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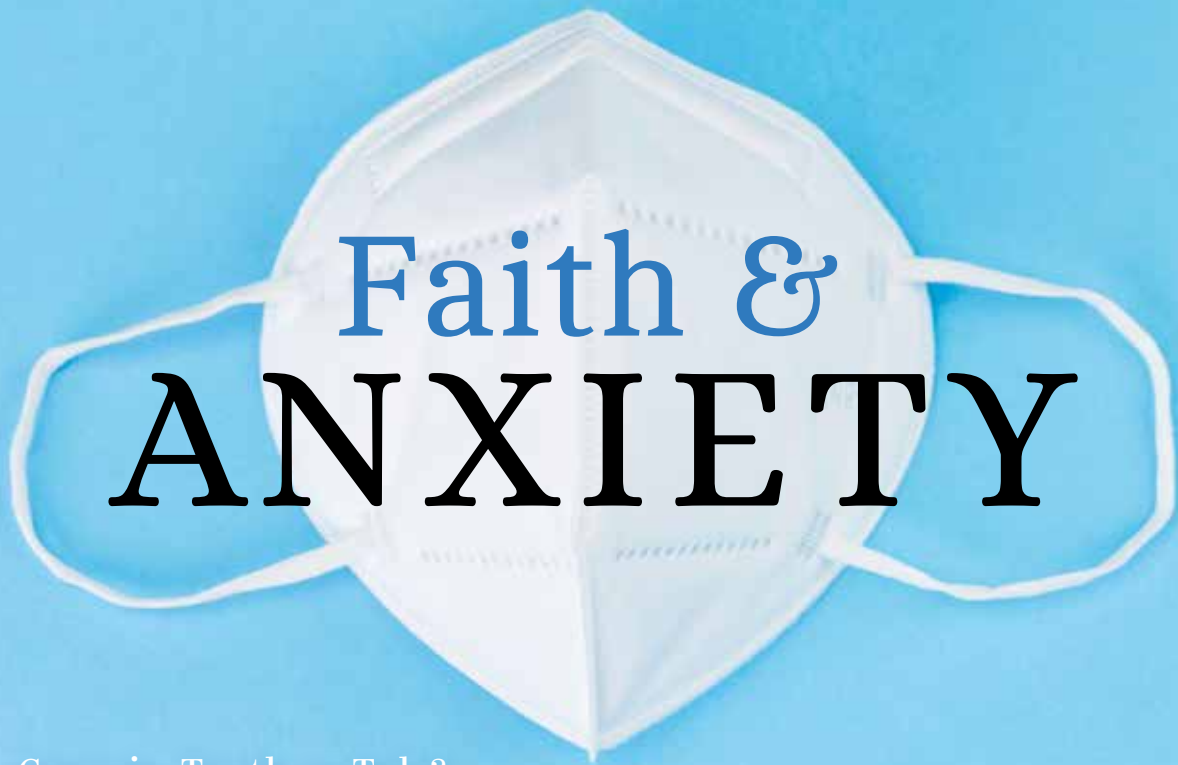
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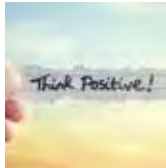
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SEPTEMBER 5-11, 2020

God Created Everything

The Scripture passages for the devotions are the same from young teens to grandparents to aid family discussion and generational discipleship.

The Saturday/Sunday devotion is the same text that's studied on Sunday with The Brink Leader's Guide. The devotions for the rest of the week reinforce that theme.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY

Where Do I Come From?

GENESIS 1:1—2:3

It is a misconception that Jesus is only present in the New Testament. He has been present throughout the entirety of the world and Scriptures. He always has been and always will be. The story of Jesus runs throughout the Bible from Creation to the Resurrection and continues to His heavenly reign after His second coming.

God finished a work in the fullness of Creation, and He also finished a work in the full sacrifice of Jesus. On the seventh day of Creation the Lord brought about rest, and a life built on Christ possesses eternal rest. God even blessed the seventh day of Creation with an act of completion, and a life that is given to Christ is complete in Him. This is not simply a poetic gesture or a neat anecdote; it is validation from the very first page of Scripture that Jesus is who He said He is. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)." "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1)." Jesus has been there the whole time. Ask God to remind you of the constant presence of Jesus.

Why does it matter that Jesus has always existed?

Spend extended time in prayer today, not only thanking God for His creation and beauty, but also for the gift of Jesus and salvation.

MONDAY

Life Is Valuable

GENESIS 9:1-17

Noah and his family were saved from the devastating flood that the Lord brought on a wicked and disobedient society. However, after it was all over, Noah looked out at a different world. In chapter 9, God's purpose was not only to commission Noah and his family to populate the earth and rule over it well, but to instill in them a realization that life is anything but cheap. In fact, when God pronounced His covenant with Noah in verse 11, it must have been evident to Noah that his family was saved by God's grace. This covenant revealed the faithfulness and goodness of God despite humanity's disobedience.

Since we are Noah's descendants, God's covenant with Noah is also His covenant with us. It reflects the value God places on humanity, not because of our righteousness, but because of His mercy. The Flood testifies to God's wrath, power, and judgment, but His covenant testifies to His restraint, patience, and mercy.

Does our world value humanity the same way God does? How can we follow His example in valuing the lives of others?

Every time you see a rainbow, let it be a reminder of God's covenant with humanity as well as the value that God places on life.

TUESDAY

What Do We Do With The Sabbath?

EXODUS 20:8-11

The fourth of God's Ten Commandments expresses the value of the Sabbath. However, it's important to know what God means and doesn't mean by that. The purpose is not to create a legalistic list of do's and don'ts for the Sabbath as much as it is to set aside and value times of rest and worship each week. God is not against work, but He is against our finding our worth and significance in work alone. He doesn't want us to fill our lives with vain ambition or presumptuous actions that cause us to view ourselves as the god over our lives.

Since God created you, He knows how much your mind and body can handle. Therefore, build margin into your life and take adequate time to rest as well as to worship. It will be from those important behaviors that you will possess the energy and capacity to do all you are called to do.

Evaluate your life. Are you good at resting and worshipping? Where do you fall short?

In our fast-paced busy world, consider how you can prioritize rest on the Sabbath and worship God.

Devotions end with questions to consider and ways to apply what has been studied.

WEDNESDAY

Undeserved Love

PSALM 8:5-9

This psalm is a great summary of the Creation story as well as the value God places on humanity. David began this short psalm in the same way he ended it: declaring the majesty of God (verses 1, 9). He asked the rhetorical question, "What is man?" because he was overwhelmed with the undeserved love that God provides for each of us (verses 4-5). He seemed to be amazed that the Lord would elevate finite beings to such a high position of becoming God's representatives on the earth.

God has created us in His image and, as verse 5 says, crowned us with glory and honor. He allows us to rule over creation and be His ambassadors to the nations, despite our sin and shortcomings. All of these thoughts should bring us to a place where we echo the psalmist's conclusion, "How majestic is Your name in all the earth!" May we realize, just as David did, that God cherishes us and delights in us.

What does it mean to be created in God's image?

The next time you feel like your life is unimportant and insignificant, read this psalm and remind yourself of how God views you.

THURSDAY

The God Of Science

PSALM 136:3-9

What prompts you to thank someone? Do you say "thank you" often? Seldom? When you do express gratitude, is it just a habit that lacks meaning? How often do you thank God, and how often it is more than a quick word when you feel like life has gone in your favor?

God is deserving of all praise and we have more reasons than we can count to express our gratitude to Him. He does mind-blowing things no one else can do, like designing the laws of the universe that keep galaxies aligned and keep us alive on this planet. He sustains life—our life—in what seems to us a precarious biosphere. The oxygen level on earth is 21% of the atmosphere. If it were 25%, spontaneous fires would erupt everywhere. At 15% we would suffocate. God's providential care is the big-ticket item that we so often assume but that hardly ever prompts us to offer deep thanks.

In what ways does science point to a Creator who fine-tuned the details of the universe?

Research scientific evidence that points to a Creator. Let this be reason to praise Him and thank Him. Science and faith are not at odds; science actually gives us reason to believe in God.

FRIDAY

More Than Words

EPHESIANS 4:17-32

Paul pleaded with these early Christians to exchange their old, sinful, natural responses with new, righteous, supernatural responses based on God's work in their lives. This is what Paul called walking "in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Since you are a new creation, your thinking, behaviors, and interactions should reflect that newness. Salvation restores the image of God in humans that was damaged in the Fall (verse 24), and the image of God provides incentive for us to live holy lives.

Therefore, you should allow the power within the Scriptures, as well as the Holy Spirit inside of you, to lead you in all of your interactions with people. This denotes a lifestyle that is pointing to eternity rather than the temporal. Every follower of Jesus is called to a life worthy of his or her honored position in Christ. That's why John said whoever claims to live for Jesus must live as Jesus did (1 John 2:6). Your life in Christ must be more than words.

Think about your online activity this week, whether it be your social media posts or the websites you visited. Do your actions reflect the Savior you serve?

We all know actions speak louder than words. Consider what this means for the Christian who is seeking to follow Christ in every aspect of life.

Song of the Week

"Creation Sings the Father's Song"

BY KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY



Check out the Playlist on Spotify: bit.ly/brinkplaylist

A song that complements the weekly devotions.

BIBLE BASICS

CHALLENGE: Memorize Genesis 1:1

Bible Basics challenge students to develop deeper biblical literacy. These coincide with The Brink Leader's Guide and products for other ages so the entire family can learn together.