GOR 2016 Devotionals

Memory Verse:

Psalm 27:1

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
    whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life—  
    of whom shall I be afraid?*

**Monday: God Wants to Show You He Loves You**

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (NASB)

1) What did Pastor Phil talk about in overcoming your Biggest Giant last night?

2) Read the Ephesians 2:10 verse again. What does this say about God's love for you?

3) Some Bible translations use more colorful words that "His Workmanship" for How God has crafted us. Read them below and talk about what do you like about how these talk about us/you?

We are God’s handiwork,.. (NIV)

We are God’s masterpiece... (NLT)

4) Try to list 10 ways that you think God will show you He loves you this week?

**Tuesday: Faith Over Fear**

"We even saw giantsthere, Next to them we felt like grasshoppers, and that’s what they thought, too!”

But Caleb tried to quiet the people as they stood before Moses. “Let’s go at once to take the land,” he said. “We can certainly conquer it!” Numbers 13:30,33 NLT

"Do not rebel against the Lord, and don’t be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don’t be afraid of them!” Numbers 14:9 NLT

1) In the stories from last night and this morning (Joshua/Caleb & Daniel), how did God show up to care for only a couple of people who were doing what God wanted?

2) Why do you think Joshua/Caleb/Daniel had such faith in God that they weren't afraid?

3) What makes you afraid?

4) Do you believe that God can show up to care for YOU if you are the **only one** doing what God wants?

**Wednesday: Little People make a Big Difference**

David said to Goliath:

"You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. Today the Lord will conquer you...and everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord’s battle..." 1 Samuel 17:45,47 NLT

1) What do you see in David that gave him confidence to take on the giant?

2) David was so little and so young and did great things for God. Does it encourage you that God used David before he was all grown up?

3) How do you think God sees you?

4) This morning we talked about Joseph. Even though his family didn't treat him well, how was God still watching out for him?

5) What gives you hope/faith from these stories about how God could use you?

**Thursday: God Wins Over Fear**

Joseph replied, “Don’t be afraid of me...You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. Genesis 50:19-20 NLT

“Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say,  
‘You must worship the Lord your Go and serve only him.’[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+4&version=NLT#fen-NLT-23196e)]”  
Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.   
Matthew 4:10-11 NLT

1) Tell the story again of how God used the bad times in Joseph's life to eventually allow him to do help many people.

2) Do you think that God can use bad times in our lives to eventually help many people?

3) What things helped Jesus face a "giant" of temptation?

4) What temptations do you face?

5) How can you use the same things that Jesus used to win against temptation?

**Friday: The Love of Jesus Can't be Stopped!**

On the cross, Jesus called out with a loud voice, “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” Matthew 27:46 NLT

The angels asked the women, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn’t here! He is risen from the dead!  Luke 24:5-6 NLT

The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved!" Acts 16:29-31

1) How was Jesus left alone in the time leading up to his death on the cross?

2) How does it comfort you that Jesus lived through loneliness too?

3) What did Jesus do to take care of the "giant" of sin?

4) What does it take to be saved and part of Jesus' family?

5) What can stop the love of Jesus? What can stop His family?

**To Take Home:**

**We encourage you to READ The Gospel of Mark over the next 16 days to see how Jesus lived and overcame "giants" to show His love for You!**

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