

WHAT DOES

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**ENCOUNTER CHRIST
& ENGAGE OTHERS**

Guidelines:

- Remember, it is not my role to tell someone else what they need to do but to keep focus on what I am told do by the Holy Spirit.
- Seek to serve others in Jesus' name.
- Don't get discouraged if you miss a day, just pick up where you left off!

Prayer:

- If you would like the Prayer Team to pray with you go to actonbaptist.com/prayer or call the church office to share.

DAY 1 – WEEK 1

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer: Consider spending time in prayer, worshipping and praising. Spend the day noticing the many ways you can thank the Lord for His blessings.

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If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Worship: Confession is admitting our sins to the Lord and reveals our need for forgiveness. When we confess, we cannot help but worship out of gratitude.

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Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. *Matthew 6:31-33*

Trust: Search your fears and seek the presence of God, trusting Him to provide while resting in Him.

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Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.
Matthew 16:24-25

Sacrifice: Reflect upon what you have denied yourself in order to follow Jesus. Reflect upon the relationship you have with Jesus. Reflect upon how Jesus has been worth your loss.

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Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart;
For I have been called by Your name,
O LORD God of hosts. *Jeremiah 15:16*

Word: Have you learned to hear the Holy Spirit speak through His written Word? Consider choosing a Scripture reading plan for when this devotional is completed. A good Bible app generally has several.

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O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. *Psalms 51:15-17*

Heart: In a desire to give ourselves fully to God, we should check our hearts. Where do your thoughts dwell more than anywhere else?

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And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. Ephesians 4:32

Jesus is our example. God gave His only Son for our forgiveness as an act of love for us. We can start to evaluate how we love others as we practice imitating Him.

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DAY 2 – WEEK 2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:12

Change happens in us as a new creation in Christ Jesus. Our thoughts are affected either by the world's influence or by the influence of seeking the perfect will of God.

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...taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created in true righteousness and holiness . Eph 4: 21-24

Because we have hope through Jesus, we can be in a relationship with Him. This is true and we are set apart for His purposes. We should actively put off the old ways and put on a renewed way.

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

The evidence of the Spirit of the Lord Jesus in our lives is listed in this scripture. Use this list of fruit to see where you see Him and where change can be made to bear the likeness of Him in your life.

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Peace comes through prayer, thankfulness and requesting your needs to God which protects our heart and mind when focused on Jesus while in difficult circumstances.

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5-9

Trusting the Lord of your life changes the understanding of how to navigate your path. Acknowledge He has a way through ALL your circumstances.

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“Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them be a symbol on your forehead. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates. Deut 6:4-9

The beginning of the family is faith. What is God calling you to do to share your faith with those closest to you?

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“...bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive.” Colossians 3:13

How do you respond when you feel wronged by your spouse or by your children? What is God calling you to do as you show love through forgiveness?

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Start a youth out on his way; even when he grows old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6


Training up children in the faith is a key part of the family. What does God want you to do as you prepare your children on their walk of faith?

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But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

Worship is ultimately a choice we make to deny ourselves. Consider your family, what does God want you to do as you help them choose to worship?

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A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother. Proverbs 15:20

The wisdom of a parent is an important part of growing up. What does God want you to do with the wisdom instilled by your parents?

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Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker partner, showing them honor as coheirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7

A beautiful vase doesn't stay empty and kept in a corner, but is bestowed with beauty and meant to be seen. What does God want you to do to show honor to your spouse?

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*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.
Colossians 3:23-24*

When you work heartily for the Lord, who benefits the most, you, or the ones you serve? How?

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*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil: hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another and showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, but fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient and tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the Saints and seek to show hospitality.
Romans 12:9-13*

Consider how you can influence others as God's genuine love abounds in you and through you daily to touch the community of faith.

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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

We are to zealously seek God's truth through the reading of scripture, His Word is power & empowers His people to present the truth in the church & community.

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

God has given you specific talents to reach the world around you for Him, what gifts has God blessed you with and how does God help you use them for His glory, His church and fellow believers?

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

You were called out of the darkness and into the royal family, think about your role in the royal family faith to build up one another and proclaim His marvelous light to those still living in darkness.

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24–25

We were made for community, and a healthy church is a source of encouragement, where we love each other and inspire one another to serve others.

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*The entire law is summed up in a single command:
"Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:14*

Caring for and seeing the needs of others and desiring to help them in their need with the help from God you have received is not only a Christian trait, it is the heart of Christ.

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*Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.
Leviticus 19:18*

How you respond to the actions of others says more about who you are than about who they are.

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Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

There is a difference between not expecting anything from others and feeling as if you owe others your love.

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We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. Romans 15:1

It is my responsibility to build up others toward Christ, in love, for their good, and not to seek the diminishment of their rebellion.

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And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:21

To get to a heart of genuine love, the things you must do in your own heart, are the very things that Christ provided for you at the cross.

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But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

God's grace always precedes our growth and righteousness. The same is true for everyone I encounter.

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DAY 1—WEEK 6

*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2*

Consider that every “chance encounter” is NOT by chance.

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For an Unknown Person:

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For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25:35

Sometimes we recognize the needs of others even before they do, if we are watching with God’s eyes.

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