAKEAWAY:

Have some private conversations with God today about the intimate details of your life. Listen closely as He speaks to you about your future.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

The person you see in public wasn't made in public. Our inner life determines our outer life. I'm praying for authenticity in both. #youthalive

PRAY: DAY #3

TEXT: ROMANS 12:1-2 (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

THOUGHT:

Are your attitudes and behaviors influenced more by culture or by Christ?

TALK:

"God, thank You for making me a new person. Continue to transform my life and the way I think."

TAKEAWAY:

When you choose to live fully for God, you are truly worshipping Him! Don't compromise for anything today.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Are you more influenced by people around you, or by the God who created you? God promises to make me new—and I believe Him.
#youthalive

PRAY: DAY #4

TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10 (NIV)

However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

THOUGHT:

Am I aware of the divine opportunities that God is providing for me?

TALK:

“God, thank You for the moments and opportunities that You are preparing me for. Help me to recognize the moments and be available to You.”

TAKEAWAY:

Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you through your day. Be sensitive to the prompting and “nudge” that you feel to act or speak.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

God wants to communicate with you throughout the day—are you listening? #youthalive

PRAY: DAY #5

TEXT: 1 JOHN 5:14 (NIV)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

THOUGHT:

Are the things I ask God for the most selfishly motivated or Spirit driven?

TALK:

“God, help me to ask for the things that matter most and please Your heart.”

TAKEAWAY:

God is listening and He is prepared to help. Ask for BIG needs today.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

When we ask God for something He promised us, His answer is YES every time. #youthalive

PRAY: DAY #6

TEXT: 2 CHRONICLES 7:14 (NIV)

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

THOUGHT:

Am I really following Christ whole-heartedly? Do I really want to see spiritual change in my home, in my campus, and in my community?

TALK:

“God, You are the only one that can truly change my heart, my home, my campus, and my community. Please come and heal the broken-hearted in my city.”

TAKEAWAY:

Think of three lost friends in your life that need a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for them to have that opportunity.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

I want God to show up in my home, my school, and my city. God—change my heart and use ME! #youthalive

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DAILY DEVOTIONS WEEK #2: LIVE

LIVE: DAY #7

TEXT: EPHESIANS 3:20 (NLT)

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

THOUGHT:

The Creator of the universe sees us for who He designed us to be. He sees far more potential in us than we could ever fabricate on our own.

TALK:

“God, I believe You have an incredible purpose for my life. Help me to refrain from selfish desires, and please continue to push me towards the plan You have for me.”

TAKEAWAY:

As God reveals your purpose to you, make a list of your dreams and passions and find ways to begin living them out.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

I have big dreams, but I know God has even bigger plans for me. What’s God’s dream for you? #youthalive

LIVE: DAY #8

TEXT: COLOSSIANS 3:23 (NLT)

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

THOUGHT:

Never take the small moments in your life for granted. Take advantage of them!



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TALK:

“God, I know you are sharpening me and developing me to my full potential, so help me take full advantage of every moment and work hard in everything I do.”

TAKEAWAY:

Make insignificant moments significant by giving your best and following through with every assignment you’ve been given. What commitments have you made that need to be completed?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

In everything I do, I work for God and He calls me to excellence. Who are you working for? #youthalive

LIVE: DAY #9

TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY 4:12 (NLT)

Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

THOUGHT:

Your lifestyle has the biggest impact on those around you. Does your lifestyle point to your faith in Christ?

TALK:

“God, give me the strength and wisdom to be a true example of a life that follows Jesus. May my life be a living billboard for Your love and glory.”

TAKEAWAY:

Write down which of these you may be having a hard time with, then try reaching out to a friend, youth leaders, or your youth pastor to help

keep you accountable and help you grow in that area.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

People are looking to you as an example. What story is your life telling?
I'm praying mine points to Jesus. #youthalive

LIVE: DAY #10

TEXT: ISAIAH 6:8 (NLT)

Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."

THOUGHT:

Have you made your life, your time, your talents, and your treasure available to God?

TALK:

"God, I am letting You know that I am available and I am willing. Help me to not operate on my own agenda, but on the agenda You have for me. Here I am. Send me."

TAKEAWAY:

Being willing doesn't always bring the spotlight or instant results. Try being willing to serve and love in the small moments that don't bring instant recognition or gratification. Be willing to build the bridge and eventually Jesus will cross it.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Following God has less to do with performing and more to do with showing up. Does your schedule allow God to use you? #youthalive

LIVE: DAY #11

TEXT: HOSEA 10:12 (NLT)

I said, “Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love.”

THOUGHT:

If we haven’t invested diligently and intentionally in our own lives or the lives of those around us, our harvest will be lacking the love and potential it could have seen.

TALK:

“God, help me to love when it is hard, help me to serve when it becomes difficult, and help me to never give up. The harvest is coming and I know it will be worth it.”

TAKEAWAY:

What seeds are you planting in your life and in those around you? Remember, what you sow you will reap.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Loving others is a choice we make every day. It’s not always easy, but you reap what you sow. #youthalive

LIVE: DAY #12

TEXT: HOSEA 10:12 (NLT)

“Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.”

THOUGHT:

Each of us have sin and struggles that attempt to cover up the soft spots of our heart. If we plow and break through those hard areas, we will make our hearts ready to receive and grow seeds of righteousness.

TALK:

“God, show me what areas I need to plow through in my heart. Give me the wisdom and guidance to not allow life’s struggles to get in the way of the abundant life You have for me.”

TAKEAWAY:

Take inventory of your heart. As God reveals areas in your life that require change, ask Him to help you experience freedom. Consider sharing your desire to change with your youth pastor or an accountability partner.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Keeping a soft heart takes work. It can be painful when God shows me my sin and asks me to change—but it’s worth it. #youthalive

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DAILY DEVOTIONS WEEK #3: TELL

TELL: DAY #13

TEXT: 1 PETER 3:15-16 (NLT)

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

THOUGHT:

If someone asks why you follow Jesus, are you prepared to give an answer that reflects the impact He has made in your life?

TALK:

“God, help me to grow in my understanding of what You’ve done in

my life, and give me the courage to share my faith when opportunities arise.”

TAKEAWAY:

If you haven't already developed your two-minute testimony, begin working on it today.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Every believer has a story of God intervening in their life. I'd love to tell you mine—ask me about it next time you see me! #youthalive

TELL: DAY #14

TEXT: MATTHEW 28:18–20 (NLT)

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

THOUGHT:

If all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus and He lives inside of you, how will this impact the way you view evangelism and making disciples?

TALK:

“God, help me to recognize the power that You've put inside of me and make disciples for Your kingdom.”

TAKEAWAY:

When you set out to reach your campus, remember that God has not only given you a mandate—He has given you spiritual authority and will always go with you.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

God the Father gave all authority in heaven and on earth to Jesus. As a believer, Jesus' power is in me. Crazy! #youthalive

TELL: DAY #15

TEXT: PSALM 96:2-4 (NLT)

Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does. Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise! He is to be feared above all gods.

THOUGHT:

If we never take risks, how will we be able to proclaim the amazing things that God does?

TALK:

“God, give me the courage to share what You have done in my life with others.”

TAKEAWAY:

What has God done in your life recently that you can share with others?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

God doesn't ignore us—He's actively bringing about His will in the world. I see Him move in my life regularly. #youthalive

TELL: DAY #16

TEXT: 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-9 (NLT)

This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be



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ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

THOUGHT:

You have the power to say “no” to fear and “yes” to love when you remain aware of the power and gifts that God has placed inside of you.

TALK:

“God, help me to remain aware of Your love and power inside of me and share You with others.”

TAKEAWAY:

The context of being given a spirit of power, love, and self-control relates to sharing the gospel. Even if you are afraid in the moment, you can say “no” to that fear and discipline yourself to share who Jesus is.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Fear visits everyone, but God's perfect love drives it out. God, fill me with Your love so I can be bold and courageous! #youthalive

TELL: DAY #17

TEXT: JOHN 14:26 (NLT)

But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

THOUGHT:

The Holy Spirit, who lives inside of you, will teach you everything you

need to know as you spend time with God and read the Scriptures. When you're "in the moment" of sharing your faith, He will remind you of the things you've learned and give you the exact words you need to speak in the moment.

TALK:

"God, fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to depend on You and not my own strength."

TAKEAWAY:

You may not think you are prepared to share your faith, but none of us are ever really fully prepared—there comes a point where you have to choose to rely on God.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

When we talk about our faith, God gives us the words to speak. That's how much He wants to be in relationship with people. #youthalive

TELL: DAY #18

TEXT: ISAIAH 41:10 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

THOUGHT:

When you share your faith, do not be afraid. When people don't respond positively, do not be dismayed. God will strengthen you so you can continue sharing your faith, even if you don't experience instant success.

TALK:

"God, fill me with courage and help me to persevere in the mission You have called me to."

TAKEAWAY:

One of the hardest things to do in life is try again after you've failed. Begin thinking of success in terms of how often you're able to share Christ—whether or not people respond positively.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

I don't save people—God does. When I plant the seed, God brings the growth. Don't give up if some don't believe immediately. #youthalive

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DAILY DEVOTIONS WEEK #4: SERVE

SERVE: DAY #19

TEXT: MATTHEW 20:28 (NLT)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

THOUGHT:

It is often human nature to want to be served rather than to serve others, but this is not what Jesus modeled.

TALK:

“God, help me to lay down my selfish desires and serve others.”

TAKEAWAY:

One of the ways that we, as Christians, can show we are different from everyone else on the planet is to be quick to serve others. Who are you serving today?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Jesus called His followers to serve others rather than themselves. What if we took His commandment seriously? #youthalive

SERVE: DAY #20

TEXT: GALATIANS 5:13-14 (NLT)

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

THOUGHT:

In Christ, we are given complete freedom. The purpose of this freedom is not to fulfill our own selfish desires—it means we are free to love and serve others as Jesus did.

TALK:

"God, help me to love myself and love my neighbor as You have loved me."

TAKEAWAY:

You love your neighbor by loving yourself, and you love yourself by receiving God's love. When we encounter God, this should always lead to loving the people around us. If you don't feel like serving others, spend time with God until you do!

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

I find true and absolute freedom in following Jesus. Freedom isn't pursuing whatever I want—it's pursuing what God wants. #youthalive

SERVE: DAY #21

TEXT: 1 JOHN 3:18 (NLT)

Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

THOUGHT:

God is faithful to His Word. As His children, it is important that we live out what we say we believe. We only love others to the extent that we act.

TALK:

“God, give me Your heart for the people around me and let that love compel me to action.”

TAKEAWAY:

What can you do today to practically love the people around you?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

I’m sorry for Christians who say they love you, but their actions say otherwise. I pray you experience AUTHENTIC love. #youthalive

SERVE: DAY #22

TEXT: TITUS 3:8 (NLT)

This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.

THOUGHT:

Even as Christians, it is easy to get caught up in sin or serving ourselves. This is why Titus says we must “be careful” to devote ourselves to good works—it requires intentional action.

TALK:

“God, help me to devote myself to good works so that I can fully live out my faith.”

TAKEAWAY:

What can you do today to intentionally bring good into this broken world?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

It's not enough to wish good for others, we need to intentionally DO good for others. #youthalive

SERVE: DAY #23

TEXT: MATTHEW 25:40 (NLT)

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’”

THOUGHT:

According to Jesus, the extent that we love the “least of these” is how much we actually love Him. It's easy to serve the star quarterback or school principal, but Jesus calls us to serve people that we may not want to be seen with.

TALK:

“God, help me to love and serve everyone in the same way I would serve You.”

TAKEAWAY:

What can you do today to serve someone who cannot boost your social status with their friendship?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

It's easy to love people we like—it's totally different to love someone we don't like. Jesus calls us to both. #youthalive

SERVE: DAY #24

TEXT: PROVERBS 11:25 (NIV)

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.



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THOUGHT:

Sometimes we think our needs won't be met if we serve others, when in fact, the opposite is true. When you refresh others, you will be refreshed yourself. If you are feeling down and discouraged, the solution is to serve someone!

TALK:

"God, I pray that You would meet my needs as I meet the needs of others."

TAKEAWAY:

What can you do today to move toward becoming a person whose life is marked by generosity?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

Hoarding money leads to greed, but giving helps us become generous. God is a giver, and I want to be like Him. #youthalive

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DAILY DEVOTIONS WEEK #5: GIVE

GIVE: DAY #25

TEXT: JOHN 3:16 (NLT)

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

THOUGHT:

Because God loved the world, He gave. Everything. What is His love leading you to give?

TALK:

"God, thank You for giving everything for me. Help my giving to be led by a pure and compassionate heart."



TAKEAWAY:

Are you driven by selfishness or sacrifice? When was the last time you gave sacrificially? Is there something God's love is leading you to give sacrificially today?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

If God gave His Son so we could be saved, why do I struggle with giving? God isn't selfish, so I'm praying I won't be either! #youthalive

GIVE: DAY #26

TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8 (NLT)

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

THOUGHT:

What does it mean to give cheerfully? Does your current giving of your time, talents, and treasure model cheerful and generous giving?

TALK:

"God, help me to experience joy in my giving. Settle in my heart exactly what it is You want me to give."

TAKEAWAY:

Based on what you have sown in your giving, what can you expect to reap? Think of one way that you can give (sow) generously this week to an individual, to your student ministry, or to your campus.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

We can never out-give God. If we give little, we'll receive little. If we joyfully give much, we'll receive much. #youthalive

GIVE: DAY #27

TEXT: EXODUS 25:1-9 (NLT)

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell the people of Israel to bring me their sacred offerings. Accept the contributions from all whose hearts are moved to offer them. Here is a list of sacred offerings you may accept from them: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet thread; fine linen and goat hair for cloth; tanned ram skins and fine goatskin leather; acacia wood; olive oil for the lamps; spices for the anointing oil and the fragrant incense; onyx stones, and other gemstones to be set in the ephod and the priest's chestpiece. "Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them. You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern I will show you.

THOUGHT:

The Tabernacle that would host God's holy presence was built using the gifts of people "moved to give." Have you been moved to give your best and bring your best to God?

TALK:

"God, I want to make space for Your presence. Cause my giving to allow others the opportunity to experience You."

TAKEAWAY:

Be kingdom-minded in your giving today. In what way could you give your best today that would introduce others to God?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

If we listen, God will move us to give in different ways. I try to keep listening, and I pray my answer is always YES. #youthalive

GIVE: DAY #28

TEXT: LUKE 21:1-4 (NLT)

While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. “I tell you the truth,” Jesus said, “this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has.”

THOUGHT:

It’s not the size of the gift, but the motivation of the heart behind the gift. As you are giving of yourself today, are you giving a portion of your best or everything you have?

TALK:

“God, I may not have much to give, but I give it all to You. Today, I choose to hold nothing back.”

TAKEAWAY:

Are you really willing to give God everything? Are you more concerned about what you can gain than what you can give?

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

God doesn’t favor the rich. He weighs the heart, not the possessions. Give generously according to what you have. #youthalive

GIVE: DAY #29

TEXT: PROVERBS 3:27-28 (NLT)

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

THOUGHT:

Have you ever had the answer to someone's problem, but the only thing you gave was an excuse? Is there something God has been challenging you to give that you keep putting off?

TALK:

"God, thank You for trusting me to meet a need. I won't let You down."

TAKEAWAY:

The only hope for the world is Jesus and the only hope for Jesus is you. He's counting on you to step up and give when He places an opportunity in front of you.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

We get to help meet people's needs. God, remove my selfishness, give me eyes to see people's needs, and a heart to give. #youthalive

GIVE: DAY #30

TEXT: MATTHEW 6:3-4 (NLT)

But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

THOUGHT:

When you give do you look to see who is watching? Are you more concerned about personal credit or seeing God get the glory when you give?

TALK:

“God, everything belongs to You. You can have all the credit.”

TAKEAWAY:

Find a way to give quietly today. Give a gift anonymously or privately. Trust that your heavenly reward will be much greater than any earthly praise or appreciation.

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

When you give, are you concerned with what God thinks of you, or with what people think of you? #youthalive

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