

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

That You May Know You Have Eternal Life

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DAY 1 — THE GOD WHO HEARS

Read 1 John 5 as a family. Have different family members read every three verses.

KEY VERSE: [1 John 5:13-14](#)

REFLECTION

- Why did John write to his disciples and what was he trying to convince them to believe?
- God bends His ear from the throne of heaven to hear every whisper directed toward Him — and when we ask according to His will, nothing can stop the answer.

What four things does 1 John 5:13-15 promise to those who pray according to God's will?

- 1 — _____ "that you have eternal life" (v.13)
- 2 — _____ "we have confidence toward him" (v.13)
- 3 — _____ "he hears us" (v.14)
- 4 — _____ "we know that he hears us" (v.15a)
- 5 — _____ "we have the petitions we asked" (v.15b)

Apply: If you truly believed God heard every prayer aligned with His will, what would you ask Him for this week? How would you know that what you are asking for is His will?

Family Discussion:

- What is one thing in your life right now that you're unsure is God's will? How could you search the Word to find out?
- Has anyone in your family seen a prayer answered because it lined up with what God wanted? Share it with the group.
- What is one specific thing each person will ask God for this week? Give everyone a turn.

DAY 2 — WALK IN KNOWING

Read 1 John 5 as a family. Let a different person read each verse.

KEY VERSE: [1 John 5:18](#)

REFLECTION

- Whoever is born of God keeps himself — What does it mean according to the bible to 'keep oneself'?
- The responsibility to stay in holiness belongs to each of us personally, not to God or to someone else on our behalf.
- When we keep ourselves, the wicked one cannot touch us — sin is the only door he needs, and it is ours to close.

What does 1 John 5:18 reveal about our responsibility before God?

- 1 — _____ "to know that we are "born of God" (v.18a)
- 2 — _____ "sins not" (v.18b)
- 3 — _____ "keeps himself" (v.18c)

Apply: Is there an area of your life where you haven't been keeping yourself? Name one step you will take this week to close that door.

Family Discussion:

- *What does it look like in everyday life to take personal responsibility for your own holiness?*
- *Name one specific thing each person will do this week to keep themselves in God's Word or in prayer. Give everyone a turn.*
- *What is one thing you need God's help to stop doing — or to start doing — this week?*

DAY 3 — WALK IN KNOWING

Read 1 John 5 as a family. Have different family members read every three verses.

KEY VERSE: [1 John 5:1-2](#) · [1 John 5:13](#)

REFLECTION

- Loving those born of God is evidence that you love God — it is not optional, it is a recognizable sign of the real thing.
- Growing in the knowledge of God's Word is how you build a faith that cannot be shaken by the enemy's constant assault on your identity in Christ.

Based on 1 John 5:1-2, how do you recognize real faith in yourself and in others?

- 1 — _____ "believes Jesus is the Christ" (v.1a)
- 2 — _____ "loves those begotten of Him" (v.1b-2)
- 3 — _____ "obey His commandments:" (v.2)

Apply: *Name one person in the body of Christ you can love more intentionally this week. What will you do?*

Family Discussion:

- *What is one thing each person in your family will do this week to increase their knowing of God? Make it specific.*
- *Talk about a time when knowing God's Word helped someone in your family stand firm against doubt or temptation.*
- *What is one decision your family is facing right now? How will you let God's will — not convenience — guide it?*