



INTERN ACADEMY

CALLED TO MINISTRY
DEVOTIONAL



INTERN ACADEMY

CALLED TO MINISTRY DEVOTIONAL

A NOTE FROM CHIP TAYLOR

CONGRATULATIONS ON TAKING A STEP TOWARDS YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY! THIS WILL BE AN AMAZING JOURNEY FULL OF UNEXPECTED TURNS, HEARTBREAK AND JOY, PURPOSE AND IMPACT. THIS TOOL IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU EXPLORE YOUR CALL AND GUIDE YOU IN YOUR NEXT STEPS TOWARDS FULFILLING THAT CALL. YOU WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO DO 3 THINGS. ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS MONTHLY, ONE IS WEEKLY AND ONE IS DAILY.



CHIP TAYLOR
INTERN ACADEMY DIRECTOR



**LET'S GET
STARTED!**



INTERN ACADEMY

YOUR 3 THINGS

1. Find a Mentor to meet with monthly

SOMEONE YOU CAN MEET WITH MONTHLY WHO IS IN MINISTRY. SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU THAT YOU LOOK UP TOO. ASK THEM IF THEY WILL MEET WITH YOU AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH FOR 1 YEAR TO ASK QUESTIONS OF, GET GUIDANCE FROM AND BE A SUPPORT TO YOU ON THIS JOURNEY.

2. Find a ministry to serve in weekly

A CALL TO MINISTRY IS A CALL TO SERVICE. JESUS SAID, "THE GREATEST WILL BE A SERVANT." YOU NEED TO PRACTICE SELFLESS, SACRIFICIAL SERVING NOW. YOU CAN SERVE AT YOUR CHURCH MAYBE IN THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OR ON THE TECH TEAM. YOU CAN SERVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY AT THE LOCAL SHELTER OR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM. PICK A PLACE THAT INTERESTS YOU. SHOW UP EARLY AND STAY LATE. WORK HARD. DO YOUR BEST. HAVE A GREAT ATTITUDE. SERVE WITHOUT TRYING TO GET NOTICED. TAKE ON ROLES OTHERS DON'T WANT TO DO. AND IN DOING SO YOU WILL DEVELOP A HEART FOR MINISTRY LIKE JESUS.

3. Find a moment to be with Jesus daily.

IN THIS TOOL YOU WILL HAVE A 30 DAY DEVOTION TO GET YOUR STARTED ON YOUR LIFE-LONG JOURNEY TO OWN YOUR FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND NURTURE DAILY YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. MINISTRY DOESN'T GUARANTEE CLOSENESS WITH JESUS AND YOU WILL FIND THAT YOU ARE RARELY ASKED HOW YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS GOING. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO DEVELOP A DAILY HABIT OF TIME WITH JESUS AND TO KNOW IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NURTURE THIS. YOU WILL NEED TO REGULARLY APPLY A PLAN FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH SINCE NO ONE ELSE CAN DO THIS FOR YOU TO BE SURE YOU STAY CONNECTED TO THE VINE ALWAYS.



INTERN ACADEMY

Finding a ministry to serve in weekly.

In scripture, we see the word leader 6 times, but the word servant is used 900 times! To be like Jesus is to serve.

When Jesus performed the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, there were several life lessons about service. It's important to know that the disciples and Jesus had just gotten in the boat to go away somewhere quiet to rest because they were tired. Yet Jesus still served and wanted his disciples to serve.

Here's what we learned:

- Jesus was filled with compassion. He didn't put his needs first, but instead lived out of his compassion not making it about himself. When you serve have compassion for the people.
- Jesus asked the disciples to give what they had. They had only 5 loaves and 2 fish. It wasn't enough but Jesus took what they had and did what they couldn't do. He also asked the disciples to serve the people the food. It's important for us to give what we have, to be willing to do whatever is needed, and to then let Jesus do what only he can do. He includes us in the serving but it all points to him.
- When we serve we also are blessed. The disciples each had an entire basket of food leftover for them. He saw their need and at the end they received a blessing. We don't serve to be blessed but serving is a blessing and God sees us.



INTERN ACADEMY

Finding a ministry to serve in weekly.

Helpful tips when serving

1. Come early and stay late
2. Smile the entire time
3. Respect the leader and learn from them. Some things as a future leader you will do just like them and some things you will do differently. But when we serve others we respect the way they want to do it.
4. Be reliable
5. Be relational with all ages
6. Endure hard things. Serving is hard
7. Be positive
8. Finish



INTERN ACADEMY

Secrets to Finding and Keeping a Great Mentor

So you've been challenged to find a mentor. Sounds easy, right? Actually, don't be surprised if the idea of asking someone to mentor you is scary. If you've never done it before and it makes you nervous, or if you've asked someone before and been disappointed with how it turned out, that's ok. You're not alone! And there's hope! Here are some helpful ways to find and keep a great mentor in your life:

Find the right person.

Finding a great mentor isn't a matter of simply finding anyone who would be willing to meet with you. Be specific in what you're looking for and have high standards.

Here are some suggestions for choosing the right person:

- Someone who has already shown you that they care about you and believe in you.
- Someone whose life is a model for you that you respect. (At least three years older than you and with some experience in ministry)
- Someone doing ministry that believes in developing leaders.
- Someone you feel comfortable with asking questions and trust them to be open and honest with you.
- Someone who has the time and willingness to faithfully meet with you (at least once a month) and pray for you regularly.

Try filling in the following chart to help you know who to ask:

	Mentor One	Mentor Two	Mentor Three
Mentor Qualities:			
Has shown they care			
Believes in my potential			
I respect the way they live			
Doing ministry successfully			
Believes in raising up leaders			
Will honor my questions			
Will be open and honest			
Has the time/willingness			



INTERN ACADEMY

Secrets to Finding and Keeping a Great Mentor

Ask the right person.

Once you narrow down a list of people who would be great mentors, the next step is to ask. And this step can be hard! There's no perfect way to ask a person to mentor you, but here are a few suggestions.

- Plan to talk to your potential mentor in person or on the phone. Expect to have a true conversation with them about what you are looking for in a mentor and what would be expected of them as your mentor.
- If you already have their phone number, send a text message telling them you want to ask them a question but would like to talk to them about it. If you don't have their phone number, when you see them let them know you would like to set up a time to ask them a question.
- Come to your meeting with them prepared. Be clear about your expectations:
 - Meet once a month.
 - Answer questions about ministry.
 - Ask you questions to help you prepare for ministry leadership.
 - Give you resources that have been helpful to them.
 - Pray for you.

You can say something like this:

"I really respect your life and ministry. I have been feeling God's call on my life to become a ministry leader in the future and would love to learn from you. I am wondering if you would consider being a mentor to me? Before you answer, here is what that would mean to me: I would like to meet with you once a month to be able to ask you questions and get to know about what you do and who you are as a ministry leader. I would love for you to ask me questions and give me guidance on my future ministry path. And I am interested in knowing what resources have been helpful to you on your ministry journey. Will you consider praying about this and let me know if you would be willing to mentor me?"



INTERN ACADEMY

Secrets to Finding and Keeping a Great Mentor

Be the right person.

A great mentoring relationship is not just about having a great mentor. You also need to be a great mentee. Here are a few secrets to being successful at your side of the relationship:

- Be willing to pursue times to meet with your mentor. Don't expect them to be the one to set up your meeting times. Take responsibility to get on their schedule.
- Come to your mentoring meeting with questions to ask about their job, their lives, and the pressures they face, and ask them to tell you their ministry story.
- Be willing to share what is going on in your life. Share with them your goals and the ways you want to grow. Listen to their feedback and ask them to pray for you.
- Follow through with any assignments they give to you. If you are reading a book together, be faithful to do the reading. If they want you to check out certain resources, do it and be prepared to let them know what you found. Take the assignments seriously and you'll be sure to benefit from your relationship with them.



INTERN ACADEMY

Secrets to Being a Great Mentor

Secrets to Being a Great Mentor: A Leader's Guide

So you've been asked to be a mentor to a young leader with a call to ministry. What an honor! And what a beautiful way to pass on the ministry that has been gifted to you. But it can also be a daunting responsibility! Many people assume that leaders know how to be good mentors but that's not necessarily true. So here are a few tips for being a great mentor, just in case you need some inspiration:

- Keep God central to the process. Let him guide you. Pray together with your mentee and pray for them regularly.
- Believe in your mentee. Even if they aren't sure they believe in themselves, you can be the voice that helps them see a vision of their current and future impact and discover what God has specially created them to be and do.
- Plan to meet regularly, at least once a month. Have practical parameters for your meeting times and stick with them. Set the next meeting time before the end of the current meeting. Or to make it easier, meet at the same time each month. Be conscientious about meeting in appropriate places and following ministry-safe protocols.
- Come prepared to share openly about your ministry path, your challenges, and what has been helpful to you along the way. Keep it positive and hopeful. This is not a time to air out your ministry grievances, rather it's a time to guide, support, answer questions, and give hope.



INTERN ACADEMY

Secrets to Being a Great Mentor

- Consider going through a book or study guide together. This could give some structure to your meeting times and create a springboard for conversation.
- Ask your mentee about their expectations, goals, hopes, and dreams. Take time at each meeting to support and encourage their path toward fulfilling those.
- Be prepared to share resources for ministry development with your mentee (books, podcasts, seminars, research, opportunities)
- Consider bringing them along with you to your own ministry activities whenever possible. Let them watch or even help you with what you do then process with them afterward.
- Sometimes the best guidance comes through asking the best questions. Don't dominate your time together with advice and stories. Get your mentee talking and let them discover truth about themselves.
- Consult a mentoring resource when needing to handle tough mentoring questions. The Intern Academy Ministry Team is here to support you and guide you as a mentor when difficult situations in your mentoring journey arise.
- Have fun! You're about to embark on an exciting adventure with a world changer!



Day 1 by Teri Downey

Read: 1 Timothy 1

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED HOW THE PARTS OF US THAT ARE EXTERNAL TEND TO HAVE LESS IMPORTANCE AND YET OFTEN GET MORE OF OUR ATTENTION THAN THE INTERNAL? FOR INSTANCE, WE CAN GO WITHOUT A COUPLE OF FINGERS, BUT WON'T SURVIVE WITHOUT A HEART VALVE. WHAT IS ON THE INSIDE OF US – OUR CHARACTER, THOUGHTS, BELIEFS – ARE WHAT WILL CARRY US OR DESTROY US (AND OUR RELATIONSHIPS, MINISTRY, REPUTATION, ETC.).

TIMOTHY HAS BEEN CALLED TO SHEPHERD THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE OTHERS IN THE AREA THAT ARE TEACHING FALSE AND DIVISIVE IDEAS, LEADING PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL. HAVING BEEN CALLED INTO MINISTRY, THERE WILL BE MANY COMPETING VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS (SOMETIMES EVEN WITHIN CHRISTIAN CIRCLES). AMONG THEM WILL BE SOME THAT ARE BLATANTLY HERETICAL. SOME WILL LOOK LIKE A SKEWED VERSION OF THE GOSPEL. AND OTHERS MAY CAUSE YOU TO QUESTION YOUR VERY CALLING.

PAUL IS URGING TIMOTHY, THAT AMIDST ALL OF THE CHAOS, CONFUSION, AND NOISE THAT IS DRAWING PEOPLE AWAY FROM GOD INSTEAD OF TOWARD HIM, TIMOTHY NEEDS TO CLING TO HIS FAITH...AND DO SO WITH A PURE HEART AND GOOD CONSCIENCE (V5, 19). IT IS VITAL TO REMEMBER WHERE YOU'VE COME FROM, THE GRACE OF YOUR CALLING, AND WITH HUMILITY TO ALWAYS CONTINUE TO GROW AND LEARN AND BECOME MORE DEEPLY ROOTED IN TRUTH.

Action step journal

HOW YOU CAME TO A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS – LIFE BEFORE, THE MOMENT OF THAT DECISION, AND THE DIFFERENCE IT'S MADE SINCE

- YOUR SPECIFIC CALLING – NOT JUST THE JOB OR TITLE YOU HOPE TO HAVE, BUT WHAT GOD HAS SPECIFICALLY CALLED YOU TO AND HOW YOU KNOW THIS
- 2-3 WAYS YOU WILL BE INTENTIONAL TO CARE FOR YOUR CHARACTER (KEEP GROWING, LEARNING, DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUTH) OVER THE NEXT 3 MONTHS



Day 2 by Becky Probst

Read: 1 Timothy 2

1 TIMOTHY 2 HAS TWO DISTINCT MESSAGES. FIRST, PAUL WANTS TIMOTHY TO BE A LEADER THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY PRAYER—WHERE HE CAN MODEL A LIFE OF LOVING THOSE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH AND DESIRE FOR ALL OF THEM TO PURSUE A LIFE IN THE WAY CHRIST. PRAYER IS A POWERFUL THING, AND FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE STARTING TO LEAN INTO GOD'S CALL OF MINISTRY LEADERSHIP IN OUR LIVES, WE MUST BE IN PRAYER, AND AS OUR LEADERSHIP GROWS, WE OUGHT TO ENCOURAGE THOSE WE INTERACT WITH TO DO THE SAME.

THE SECOND PART OF THIS PASSAGE IS FOCUSING ON HOW BELIEVERS SHOULD TREAT ONE

ANOTHER. PAUL IS NOT TRYING TO DECLARE THAT WOMEN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TEACH OR HAVE AUTHORITY—THIS IS THEOLOGICALLY SHOWN AS PAUL CONSTANTLY RELIED ON THE WOMEN AROUND HIM TO BRING HIS LETTERS TO THE CHURCHES AND TEACH DOCTRINE TO THE CONGREGATES. RATHER, HE IS TELLING THE WOMEN IN EPHESUS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE DOMINEERING OR HAVE AUTOCRATIC AUTHORITY—THE WOMEN SHOULD LEAD WELL, AND NOT USE NAGGING AND MANIPULATION TO GET WHAT THEY WANT. LEADERSHIP IS MARKED BY HUMILITY AND GENTLENESS—NO ONE WANTS TO FOLLOW A DICTATOR! IF YOU DESIRE TO LEAD OTHERS IN MINISTRY, YOU NEED TO BE HUMBLE, DECLARE TRUTH, AND CORRECT OTHERS IN GENTLENESS.

BEING A GOOD LEADER DOES NOT MEAN YOU MUST BECOME BOSSY OR NEGATIVELY AUTHORITATIVE. LEADERSHIP IS NOT MARKED BY A TITLE. A LEADER DOES NOT SIT ON A CHAIR AND TELL PEOPLE WHERE TO GO, A LEADER WILL GO BEFORE THEM AND SHOW PEOPLE WHERE TO GO.

1. START REGULARLY PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES, IN LEADERSHIP, IN YOUR SCHOOLS, AND IN GOVERNMENT. ENCOURAGE THOSE AROUND YOU TO DO LIKEWISE.

2. CONSIDER WHAT KIND OF A LEADER YOU WANT TO BE. DO YOU WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR YOUR BOSSY PERSISTENCE OR FOR YOUR INSPIRING LEADERSHIP? LOOK IN THE BIBLE FOR DIFFERENT LEADERS GOD CALLS AND LIST SOME GOOD LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS THEY HAVE (SOME EXAMPLES OF LEADERS ARE ABRAHAM, MOSES, DAVID, DEBORAH, PETER, PAUL, ETC.). DO YOU DESIRE ANY OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS?



Day 3 by Brian Spitters

Read 1 Timothy 3

“WHOEVER ASPIRES TO BE AN OVERSEER DESIRES A NOBLE TASK.” AS SOMEONE IN MINISTRY, IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO SET YOURSELF TO A HIGHER STANDARD. OTHERS LOOK TO YOU WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT OR NOT. YOUR ACTIONS AND THE WAY YOU LIVE GO A LONG WAY. YOU HAVE A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY BUT ALSO A HUGE OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPACT.

TAKE THE ROLE SERIOUSLY!

HOW WE LIVE IS IMPORTANT, BUT THAT SHOULD ALL COME FROM A DEEP FAITH. WHEN YOU SPEND TIME IN THE WORD, PRAYING, AND WORSHIPPING, ALL THE ACTIONS TALKED ABOUT IN 1 TIMOTHY 3 COME NATURALLY. THE CLOSER YOU ARE TO JESUS, THE MORE LIKE HIM YOU’LL LIVE.

Action step

THINK ABOUT 2-3 AREAS IN YOUR LEADERSHIP THAT YOU NEED TO WORK ON. INSTEAD OF TRYING TO FIX IT YOURSELF, TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY OVER EACH ONE AND ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU GROW IN THAT AREA. BE INTENTIONAL THIS WEEK TO WORK ON THOSE AREAS.



Day 4 by Maddy Weaver

Read 1 Timothy 4

I AM SURE YOU HAVE HEARD THE SAYING THAT ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. THIS IS BECAUSE THE THINGS WE DO MATTER. THE THINGS WE DO MATTER BECAUSE THE WAY WE TREAT PEOPLE MATTERS. PAUL SAYS HERE IN THIS CHAPTER THAT WE ARE TO BE DILIGENT IN SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR BELIEVERS, ESPECIALLY IF WE ARE AT A YOUNG AGE. PAUL SAYS “BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH, AND IN PURITY.” HE IS TELLING YOU TO LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE CALLING YOU HAVE RECEIVED. PAUL ENDS CHAPTER FOUR BY URGING TIMOTHY TO BE DILIGENT IN THESE MATTERS AND DIVING ALL INTO THIS MINISTRY. PAUL SAYS THAT HE WILL NEED PERSEVERANCE, MEANING DIVING INTO THE MINISTRY WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE EASY BUT IN DOING SO, TIMOTHY WILL SPREAD THE GOSPEL TO PEOPLE AND MAKE THE LORD KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS. DIVING ALL INTO MINISTRY CAN BE DAUNTING, IT CAN BE CHALLENGING, AND YOU WILL NEED TO PERSEVERE, BUT THE REWARD IS MORE ABUNDANT THAN WE COULD EVER KNOW RIGHT NOW.

Action step

IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW, WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK FROM DIVING ALL IN AND LETTING YOUR LIFE BE AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS? WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS WEEK TO DIVE ALL IN?



Day 5 by Teri Downey

Read 1 Timothy 5

GOD. FAMILY. MINISTRY. IF YOU'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT PRIORITIES IN YOUR LIFE, I WOULD RECOMMEND THESE...IN THIS ORDER. GOD FIRST. YOUR FAMILY SECOND. AND THEN YOUR MINISTRY/JOB/CALL THIRD. THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU BEST SHOULD GET YOUR BEST. AND YOUR MINISTRY TO YOUR FAMILY WILL ONLY SERVE TO VALIDATE YOUR MINISTRY OUTSIDE THE HOME. AFTER ALL, WHAT GOOD IS IT TO PREACH THE BEST SERMONS, COUNSEL OTHERS IN THEIR BROKENNESS, AND MEET THE TANGIBLE NEEDS OF THOSE UNDER YOUR CARE, IF BEHIND CLOSED DOORS YOU HARBOR UNFORGIVENESS FOR A PARENT, POOR COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR SPOUSE, OR NEGLECT YOUR CHILDREN?

YOUR MINISTRY IS FIRST AND FOREMOST TO YOUR OWN FAMILY. NURTURE THOSE RELATIONSHIPS. INVEST IN THEM. THEN, YOU ARE FREE TO CARE FOR OTHERS... AND DO SO AS IF THEY WERE PART OF YOUR FAMILY. HOW WOULD OUR TREATMENT AND THOUGHTS OF OTHERS CHANGE IF WE VIEWED EVERY PERSON WE MET AS THOUGH THEY WERE OUR CHILD, SIBLING, PARENT, OR GRANDPARENT?

I WONDER IF WE WOULD SPEAK MORE TENDERLY AND WITH COMPASSION TOWARD THE BROKEN AND LOST. PERHAPS WE WOULD WORK HARDER TO FIND COMMON GROUND WITH THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH US. AND MAYBE WE WOULD EVEN CONSIDER OUR OWN RESOURCES WHEN WE HEAR OF A NEED INSTEAD OF MERELY PRAYING FOR GOD TO MEET THAT NEED. AFTER ALL, TRULY LOVING OTHERS MEANS WANTING THE BEST FOR THEM, REGARDLESS OF THE COST TO ONESELF.

Action step

CHOOSE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- WHAT STEP COULD YOU TAKE TO DEEPEN A RELATIONSHIP WITH A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY? (CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO DO SOMETHING LOVING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER YOU AREN'T CURRENTLY SUPER CLOSE WITH.)
- HAVE A "RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS" WEEK WHERE YOU SEEK TO SHOW LOVE TO AS MANY STRANGERS AS YOU CAN. (EXAMPLES: BUY SOMEONE'S COFFEE, LET PEOPLE GO IN FRONT OF YOU IN LINE, OFFER COMPLIMENTS)



Day 6 by Becky Probst

Read 1 Timothy 6

IN THIS CHAPTER, PAUL IS CONTINUING HIS INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BELIEVERS IN EPHESUS ON HOW THEY SHOULD LIVE AND WORSHIP. THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN IS NECESSARILY DIFFERENT THAN THE LIFE OF AN UNBELIEVER. FIRST, PAUL DESCRIBES HOW SLAVES AND MASTERS OUGHT TO REGARD ONE ANOTHER AS BROTHERS—SCRIPTURE IS NOT SAYING THAT SLAVERY IS RIGHT, RATHER, THERE IS A CALL FOR THOSE WHO ARE LIVING IN THIS CONTEXT TO RESPECT, HONOR, AND LOVE THOSE IN COMMUNITY WITH THEM—THIS IS A STARK CONTRAST FROM HOW THE WORLD RESPONDS.

AS A CONCLUSION TO THIS, THERE IS A REMINDER TO AVOID THE DECEPTIONS OF FALSE TEACHERS. IF YOU ALLOW LIES TO FILTER INTO A GROWING COMMUNITY, THOSE LIES CLING TO THE ROOTS AND EVENTUALLY KILL THAT GROWTH. FALSE DOCTRINE LEADS TO DIVISION AND BROKENNESS IN COMMUNITY. PAUL CLOSES WITH AN ENCOURAGEMENT AND CHALLENGE. HE WARNS THE BELIEVERS IN EPHESUS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE LOVERS OF RICHES—IT IS A REMINDER THAT WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

MONEY AND RICHES ARE NOT BAD, BUT AN OBSESSION OF THEM CONSUMES THE SOUL IN GREED. FOR TIMOTHY, PAUL URGES HIM TO FLEE THE WICKED AND EVIL THINGS THAT CORRUPT, AND TO EARNESTLY PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL. THIS LAST SECTION OF 1 TIMOTHY IS A CHARGE FOR THOSE SEEKING LEADERSHIP. PEOPLE WILL LOOK TO YOU AS THEY SHAPE THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST. THIS IS NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY, AS A LEADER HAS THE POWER TO POINT PEOPLE TOWARDS GOD OR DRAG THEM INTO CONFUSION AND SIN. PAUL ENDS WITH INSTRUCTING TIMOTHY TO GUARD THE DEPOSIT THAT IS ENTRUSTED TO HIM. LEADERSHIP IS A HIGH CALL, AND REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE FOLLOWING YOU, YOU ARE MODELING A CHRISTIAN LIFE AND POINTING THEM TOWARDS GOD. THE CALL THEN IS TO BE A GOOD STEWARD WITH WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN AND ENTRUSTED. AS YOU PURSUE LEADERSHIP, YOU MUST BE FAITHFUL AND RESPONSIBLE WITH THE INFLUENCE YOU HAVE AND THE PEOPLE YOU LEAD.

Action step

1. LEADERS ARE SUPPOSED TO CALL THEIR COMMUNITIES INTO RIGHTEOUSNESS. A SIGNIFICANT PART TO THIS IS MODELING CHARACTER AND FAITH TO THOSE WHO OBSERVE. CAREFULLY ASK YOURSELF, WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE? ARE YOU SEEKING THE THINGS OF GOD OR THE FLEETING THINGS OF MAN?
2. GUARD THE DEPOSIT ENTRUSTED TO YOU. NO MATTER HOW BIG OF AN INFLUENCE YOU HAVE—WHETHER YOU CAN LEAD 100,000 PEOPLE OR LEAD 1—THERE IS A CHARGE TO BE A GOOD STEWARD OVER THEM. YOUR SUCCESS IN LEADERSHIP IS NOT THE NUMBER OF CONVERSIONS OR THE SIZE OF YOUR CHURCH. WHO DO YOU HAVE INFLUENCE OVER RIGHT NOW? HOW CAN YOU POINT THEM TO CHRIST IN YOUR INTERACTIONS WITH THEM?



INTERN ACADEMY

DAY 7

Day 7 – Rest Day

**Action
step**

REST WELL



INTERN ACADEMY

DAY 8

Day 8 by Brian Spitters

Read 2 Timothy 1

“FOR THE SPIRIT GOD GAVE US DOES NOT MAKE US TIMID, BUT GIVES US POWER, LOVE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.” YOU DON’T HAVE TO GO THROUGH LIFE ON YOUR OWN POWER, LOVE, OR SELF-DISCIPLINE. YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERING YOU TO WIN IN LIFE AND IN MINISTRY. ISN’T IT INCREDIBLE THAT THE CREATOR OF THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE WANTS TO HELP YOU?

YOU CAN HAVE COURAGE KNOWING YOU HAVE POWER ON YOUR SIDE. AS THE GENIE FROM ALADDIN SAYS “YOU GOT SOME POWER IN YOUR CORNER NOW, SOME HEAVY AMMUNITION IN YOUR CAMP”. THE POWER YOU HAVE IN YOU, SHOULD CREATE A COURAGE AND BOLDNESS TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH THOSE AROUND YOU.

**Action
step**

DO SOMETHING OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE TODAY. PRAY FOR COURAGE AND DO SOMETHING BOLD FOR THE KINGDOM.



Day 9 by Teri Downey

Read 2 Timothy 2 (v14-26 specifically)

“CHOOSE YOUR BATTLES WISELY.” WORDS HAVE POWER AND EVERYONE HAS SOME TO SHARE. MAKE SURE YOURS COUNT. SOME PEOPLE LOVE TO ARGUE. THEY LOVE TO STIR UP DRAMA, PROVE THEIR “RIGHTNESS,” OR MAYBE EVEN THINK ARGUING WILL LEAD THE OTHER PARTY TO A NEW BELIEF ABOUT SOMETHING (AS IF THAT EVER WORKS).

SCROLL SOCIAL MEDIA AROUND ELECTION TIME TO SEE GREAT EXAMPLES OF THIS. SOMETIMES A COMMENT CAN BE INNOCENT AND SOMEONE ELSE MAKES IT INTO A BIG CONTROVERSY. THIS PRACTICE SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME THE NORM. EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT EVERYTHING. AND IN SOME WAYS, IT CAN CAUSE THE CHRISTIAN LEADER TO BECOME GUN-SHY IN SAYING ANYTHING.

BUT AS CHRISTIAN LEADERS, WHAT IS OUR ROLE? HOW DO WE LIVE AS PEOPLE OF TRUTH AND NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN ALL THE BACK-AND-FORTH CONFLICTS?

SOME CRITERIA I HAVE USED TO DETERMINE WHEN, HOW, OR EVEN IF TO SPEAK UP ARE THESE:

- IS THIS A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SOMEONE I KNOW WHERE RESPECT AND A DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER PERSON EXISTS?
- IS THE OTHER PERSON WITH THE OPPOSING VIEW A CONFESSED CHRIST-FOLLOWER? IF NOT, I CANNOT EXPECT OUR WORLDVIEWS AND VALUES TO BE IN ALIGNMENT.
- WAS THE STATEMENT PUBLIC? SHOULD I PRIVATELY CONFRONT THE SPEAKER? SHOULD I FOLLOW UP WITH THE RECIPIENT(S)? OR IS THERE NEED FOR SOME KIND OF PUBLIC CORRECTION?
- IS MY RESPONSE EMOTIONAL OR REACTIONARY? IF SO, IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO TAKE TIME TO PROCESS MY THOUGHTS MORE.

WHAT OTHER CRITERIA DO YOU USE WHEN FACED WITH AN OPPOSING VIEWPOINT SO YOU CAN DETERMINE HOW (OR IF) TO BEST ENGAGE?

Action step

MAKE A LIST OF CRITERIA YOU USE (OR COULD USE) TO DETERMINE WHICH BATTLES ARE WORTH FIGHTING.



Day 10 by Becky Probst

Read 2 Timothy 3

THERE IS A WARNING HERE, THAT UNGODLINESS AND A PLETHORA OF OTHER DESPICABLE EVIL WILL SURROUND THOSE WHO BELIEVE. THIS WORLD IS NOT OUR HOME AND THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT CAN DISTRACT, DISORIENT, AND DESTROY ALL THAT IS GOOD AND HOLY. WE AS LEADERS NEED TO BE ON GUARD FOR OURSELVES AND FOR THOSE AROUND US IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY EVIL, YET WE SHOULD FIGHT EVIL WITH GOOD AND WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST—AS WE ARE HIS AMBASSADORS ON THIS EARTH. THE GOOD NEWS HERE, IS THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE IN A WORLD OF BROKENNESS; WE ARE NOT ALONE IN OUR PERSECUTION. WE HAVE A SURE FOUNDATION IN CHRIST, IN OUR SALVATION, IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND IN THE WORD OF GOD—SCRIPTURE. THIS FOUNDATION MAKES US STRONG, BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT WE MAY FACE IN THIS WORLD, WE ARE SECURE IN OUR STANDING WITH GOD AND ENCOURAGED THROUGH HIS SPIRIT AND SCRIPTURE. THE BIBLE IS SUCH A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD! WE HAVE HIS WORDS THAT ARE ALIVE AND ACTIVE AND JUST AS RELATIVE AND APPLICABLE TODAY AS THEY WERE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN EPHESUS. THE BIBLE AIDS IN TEACHING, IN CORRECTING, IN TRAINING, AND IN PURSUING RIGHTEOUSNESS. THE BIBLE IS WHAT WE AS FUTURE LEADERS CAN STAND UPON AND NOT FALL OR WAVER BECAUSE OF ADVERSITY.

1. IN VERSES 2-5 THERE IS A LIST OF EVIL CHARACTERISTICS. THIS IS NOT A LIST TO DISCOURAGE US, BUT TO EQUIP US. WE ARE MADE AWARE OF THE EVILS WE WILL FACE IN THIS WORLD. MAKE A LIST OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY THINGS FOUND IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD (HOPE, JOY, LOVE, ETC.), HOW CAN YOU DWELL ON THESE THINGS AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME?

2. THE BIBLE IS ALIVE AND ACTIVE, AND IN STANDING UPON ITS TRUTH AS OUR FOUNDATION, THE PERSECUTIONS OF THIS WORLD CANNOT PUSH US DOWN. START DILIGENTLY MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE AND MEDITATING OVER THE WORDS DAILY. ENCOURAGE THOSE AROUND YOU TO DO THE SAME.



INTERN ACADEMY

DAY 11

Day 11 by Brian Spitters

Read 2 Timothy 4

“BUT YOU, KEEP YOUR HEAD IN ALL SITUATIONS, ENDURE HARDSHIP, DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, DISCHARGE ALL THE DUTIES OF YOUR MINISTRY”. STAY STRONG! MINISTRY IS HARD, THERE WILL BE HARDSHIP, BUT NOTHING IS MORE REWARDING THAN BEING A PART OF SOMEONE’S SALVATION STORY. ANY TIME SPENT DOING THE WORK OF JESUS IS WORTH YOUR TIME. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE TO ENCOURAGE YOU AND HELP YOU GROW. SURROUND YOURSELF WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH. DO ALL YOU CAN TO GROW, SO YOU’RE READY TO HELP OTHERS WHEN THAT TIME COMES. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL USE YOU TO DO INCREDIBLE THINGS WHEN YOU’RE OPEN TO IT!!

**Action
step**

TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY TODAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE YOU COURAGE. WRITE THE WORDS “STAY STRONG” IN SOME PLACES YOU’LL SEE IT (MIRROR, BIBLE, CELL PHONE CASE, ETC..) TO REMIND YOURSELF, FOR WHEN THINGS GET DIFFICULT.



Day 12 by Maddy Weaver

Read Titus 1

TODAY PAUL IS TALKING A LOT ABOUT SELF-CONTROL. SELF-CONTROL CAN SOMETIMES BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE WE HAVE TO ACTIVELY DENY OUR FLESH WHAT IT WANTS. THANKFULLY SELF-CONTROL IS A FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, MEANING WE DO NOT ACTUALLY HAVE TO RELY ON OURSELVES TO DENY OUR FLESH BUT INSTEAD CAN RELY ON THE SPIRIT AND DEPEND ON IT TO HELP US. PAUL EXPLAINS IN VERSE 9 THAT SOMEONE WANTING TO LIVE FOR GOD “MUST HOLD FIRMLY TO THE TRUSTWORTHY MESSAGE AS IT HAS BEEN TAUGHT”, THAT'S THE GOSPEL! PAUL IS SAYING THAT IN ORDER TO LIVE A LIFE OF SELF-CONTROL YOU CANNOT HOLD ONTO YOUR OWN CIRCUMSTANCES, FEARS, OR ANYTHING ELSE BUT INSTEAD HOLD FIRMLY TO THE GOSPEL OF TRUTH. THE OVERARCHING THEME IN THIS CHAPTER TODAY IS THAT YOU ARE SELF-CONTROLLED BY HOLDING FIRM TO THE TRUSTWORTHY MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL. ALTHOUGH PAUL TAKES IT A STEP FURTHER AT THE END OF VERSE 9 BY SAYING THAT IT IS SO WE CAN ENCOURAGE AND TEACH PEOPLE.

Action step

WHERE IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO HAVE SELF-CONTROL? INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THAT BATTLE WITH YOU TODAY TO HELP YOU.



INTERN ACADEMY

DAY 13

Day 13 by Maddy Weaver

Read Titus 2

HERE, PAUL IS ENCOURAGING TITUS TO DO AND TO TEACH OTHERS TO DO WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL. WITHIN THIS CHAPTER, THERE ARE GENERATIONAL ROLES WITH THE OLDER MEN AND WOMEN TEACHING THE YOUNGER, TEACHING OTHERS TO DO WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL. THIS IS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT IF YOU ARE FEELING CALLED INTO MINISTRY.

Action step

HAVING SOMEONE OLDER POURING INTO YOU WHO HAS GONE BEFORE YOU IN MINISTRY IS A GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY. HAVING THAT SAID, DO YOU HAVE A MENTOR? IF NOT, MAKE A LIST OF SOME PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO COULD BE YOUR MENTOR AS YOU WALK THROUGH PROCESSING THIS CALLING. IF YOU DO HAVE A MENTOR, WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE NOT LEARNED FROM THEM THAT YOU WOULD DESIRE TO LEARN?



INTERN ACADEMY

DAY 14

Day 14 – Rest Day

**Action
step**

REST WELL



Day 15 by Maddy Weaver

Read Titus 3

THIS LAST CHAPTER OF TITUS IS SO HUMBLING. PAUL IS SAYING THAT AT ONE POINT IN ALL OF OUR LIVES, WE TOO WERE RECKLESS, DISOBEDIENT, AND ENSLAVED TO THE DESIRES OF OUR FLESH. BUT IN GOD'S GREAT MERCY AND KINDNESS, HE SAVED US BECAUSE HE HAD A BIGGER AND MORE FRUITFUL PURPOSE FOR US. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR CALL INTO MINISTRY? ARE YOU EXCITED, NERVOUS, HESITANT, SCARED, OR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT? MAYBE YOU FEEL THAT YOU ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH BECAUSE YOU ARE HAUNTED BY YOUR PAST. WHATEVER YOU ARE FEELING YOU CAN HOLD ONTO THE FACT THAT WHEN YOU BECAME A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST YOU WERE WASHED CLEAN, YOU ARE NO LONGER HELD DOWN BY THE BONDAGE OF THE PAST BUT INSTEAD ARE HELD BY CHRIST.

Action step

VERSES 4 THROUGH 7 IS THE TRUSTWORTHY SAYING THAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT, HOLD ONTO IT AS CHRIST IS HOLDING ONTO YOU. WRITE VERSES 4 THROUGH 7 ON A PIECE OF PAPER AND STICK IT SOMEWHERE WHERE YOU WILL SEE IT AS A REMINDER OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR YOU.



Day 16

Read: Galatians 1

FOR THE FINAL TWO WEEKS OF YOUR 30 DAY JOURNEY, WE ARE GOING TO PRACTICE A RHYTHM OF STUDYING SCRIPTURE THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED. HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO HELP YOU AS YOU STUDY:

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY ONE, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO JOURNAL 2-3 WAYS YOU WILL BE INTENTIONAL TO CARE FOR YOUR CHARACTER (KEEP GROWING, LEARNING, DEEPENING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUTH) OVER THE NEXT 3 MONTHS. TODAY, REFLECT ON WHAT YOU WROTE DOWN. HOW IS THIS PROCESS GOING? ARE YOU STILL DOING THE 2-3 THINGS YOU COMMITTED TO? DO YOU NEED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES MOVING FORWARD?



Day 17

Read: Galatians 2

FOR THE FINAL TWO WEEKS OF YOUR 30 DAY JOURNEY, WE ARE GOING TO PRACTICE A RHYTHM OF STUDYING SCRIPTURE THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED. HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO HELP YOU AS YOU STUDY:

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 2, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO CONSIDER WHAT KIND OF A LEADER YOU WANT TO BE AND LIST SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS YOU WANT TO DEVELOP. HOW IS THAT GOING? DO YOU SEE ANY OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS BEGINNING TO GROW IN YOUR LIFE? HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THESE CHARACTERISTICS MOVING FORWARD?



Day 18

Read: Galatians 3

FOR THE FINAL TWO WEEKS OF YOUR 30 DAY JOURNEY, WE ARE GOING TO PRACTICE A RHYTHM OF STUDYING SCRIPTURE THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED. HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO HELP YOU AS YOU STUDY:

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 3, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO THINK ABOUT 2-3 AREAS IN YOUR LEADERSHIP THAT YOU NEEDED TO WORK ON AND INSTEAD OF TRYING TO FIX IT YOURSELF, WE ENCOURAGED YOU TO TAKE SOME TIME TO PRAY OVER EACH ONE AND ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU GROW IN THAT AREA. GO BACK TO WHAT YOU WROTE DOWN. HOW HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPED YOU TO GROW IN THOSE AREAS SINCE THEN?



Day 19

Read: Galatians 4

FOR THE FINAL TWO WEEKS OF YOUR 30 DAY JOURNEY, WE ARE GOING TO PRACTICE A RHYTHM OF STUDYING SCRIPTURE THAT YOU CAN CONTINUE AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED. HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO HELP YOU AS YOU STUDY:

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 4, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO IDENTIFY ANYTHING THAT WAS HOLDING YOU BACK FROM BEING ALL IN. IN THE DAYS SINCE THEN, DO YOU STILL FEEL THAT THOSE THINGS ARE HOLDING YOU BACK? WHAT CAN YOU DO TO CONTINUE TO BE 'ALL IN' ON YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY?



Day 20

Read: Galatians 5

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 5, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO DEEPEN A RELATIONSHIP WITH A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AND DO SOMETHING LOVING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER YOU AREN'T CURRENTLY SUPER CLOSE WITH. HOW DID THAT GO? DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'VE DEVELOPED A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT PERSON? IF NOT, WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO DO SO?



INTERN ACADEMY

DAY 21

Day 21 – Rest Day

**Action
step**

REST WELL



Day 22

Read: Galatians 6

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 6, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO CONSIDER THE PEOPLE YOU CURRENTLY INFLUENCE. WE CHALLENGED YOU TO CONSIDER HOW YOU COULD POINT THEM TO CHRIST WITH YOUR ACTIONS. DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE CURRENTLY A POSITIVE INFLUENCE TO THOSE AROUND YOU? HOW ARE YOU POINTING THEM TO CHRIST WITH YOUR ACTIONS AND WHAT COULD YOU CHANGE TO MAKE A GREATER IMPACT?



Day 23

Read Ephesians 1

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 8, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO GET OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE AND DO SOMETHING BOLD FOR THE KINGDOM. HOW DID IT GO? AS YOU REFLECT ON HOW YOU GOT OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE, HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL? TODAY, WE CHALLENGE YOU TO ONCE AGAIN DO SOMETHING BOLD AND COURAGEOUS. THEN SPEND SOME TIME REFLECTING ON HOW THIS TIME FELT DIFFERENT THAN WHEN YOU DID IT ON DAY 8.



Day 24

Read Ephesians 2

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 9, WE ASKED YOU TO MAKE A LIST OF CRITERIA THAT YOU WOULD USE TO DETERMINE WHICH BATTLES ARE WORTH FACING. SINCE THEN, HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED ANY BATTLES THAT DID MEET THAT CRITERIA? DID YOU ENCOUNTER ANY THAT DID? HOW DID YOU HANDLE THEM DIFFERENTLY?



Day 25

Read Ephesians 3

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 10, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO START MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE. HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO COMMIT ANY PASSAGES TO MEMORY? HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE (OR IMPROVE) IN MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE?



Day 26

Read Ephesians 4

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 11, WE ENCOURAGED YOU TO PRAY FOR COURAGE AND INCORPORATE THE PHRASE "STAY STRONG" INTO YOUR LIFE. SINCE THEN, WOULD DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS MORE COURAGEOUS? HOW HAVE YOU SEEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP YOU TO BE BRAVE AND 'STAY STONG?'



Day 27

Read Ephesians 5

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 12, WE CHALLENGED YOU TO INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP YOU IN THE BATTLE OF SELF-CONTROL. WHY DO YOU THINK SELF-CONTROL CAN BE DIFFICULT? WHERE DO YOU SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPING YOU TO SHOW MORE SELF-CONTROL?



INTERN ACADEMY

DAY 28

Day 28 – Rest Day

**Action
step**

REST WELL



Day 29

Read Ephesians 6

STEP 1: PAUSE AND PRAY: SPEND A FEW MINUTES PRAYING THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL GUIDE YOU AS YOU READ.

STEP 2: READ AND REFLECT: READ THE PASSAGE. UNDERLINE OR HIGHLIGHT ANY WORDS OR PHRASES THAT YOU FEEL GOD IS SPEAKING TO YOU THROUGH.

STEP 3: WRITE: SPEND SOME TIME WRITING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS READING. WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO DO OR REMEMBER? WHAT WILL YOU DO NEXT TO STAY FAITHFUL TO WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED IN YOUR READING?

Action step

ON DAY 13, WE ENCOURAGED YOU TO NOT ONLY OBTAIN A MENTOR, BUT TO ALSO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'D WANT TO LEARN FROM THEM. TODAY, SPEND A FEW MINUTES REFLECTING ON WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED SO FAR. TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO THANK THEM FOR POURING INTO YOUR LIFE.



Day 30

YOU DID IT! WE ARE SO GLAD THAT YOU'VE TAKEN 30 DAYS TO GO ON THIS JOURNEY OF EXPLORING YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY. TODAY, WE WANT YOU TO REFLECT BACK ON THE LAST 30 DAYS BY ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS:

- WHAT TOOLS OR ACTION STEPS WILL YOU CONTINUE AS YOU MOVE FORWARD?
- WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED DURING YOUR SCRIPTURE READING TIME?
- HOW HAS YOUR TIME SERVING ON A WEEKLY BASIS IMPACTED YOU? DID YOU FIND AN AREA OF MINISTRY THAT YOU WANT TO CONTINUE SERVING IN? IF NOT, TALK WITH YOUR MENTOR TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST PLACE FOR YOU TO SERVE.

THESE 30 DAYS MAY BE OVER, BUT WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL CONTINUE TO MEET WITH YOUR MENTOR, SERVE IN A MINISTRY, AND SPEND DAILY TIME IN SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER.

Way to go!



INTERN ACADEMY

CALLED TO MINISTRY
DEVOTIONAL

Sponsored by



MID-AMERICA

CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

WE WANT YOUR

FEEDBACK

