

# there and back again

God's Epic Story and Our Great Adventure

“For I know the plans I have for you,”  
declares the Lord, “plans to prosper  
you and not to harm you, plans to  
give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

**Bible Exploration**

**Stockade Camp - Grades 3-6**

## welcome to BRIGADE camp at stony glen

Stony Glen is a place to explore and discover in a new and different environment. There is something special about being in the great outdoors experiencing the adventures of Brigade Camp. It is a chance to gain a new perspective on life. That's true for your approach to Bible study too. Like the great new experiences of camp, here's a chance to look at the Bible in a fresh new way. Allow the truths of the Bible to give you a fresh view of life and its meaning.



### daily journal

You'll begin each day with the Trail Head. This will be your personal devotion. This is a special time for you to be alone with God. During this time you will begin to discover God's story and your role in it. Don't be afraid to ask God the tough questions that you may have about that day's subject. He gave us a mind to do just that. He wants us to ask Him. Also, write down your questions. You may want to ask your leader these questions.

The Pathway is a time for your Bible Exploration as a cabin group. While it's important to have time alone with God, it's also important to learn from and with each other. As you engage into each day's mission, share your thoughts and questions with the group. You will probably find that others in the group may have similar thoughts and struggles.

Give honest answers and avoid the temptation to say what you think others are expecting to hear. Don't be afraid to express your doubts and questions; that's how a good investigation goes. You must be willing to ask the tough questions and be willing to change your mind when presented with God's truth. Some questions in this Bible Exploration are personal. You don't need to give your answers out loud. Sometimes, though, it's great to share a 'personal' answer. You'll probably find that others in the group feel the same way you do. You might even help somebody in his journey through this adventure we call life.

# daily journal - day 1

trail head: an epic story



**Pray:** Lord, I struggle seeing the world the way You see it or trusting You as the author of the story. Help me to see that You are the great writer and care for me enough to include me in Your story. Amen

**Read:** Jeremiah 29:10-14

I love a great story. Have you ever noticed that stories are around us everyday. We find them on the news, in movies, and even in our video games-where some of the more popular games have great story lines. Our world and our lives are filled with stories. They impact our daily lives.

Look at the way we communicate with one another—we tell stories. Author Daniel Taylor explains, “Our stories tell us who we are, why we are here, and what we are to do. They give us our best answers to all of life’s big questions, and to most of the small ones as well.”

The Bible is full of stories; stories that help us understand God and life better. We all know at least one story, like Adam and Eve, Cain and Able, Noah and the Flood, David and Goliath, or the life of Jesus. Today and the rest of the week, we will try to see the epic God is continuously weaving, as we see in Jeremiah where God reveals His plans for the nation of Israel.

**Pray**

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memory verse

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

# Daily Journal - Day 1

pathway: an epic story

## Story Reflects Who We Are

One of my favorite movies is the *Last of Mohicans*. It covers many of the things that stir my heart and soul - an adventure to live, a battle to fight, and a beauty to rescue. We were born for this.

What is your favorite movie or book?

Why?

Is it an adventure?

Is there a battle? (Not all battles are physical)

Is there a beauty to be rescued?

If you were to be a fictional hero from a book or a movie, who would you be?

Side Path

### Wild at Heart

I got the idea for the “adventure to live, a battle to fight, and a beauty to rescue” from the book *Wild at Heart* written by John Eldridge. I highly recommend it for any young man who struggles with understanding what it takes to be a man. Note: Not everyone will get the same sense of manhood from this book, but it is a great start.

## Story Teaches Us

**Read:** Matthew 13:1-9

What is the meaning of the parable?

Why do you think Jesus told the parable?

**Read:** Matthew 13:10-17

What does Jesus say is His reason for teaching in parables?

Think of a history class you have taken in school. Would you prefer to learn just the names and dates, or would you prefer a story about the person?

Think about George Washington. Does a story about him come to mind?

**Read:** Matthew 13:18-23

Is what Jesus said about the parable the same as what you thought the parable meant?

We are all at different stages with the message. Which soil are you?

## **We are Part of a Story**

**Read:** Luke 5:1-11

Was there anything special about the men Jesus choose?

Why didn't Jesus choose a king, a governor, or a priest?

**Read:** Romans 5:6-11

God wants us to be part of His family and His story.

**Read:** Ecclesiastes 3:11

“He has also set **eternity** in the human heart”

As John Eldridge says:

Look, wouldn't it make sense that if we ever did find the secret to our lives, the secret to the universe, it would come to us first as a story? Story is the very nature of reality. Like the missing parts of a novel, it would explain these pages we are holding, the chapters of our lives.

Second, it would speak to our hearts' deepest desires. If nature makes nothing in vain, then why the human heart? Why those universal longings and desires? The secret simply couldn't be true unless it contained the best parts of the stories that you love. Yet it would also need to go deeper and higher than any of them alone.

Christianity claims to do that for us.

...Christianity, in its true form, tells us that there is an Author and that he is good, the essence of all that is good and beautiful and true, for he is the source of all these things. It tells us that he has set our hearts' longings within us, for he has made us to live in an Epic. It warns that the truth is always in danger of being twisted and corrupted and stolen from us because there is a Villain in the Story who hates our hearts and wants to destroy us. It calls us up into a Story that is truer and deeper than any other, and assures us that there we will find the meaning of our lives.

**Pray:** Lord, I long to know your purpose for my life. Help me to discover the skills and strengths you have given me. So often, I am lost and struggle for meaning. Guide me, Lord. Amen

# daily journal - day 2



trail head: the fellowship

**Pray:** Lord, so often in my life I feel alone and that no one truly cares for me. Where are you, Lord? Help me to see you. Help me to see your works. Amen

**Read:** John 14:1-14

Our story is not meant to be a solo journey. We were made to experience life through relationships with others. We were designed that way. It is a design that reflects God's character. We see it in what is called the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Three persons but one God. Pastor and author David H. Chilton explains it this way:

“God is triune, and all reality is structured in terms of Him. A brief definition of the Trinity might be this: One God without division in a plurality of Persons, and three Persons without confusion in a unity of essence. God is not 'basically' One, with the individual Persons being derived from the oneness; nor is God 'basically' Three, with the unity of the Persons being secondary. God is One, and God is Three. There are not three Gods; there is only one God. Yet each of the Persons is Himself God — and They are distinct, individual Persons. But there is only one God.”

So our need for fellowship comes directly from God. It is part of His design. Today we will look at this need for fellowship and what God expects from us when we are in fellowship with others.

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memory verse



A man that has friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.  
Proverbs 18:24 NKJ

# daily journal - day 2

*pathway: the fellowship*

## **The Trinity - One God, Three Persons**

The God of Christianity is different from any other religion. He is more than just one god and He is not multiple gods. The Bible teaches that we serve a triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are three distinct personalities but one God.

**Read:** Genesis 1:26

What did you notice in this verse?

**Read:** John 10:22-30

What is the relationship between Jesus and His sheep?

Who are Jesus' sheep?

What is the relationship between the Father and Jesus?

**Read:** John 14:1-14

Whom does Jesus say the disciples have seen?

**Read:** John 14:23-27

Whom will the Father send?

**Read:** John 16:5-16

Whom does Jesus say He will send to them?

What do you think Jesus means in verse 15?

### **God's Divine Mark**

One = Aloneness

Two = Relationship & Intimacy

Three = Community & Fellowship

God was not lonely and needed to create us in order to have companionship or friends. God was already complete. He made us to have fellowship with Him and have a relationship with Him. He does not need us; we need Him.

When we examine the Trinity, we see this completeness of God. It is a wondrous thing to think that God personally invites us into friendship and fellowship with Him. We must remember, though, it is not as equals but more as a father and son relationship.

The text "Side Path" is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. The letters are connected and flow together, with a decorative flourish at the end of the word "Path".

### **Westminster Confession**

“In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.”

## Fellowship with One Another

**Read:** Genesis 2:4-25

What did you learn from this passage?

**Read:** Genesis 2:18

Throughout Genesis, God declares everything as “good” until this verse. What do you think God is saying when He says “it is not good?”

**Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Read:** 1 Thessalonians 5:14

**Read:** Galatians 6:2

**Read:** John 13:34

What do these passages say about how we are to live together?

### A Band of Brothers

We are to live differently. Just like the “fellowship” in the *Lord of the Rings*, when we stand together and stay together fighting for and defending each other, our “fellowship” cannot be broken. When we are selfish and self-centered, we cannot have the fellowships needed to truly survive this difficult world. We must stand with a brother that is in need, carrying him through those tough times in life, and at some point we may have to risk something to defend our brothers.

**Pray:** Lord, teach me to be a true friend and brother. Bring into my life those I can help and those that will inspire me and help me to grow. I long to be among heroes who will stand with me when I face the great battles before me. Amen



# daily journal - day 3

trail head: evil enters the story



**Read:** Genesis 3:1-7

Most great stories have a villain in it. Our story is no different. We face multiple villains and the first one in our story is the original villain, the father of lies. He enters our story in the passage you just read. He is the serpent, the most cunning beast in the garden.

Author John Eldridge explains our view of a villain as:

“Most people do not live as though the Story has a Villain, and that makes life very confusing. How have we missed this? All the stories we’ve been telling about the presence of an evil power in the world, all the dark characters that have sent chills down our spines and given us restless nights—they are spoken to us as warnings. “

The enemy’s best weapon is for us to not believe he exists, that he is a fairy tale to scare children.

**Pray:** Lord, help me to resist the acts of the villain. Let me see his lies and temptations and give me the strength to overcome them. Amen

memory verse



“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour.”  
I Peter 5:8 NKJ

# Daily Journal - Day 3

*pathway: evil enters the story*

## **Why Is there a Villain?**

**Read:** Genesis 3:1-7

Why did God allow the serpent to tempt Adam and Eve into eating the fruit?

Why didn't God stop the serpent?

Where was Adam when Eve was talking with the serpent?

How did the serpent trick Eve into eating the fruit?

Why did Adam eat the fruit?

What was the first thing Adam and Eve noticed after they ate the fruit?

**Read:** Genesis 3:8-13

What did Adam and Eve do when they heard God walking in the garden?

Why is there evil in the world? Or, what makes evil possible?

C.S. Lewis wrote:

“God created things which had free will. That means creatures which can go wrong or right. Some people think they can imagine a creature which was free but had no possibility of going wrong, but I can't. If a thing is free to be good it's also free to be bad. And free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give them free will? Because free will, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having. A world of automata -of creatures that worked like machines- would hardly be worth creating. The happiness which God designs for His higher creatures is the happiness of being freely, voluntarily united to Him and to each other in an ecstasy of love and delight compared with which the most rapturous love between a man and a woman on this earth is mere milk and water. And for that they've got to be free.

Of course God knew what would happen if they used their freedom the wrong way: apparently, He thought it worth the risk. (...) If God thinks this state of war in the universe a price worth paying for free will -that is, for making a real world in which creatures can do real good or harm and something of real importance can happen, instead of a toy world which only moves when He pulls the strings- then we may take it it is worth paying.”

What does C.S. Lewis say makes evil possible? Do you agree? Explain.

According to C.S. Lewis, why does God give us free will?

If we have free will, are we responsible for our own actions?

## **The Villain Falls Because of Pride**

**Read:** Ezekiel 28:11-19

This is not only about the King of Tyre but against Satan himself.

What causes the downfall of Satan as written in this passage?

It is ultimately Pride - the belief that I can do it better than God.

## **The Villain Is Me**

**Read:** Romans 7:14-25

Who is Paul fighting with?

What does Paul want to do?

What does Paul do?

Are we any different?

Are we the villains? Are there times in your life when you are the villain?

Contemplate this: did Hitler think he was doing right or did he know he was doing evil? What about all the people that followed him?

In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes. - Judges 21:25 NKJ

**Pray:** Lord, give us strength to endure our battles with the villain of this world. Give us the heart of a hero. May You receive all the glory and honor. Amen

# daily journal - day 4

trail head: the battle and victory



**Read:** Luke 4:1-13

In this passage, what does Jesus do every time the Devil tempts him?

He quotes scripture. He uses the exact words of the Bible. It is the battle between truth and lies. Earlier this week we read about the fall of Adam and Eve and how the serpent tempted them to eat the fruit. These two stories parallel each other. The difference is that Adam and Eve accepted the lies spoken by the serpent, where Jesus corrects the lies of the Devil with the Truth of the scripture, God's truth.

But the battle does not end here. The battle goes on and leads to the Jerusalem where Jesus is tried and condemned for his teachings.

The battle still rages today. It will end someday. God has told us what the future is and who wins the battle. In today's study, we will look at a summary of this battle and how it will turn out.

**Pray:** Lord, grant me victory in my battles today and in the future. Help me to be a hero in my little part of your epic. Amen

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memory verse

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 NIV

**Central Camp**

- 1 Dining Hall
- 2 Water Tower
- 3 Rec Hall
- 4 Gym

- 5 Carl Smith Chapel
- 6 Nurse Dispensary
- 7 Shower House
- 8 Candy Store

- ★ Welcome Center
- Future

**Cabins**

- 11 Mildon
- 12 Beech
- 13 Hawthorne
- 14 Stoddard
- 15 Crusader
- 16 Walnut
- 17 Hickory
- 18 Juniper
- 19 Maple
- 20 Cherry
- 21 Willow

**Cabins**

- 22 Don's Place
- 23 Sam Gray Lodge
- 24 Pine
- 25 Bob & Connie Patrick

Memorial Cabin

**Activity Areas**

- 40 Playground Area
- 41 Parade Field
- 42 Tennis Court
- 43 Volleyball Court
- 44 Soccer Field
- 45 Swimming Area
- 46 Boat House
- 47 Canoe Docks

- 48 Footprints Pavilion
- 49 Archery Range
- 50 Rifle Range
- 51 Horse Stables
- 52 Coral
- 53 Back 40

**Scenic Spots**

- Scenic Glen
- 60 Small Falls
- 61 Middle Falls
- 62 Big Falls
- 63 Historic Milner Cabin
- 64 Tree House
- 65 Cathedral Falls
- 66 Border Falls

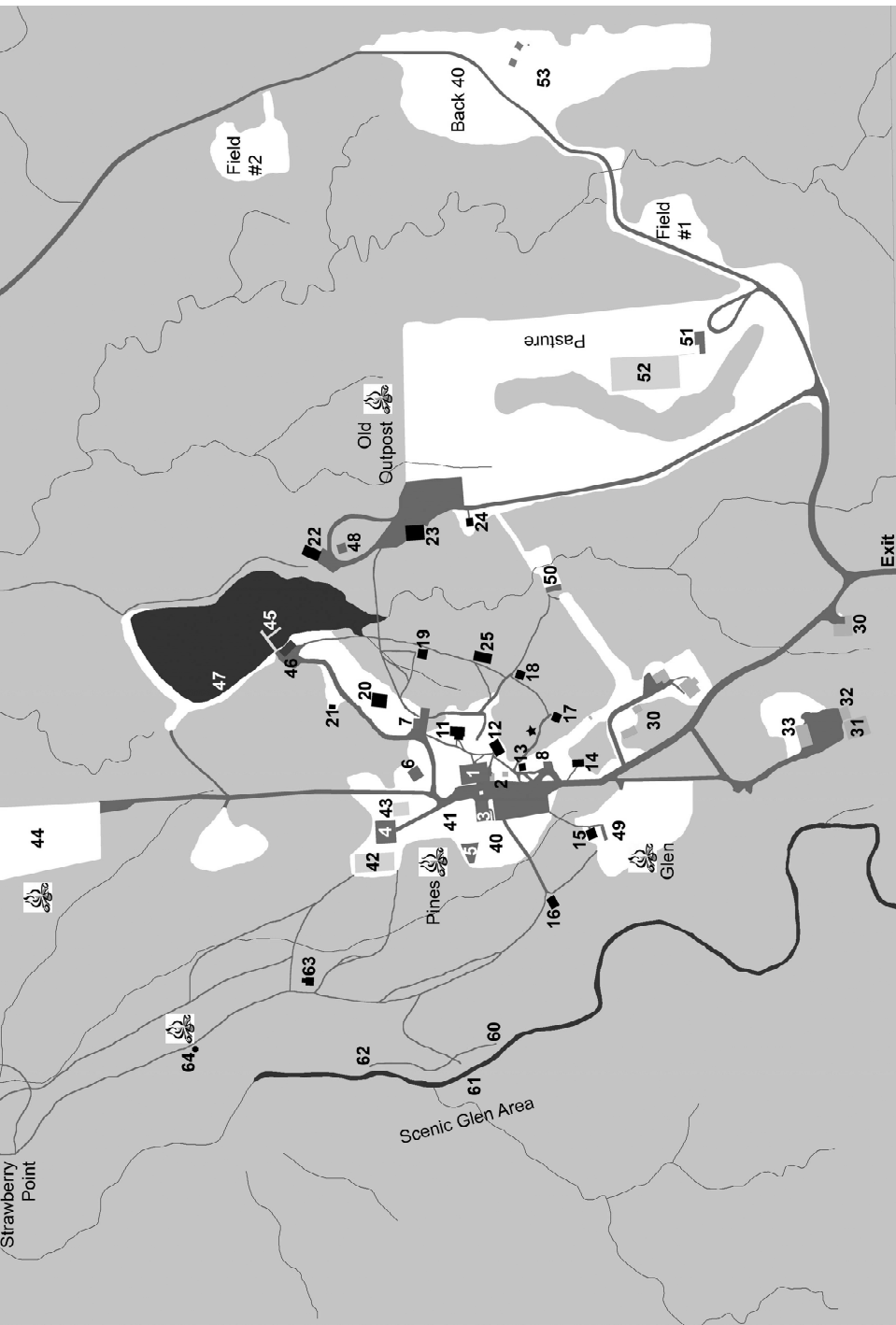
**Restrooms**

- 1 Dining Hall
- 3 Rec Hall
- 6 Nurse Dispensary
- 7 Shower House
- 23 Sam Gray Lodge

**Staff Areas**

- Off-limits**
- 30 Staff Housing
- 31 Maintenance Barn
- 32 Wood Shop
- 33 Vehicle Barn





# Daily Journal - Day 4

pathway: the battle and victory

## Who Won?

**Read:** Luke 23:32-49

What does Jesus ask of His Father when they crucify Him?

If Jesus was truly the Savior, why didn't He save Himself?

What was the reaction of the two criminals?

What was Jesus's response to the second criminal?

What happens when Jesus dies?



Trail Marker

**Sir Robert Grant**

By Thine hour of dire despair;  
By Thine agony of prayer;  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,  
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn;  
By the gloom that veiled the skies  
O'er the dreadful sacrifice;  
Listen to our humble cry,  
Hear our solemn Litany.

## God's Victory at the Cross

Many thought that this was the end. The One who was supposed to save them and drive out the Romans was dead. His followers are scattered. They did not understand the importance of Jesus's death. This is the focal point of all human history. From Adam to Noah to Moses to King David, it all points to the coming of Jesus and His death. God's epic does not end here. There is more.

**Read:** Matthew 26:28

Why did Jesus willingly give up His life?

**Read:** Hebrews 2:14-15

Whom does Jesus destroy through His death?

Read: I John 3:8

### **God's Victory over Death**

**Read:** Luke 24:1-12

What do you think about Jesus being risen?

Do you believe in life after death?

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Why did Christ die?

What happened to Him after He was buried?

Were there witnesses?

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 15:12-14

Why is the resurrection of the dead important?

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Our victory over death comes through Jesus, the Christ.

### **God's Final Victory**

God gives us a sneak peak at the end of the story through the Book of Revelation; His own teaser trailer to a movie.

**Read:** Revelation 19:11-16

Who is the rider on the white horse?

**Read:** Revelation 20:1-6

What will happen to the dragon?

Who is the dragon?

**Read:** Revelation 20:7-10

What does Satan do when he is released?

What happens to Satan?

How long is his judgment?

**Read:** Revelation 21:1-5

What happens with heaven and earth?

**Pray:** Lord, we come to You today and thank You that the victory in our lives has already been won over the enemy. Thank You, Jesus, that You loved us enough to die for us so we could be saved. Thank You, God, that You are always on our side. Amen

# daily journal - day 5



trail head: your place in the story

**Pray:** Lord, help me to see my role in your story. Help me to see and understand the gifts and talents You have given me. May I use them in great ways for Your glory and for Your purposes. Amen

**Read:** Luke 15:11-32

The story of the prodigal son is a summary of our own story. We are the son that demands his inheritance and then wastes it on nothing that lasts until there is none left. And like the prodigal son, we can return home to God who still loves us and welcomes us back into a relationship with Him.

In our own way, we have lived this story' but this is only part of our story. God has given each one of us unique gifts and talents to use for His glory and to benefit others. It is when we surrender everything to Him that we truly begin to live free.

“When He [God] talks of their losing their selves, He means only abandoning the clamour of self-will; once they have done that, He really gives them back all their personality, and boasts (I am afraid, sincerely) that when they are wholly His they will be more themselves than ever.” - C.S. Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

**Pray**

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memory verse

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.  
Hebrews 11:1 NKJ

# Daily Journal - Day 5

pathway: your place in the story

## The Value of the Lost

**Read:** Luke 15:4-7

Who is the shepherd?

Who do the sheep represent?

What is the value of one sinner?

**Read:** Luke 15:11-16

What does the son ask for?

What does the father give the son?

What happens to the son?

**Read:** Luke 15:17-19

What does the son realize?

What does the son plan to do?

Why do you think the son says he will ask to be a “hired servant”?

Why do you think he says this?

Why not come back like nothing happened and be the son again?

## Trail Marker

### The Lost Son

The story of the lost “prodigal” son is more complicated than what we would understand in today’s culture. During Jesus’ time, the son was not just asking for his part of the inheritance he was saying that he wished his father was dead. Honoring your father was one of the most important aspects of Jewish culture. This request would have given the father the authority to take his son to the village square and stone him for being disrespectful. But the father gives his son half of his property.

This is called repentance, a realization that what we have done is wrong, we seek forgiveness for it, and strongly want to change our ways.

**Read:** Luke 15:20:24

How does the son address his father?

What was the reaction of the father?

**Read:** Luke 19:10

What did Jesus say “the Son of Man has come to seek?”

How does this compare with the story that we have been reading?

**Read:** Luke 15:25-32

What was the reaction of the older son?

Do you think the older son was justified?

How would you feel if you were the older brother?

Who acted the best in this story?

### **Christ Died for You**

**Read:** Romans 6:23

We need to know that we have sinned.

**Read:** Romans 10:9

What does one have to do to be saved?



**Dietrich Bonhoffer**

“In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich.”

## **God Has an Important Part for You**

**Read:** Matthew 11:28-30

What does this passage mean?

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Where do our gifts come from?

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 10:31

God sees everything and we should act in a way that pleases Him; not because we have to but because we want to.

**Read:** Matthew 16:24-26

Following Jesus may not be the easiest. As C.S. Lewis wrote, “That is why He warned people to ‘count the cost’ before becoming Christians. ‘Make no mistake,’ He says, ‘if you let me, I will make you perfect. The moment you put yourself in my hands, that is what you are in for. Nothing less, or other than that.’”

But Philippians 4:13 says, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

**Read:** The Prayer of Sir Francis Drake on page 25

I pray that the Lord would disturb you into some amazing adventures in life, so that you will truly know Him and trust Him. He is our great author.

**Pray**

# daily journal - day 6

Trail head: back again



**Read:** John 20:24-29

When the other disciples tell Thomas what they saw he did not want to believe them. He did not want to believe it was possible in God's story even after all the other miracles he witnessed. But then Jesus appears to them again and His response to Thomas is, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." So believe. I want to leave you with a passage by John Eldridge in his book *Epic*:

"We live in a far more dramatic, far more dangerous Story than we ever imagined. The reason we love The Chronicles of Narnia or Star Wars or The Matrix or The Lord of the Rings is because they are telling us something about our lives that we never, ever get on the evening news. Or from most pulpits. They are reminding us of the Epic we are created for.

The final test of any belief or faith that claims to provide an answer to our lives is this: Does the one explain the other? Does the story bring into perspective the pages you were already holding, the days of your life? Does it take everything into account? Does it explain the longing in your heart for a life you haven't yet found? Does it explain the evil cast around us? Most of all, does it give you back your heart, lead you to the Source of life?

Something has been calling to you all the days of your life. You've heard it on the wind and in the music you love, in laughter and in tears, and most especially in the stories that have ever captured your heart. There is a secret written on your heart. A valiant Hero-Lover and his Beloved. An Evil One and a great battle to fight. A Journey and a Quest, more dangerous and more thrilling than you could imagine. A little Fellowship to see you through."

Remember, we are only part of the story-God does not reveal everything to us, we are at war with a villain, and you have an important role in God's story.

# RESOURCES

## Books Used to Create this Study

*Wild at Heart*

John Eldredge

[www.ransomedheart.com](http://www.ransomedheart.com)

*Epic:*

*The Story God Is Telling and the Role That Is Yours to Play* **by**

John Eldredge

[www.ransomedheart.com](http://www.ransomedheart.com)

*Mere Christianity*

C.S. Lewis

*The Case for Christianity*

C.S. Lewis

*Trilogy*

Dr. Francis Schaeffer

*The Serpent of Paradise*

*The Incredible Story of How Satan's*

*Rebellion Serves God's Purposes*

Erwin W. Lutzer

# RESOURCES

## **The Prayer of Sir Francis Drake, 1577**

Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with  
the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wilder seas  
Where storms will show Your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push back the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,  
Who is Jesus Christ.

Sir Francis Drake, an adventurer and essentially a legal pirate, wrote this prayer as he departed Portsmouth on the Golden Hind to raid Spanish gold on the west coast of South America. He ventured at least as far north as the non-Spanish parts of California, claiming it as "New Albion" - New England- and returned to his Queen (the long way - via circumnavigation) with loot worth over a half million pounds sterling, and received his Knighthood for it.

# RESOURCES

## Give Us Men - Josiah Gilbert Holland

Give us Men!  
Men-from every rank,  
Fresh and free and frank;  
Men of thought and reading,  
Men of light and leading,  
Men of loyal breeding,  
The nation's welfare speeding;  
Men of faith and not of fiction,  
Men of lofty aim in action;  
Give us Men-I say again,  
Give us Men!

Give us Men! Strong and stalwart ones;  
Men whom highest hope inspires,  
Men whom purest honor fires,  
Men who trample self beneath them,  
Men who make their country wreath them  
As her noble sons,  
Worthy of their sires;  
Men who never shame their mothers,  
Men who never fail their brothers,  
True, however false are others:  
Give us Men-I say again,  
Give us Men!

Give us Men!  
Men who, when the tempest gathers,  
Grasp the standard of their fathers  
In the thickest fight;  
Men who strike for home and altar,  
(Let the coward cringe and falter),  
God defend the right!  
True as truth the lorn and lonely,  
Tender, as the brave are only,  
Men who treat where saints have trod,  
Men for Country, Home- and God:  
Give us Men! I say again- again-  
Give us Men!

# RESOURCES

## **Shakespeare's Henry V**

The King

“This story shall the good man teach his son;  
And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,  
From this day to the ending of the world,  
But we in it shall be remembered-  
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;  
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me  
Shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile,  
This day shall gentle his condition;  
And gentlemen in England now-a-bed  
Shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here,  
And hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks  
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day.”

## **Inspired by Great Stories You Should Read**

*The Hobbit*

*The Lord of the Rings*

JRR Tolkien

*The Chonicals of Narnia*

*The Great Divorce*

C.S. Lewis

*The Last of the Mohicans*

James Fenimore Cooper

*The Count of Monte Cristo*

*The Three Musketeers*

Alexandre Dumas

## God's Plan of Salvation

### What is God Like

God made you and loves you. He wants you to be His child. But God is perfect and holy. He hates sin and can't even look at it.

### What Are We Like

Here's the problem - all of us have sinned. We have all done many wrong things. Sin separates us from God and sin must be punished. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

### God's Solution

What's the solution? God loved you so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for your sin. Instead of punishing you, God punished Jesus. "For God so loved the world, that He gave its only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

### Your Part

What do you have to do? Jesus' death allows you to be friends with God. Here is what you have to do:

1. Believe Jesus died for you personally.
2. Tell Jesus you are sorry for the sin in your life and want to be changed.
3. Ask Jesus to take away your sins and to direct your life.

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, though shalt be saved."* (Romans 10:9)

When you give your life to Jesus, you become His child and belong to His family! Wow! What could be better?

## WHAT IS CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE and Who is CSB Ministries?

**Our Mission:** Christian Service Brigade is part of CSB Ministries headquartered in Wheaton, Illinois. We have representatives located throughout the U.S. and Canada. We provide weekly programs that enable men to guide groups of boys and young men through adventure-packed, action-filled experiences that grow young people closer to God... and equip them to be our leaders of tomorrow.

**Partners:** CSB Ministries offers programs and resources for evangelical churches. CSB serves these churches through training leaders and providing ministry tools that equip men and women to serve Christ.

### **Ministries:**

**Tadpoles/Tree Climbers:** For boys (ages 4-7), Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
At Tadpoles/Tree Climbers, young boys spend quality time with their dads and other adult Christian men. Together, men and kids have fun, learn about God's creation, and grow closer to God and each other.

Games, projects, adventures and snacks are centered around a weekly theme and Bible verse. Young boys flourish with the one-on-one time with godly men.

**Stockade:** Boys (ages 8-11), 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Stockade is a weekly opportunity for guys to spend time with guys. Adult Christian men serve as their role models, and demonstrate Christian Manhood in action and attitude.

Through physical and mental activities, fun, service, achievement and Bible stories, boys develop the foundations of godly character and leadership skills.

**Battalion:** Young men (ages 12 - 18) 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
In CSB's hallmark program, Battalion, adult Christian men disciple teenage boys. Young men grow through physically and mentally challenging activities, Bible studies, service projects and personal hands-on leadership experiences.

Action time, game time, achievement challenges, small group meetings, council rings, adventure outings, and competitions allow young men to gain practical life skills, learn cooperation, develop teamwork - and become leaders of tomorrow.

**GEMS:** For girls 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades  
*CSB Ministries also partners with GEMS girls' programs to enable women to guide groups of girls through adventure-packed, action-filled experiences to help them grow closer to God and equip them to be our leaders of tomorrow.*

Go to [www.csbministries.org](http://www.csbministries.org) to see the full compliment of programs from CSB Ministries.

## Stockade Sunday Schedule

1:00 Registration & Swim Tests  
3:45 Recall (Change from Swim Suits)  
4:00 Line-up & Orientation  
4:30 Craft Presentations & Cabin Photos  
5:30 Clean-up  
5:40 Supper Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
5:45 Supper  
6:30 Store Time & Make-Up Swim Test  
6:30 Leaders' Huddle  
7:15 Ranger's Special  
8:15 Leaders' Huddle (Campfire Prayer)  
8:30 Clean-Up & Prepare for Campfire  
8:45 Line-up & Flag Lowering  
8:50 Campfire  
10:00 Call to Quarters  
10:15 Cabin Devotions  
10:30 Taps (All Quiet)

## Stockade Daily Schedule

7:00 Leaders' Huddle  
7:30 Reveille  
7:50 Build the Stockade & Flag Raising  
8:00 Personal Devotions  
8:15 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
8:20 Breakfast  
8:45 Cabin Clean-Up  
9:15 Bible Exploration & Jc Devotions  
10:05 Travel to Craft  
10:20 Craft Period #1  
11:30 Clean-Up  
11:40 Lunch Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
11:45 Lunch  
12:15 Travel to Craft  
12:30 Craft Period #2  
1:40 Rest Period  
2:40 Store Time  
3:15 Free Time  
4:30 Cabin Craft  
5:30 Clean-Up  
5:40 Supper Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
5:45 Supper  
6:30 Store Time  
7:15 Ranger's Special  
8:15 Leaders' Huddle (Campfire Prayer)  
8:30 Clean-Up & Prepare for Campfire  
8:45 Line-up & Flag Lowering  
8:50 Campfire  
10:00 Call to Quarters  
10:15 Cabin Devotions  
10:30 Taps (All Quiet)

## Stockade Wednesday Schedule

7:00 Leaders' Huddle  
7:30 Reveille  
7:50 Build the Stockade & Flag Raising  
8:00 Personal Devotions  
8:15 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
8:20 Breakfast  
8:45 Cabin Clean-Up  
9:15 Bible Exploration & Jc Devotions  
10:05 Travel to Craft  
10:20 Craft Period #1  
11:30 Clean-Up  
11:40 Lunch Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
11:45 Lunch  
12:15 Travel to Craft  
12:30 Craft Period #2  
1:40 Rest Period  
2:40 Store Time  
3:15 Free Time  
4:30 Cabin Craft  
5:30 Clean-Up  
5:40 Build the Stockade & Flag Lowering  
6:00 Cookout (Dinner, Campfire, Sleepout)

## Stockade Saturday Schedule

7:00 Leaders' Huddle  
7:30 Reveille  
7:40 Line-up & Flag Raising  
7:45 Police the Grounds for Trash  
8:00 Personal Devotions  
8:10 Breakfast Line-Up (Dining Hall)  
8:15 Breakfast  
9:00 Cabin Clean-Up  
10:00 Cabin Inspection & Check-Out