

21 DAY
DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Gather as a family, have Pastor Dale's Fasting guide with you, read the scripture and devotion, and discuss the questions below. Make this a real family focus!

DAY 1

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Future Plans
James 4:13-16 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:
1. What is the best way we can make plans?

2. How can we keep our plans flexible but wise?

DAY 2

Managing Time
Psalm 90:12 (NLT)
Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)
Discuss as a family:
1. How do you spend your time?
Write down all the ways

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- 2. Where do you spend most of your time? Are you managing your time well?
- 3. What changes do you need to make to make the best use of your time?

Go for the Goal 2 Timothy 2:15 (NLT) Discuss as a family:

- 1. Take a few moments and record your responses to the questions above (See Adult Guide). Write out a plan to start actively pursuing these goals, have your parents, or guardian help.
- 2. Also share your plans and work on them together as a family

DAY 4

Reasons to Rejoice Romans 5:1-5 (NIV) Discuss as a family:

- 1. Why do some people think Christians are boring? Is this true or false thinking?
- 2. Why should we rejoice even when we have difficult times?
- 3. What help you when you have difficult times?

DAY 5

Ambassadors on Assignment
Discuss as a family:
2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)
1. What do you think is means to
be "reconciled" to God through
Christ?

- 2. What does it mean to be "Christ's ambassador"?
- 3. What message and mission do we have as these ambassadors have?
- 4. What are some practical ways you can begin to fulfill your role as a good ambassador of Jesus Christ?

DAY 6

Standing Firm in the Fight
Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:
What is "spiritual warfare"? How
would you describe this in your
own words based on Ephesians
6:10-18?

- 1. What is Jesus' role in this spiritual warfare?
- 2. What is our role in spiritual warfare as followers of Jesus? What can you do to be more effective as a warrior in His army?

Satisfaction Guaranteed
Isaiah 55:1, 2 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:
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- 1. Why do you think we so often seek satisfaction in things and people rather than God?
- 2. What have you gone after or wanted in your life that you thought would bring fulfillment but left you empty? What did you learn from this experience?
- 3. In what ways does God satisfy our deepest longings or desires? How has He satisfied you?

DAY 8

From Hurting to Helping
2 Corinthians 1:3, 4 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:

- 1. How do you respond when someone hurts you? What can you learn about this from Joseph based on Genesis 50:20?
- 2. In what ways has God healed and helped you?
- 3. How do you think God could use that experience you had to help others who are hurting?

DAY 9

Silence
Psalm 4:4, 5 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:

- 1. How difficult is it for you to be silent (quite) before God? Why do you think this is challenging?
- 2. How can silence help you prepare and tune your heart to listen and hear God's voice and receive His grace?

DAY 10

The Call of Inconvenience
Luke 9:23, 24 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:

- 1. What do you think Jesus means when He says disciples must "take up their cross daily"?
- 2. What should this look like in your life?
- 3. In what sense is an "inconvenient" life also an "abundant" life when you are following Jesus?

Plentiful Promises
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:
1. How can believing God's promises
make a difference in your life?

- 2. What promise in Scripture has been especially meaningful to you? Why?
- 3. Choose two of the promises listed in this devotion and work on memorizing them this week.

DAY 12

Breakthroughs
James 4:7, 8 (NLT)
Discuss as a family:
1. What bad habits do you need to break?

2. What points (principles) from today's study do you need to put into practice in order to overcome them?

DAY 13

Self-Control
Galatians 5:22, 23 (NLT)
Discuss as a family:

1. What are your biggest struggles with self-control?

2. What have you learned from today's study that will help you win this battle with these struggles?

DAY 14

What We Really Need
Matthew 4:1-4, 11 (NLT)
Discuss as a family:
1. What are the biggest needs in
your life right now?

2. What suggestions is the devil offering you to satisfy these needs? What will be your response?

Community
Acts 13:2, 3 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:

- 1. What is the value of fasting and praying together as a community of believers?
- 2. How does God use the church—His people—to help you grow in Christ?

DAY 16

Brokenness Psalm 51:17 (NIV) Discuss as a family:

- 1. In what ways do you think God wants to use brokenness in your life?
- 2. How can this prepare you to help broken people that God wants to heal?

DAY 17

Secrecy

Matthew 6:16-18 (NIV)

Discuss as a family:

- 1. Why is it so important to desire the Lord's approval rather than the applause or approval of others?
- 2. How can the discipline of secrecy help you overcome pride and create humility in your life?

DAY 18

Faith
Hebrews 11:1, 6 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:

- 1. How can fasting help build your faith in Jesus?
- 2. What is God asking you to believe Him for during this time of fasting?

Temptation
Matthew 26:41 (NIV)
Discuss as a family:

- 1. What temptations to sin are strongest in your life right now?
- 2. How can prayer and fasting help you over these temptations?

DAY 20

Tests

James 1:2-4 (NLT)
Discuss as a family:

- 1. How does God develop spiritual maturity (growth) in you through tests and trials?
- 2. What are you learning in this season of growth and fasting about trusting God through your trials?

DAY 21

Masterpiece
Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)
Discuss as a family:
1.Wha t does it mean to you to be
God's masterpiece?

2. List some of the reasons God made you. What will you do to daily remind yourself of your God-designed purpose?