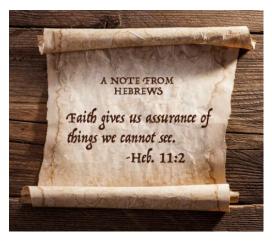


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MONDAY



Have you ever secretly wished to be famous? Maybe you wished you had all the riches that follow fame and could buy anything you ever wanted. Or maybe you just like the idea of everyone knowing who you are and listening to what you have to say. Regardless of the reason, fame can be appealing. And while you might not reach superstardom in your lifetime, there is something similar that you can achieve.

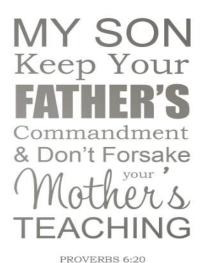
The Bible talks in Hebrews 11 about all the great things that the people in the Old Testament did by faith. These guys trusted God and believed that what God said would come to pass. They weren't swayed by feelings and emotions, but rather held on tight to the things that God had promised them.

So while it might be unlikely that you will become a rockstar or super famous, you can be noticed in heaven by your faith. When you trust God and the things that he's spoken to you, you can earn a good reputation just like the people in the Old Testament did when they trusted God.



- 1. What is the message this morning's devotion?
- 2. How can you apply this in your life?

TUESDAY



Parents can be embarrassing, weird, and sometimes hard to get. I remember always struggling with embarrassment from the things my parents did. I wished at times I wasn't related to them and that they'd just leave me alone and let me do my own thing.

However, the Bible verse today says that we are to keep our father's commands and not to forsake our mother's teaching. It can be easy to want to forsake what our

parents taught us in the face of peer pressure, and it can be easy to want to ignore what our parents tell us to do and the limits that they set.

However, God put our parents in our lives for a purpose. He wants us to listen to the wisdom that they offer and to hear what they have to say. Often, your parents can give you the input you need to make a good decision and save you from heartache.

Our part is to be humble enough to receive what they have to say. They aren't perfect and they're going to do things that are going to drive you crazy and that you don't agree with, but they are put in your life for a purpose. So be willing to learn what you can from them and get their input. In the long run, you'll be glad that you made the decision to honor your parents.



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WEDNESDAY



I always hated getting in trouble as a kid. I never wanted to do the wrong thing, but when I did, I'd often stretch the truth a bit to get out of trouble. Perhaps I'd say I didn't know or understand the rules when I did, hoping to avoid punishment.

God's word really brought light to me when I began reading this verse. It challenged me to always speak what is true.

If I was stretching the truth a bit to get out of trouble, I was really lying. I determined to do a better job of speaking

truth.

<u>Speaking truth isn't easy</u>, especially when it's easier to lie and avoid punishment. However, in the long run, choosing to speak the truth will set you up for success.

When you're known as a person who is truthful and honest, people will be able to depend and count on you. That's what you want. You want to be a person that others can count on and a person who is showing others what Jesus really looks like.

Today, challenge yourself to speak truth at all costs. Even if it means getting into trouble.



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THURSDAY



Every day you make lots of choices. You choose what to wear, what to eat, and lots of other things. In all the choices we make each day, sometimes not a lot of thought is put into who we are serving.

Today's Bible verse tells us to choose today who we will serve. If you're not actively choosing God, then who or what are you choosing?

Ultimately, you are responsible for where you are in life and your relationship with God. You have to make the choice to choose God and to go after Him wholeheartedly. So make the decision today to run after God. Choose to serve Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. That's the most important decision you can make.



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