



Take5 for the Week of December 5-9, 2016

Mighty God

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MONDAY

Don't Be Troubled

Philippians 2:5

There is a certain comfort in using GPS to navigate where you are going. The technology has prepared the best route for you to follow, and it even gives you the turn-by-turn directions as you travel. GPS helps eliminate trouble and uncertainty.

Even the disciples were troubled by uncertainty. However, Jesus is able to see the life of a believer in this world from only a perspective that God can have. We don't see all of life's bumps and bruises; yet, we can know that our life in Christ has a final destination where we are with Him forever. The Mighty God of the universe came as a man and knows what this life is like. That same God is actively involved in providing watchful care over you and wants you to know your destination.

FOR TODAY: God is for you! Do Not Be Troubled- Be Encouraged!

TUESDAY

Make it Personal

Philippians 2:6

We live in a world that is becoming less and less personal. With technology, social media and online shopping, one can do almost everything without leaving home. However, Christmas is a time when people crave personal contact. In contrast to an impersonal culture, Jesus is very personal.

Why is Christmas so critical? Because Jesus took on human form on behalf of all mankind and we celebrate that He became the God-man. Christ Jesus came to personally pay the penalty for all the wrong things we have done. He personally showed for all time how to live and love in this life. In one fell swoop, Jesus became our personal redeemer and example. The beautiful thing is that He desires a personal relationship with us.

FOR TODAY: List ways that Jesus is personal to you. Take time to Thank God!

WEDNESDAY

Trust is Key

Philippians 2:7-8

Webster defines trust as, "the belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something."

A relationship with Jesus is all about trust. In fact, Jesus calls us to trust Him. This doesn't mean that we simply let go and passively let Him "do His thing." Trust is actively acknowledging our insufficiency while realizing His complete sufficiency. Trust is not driven around by the wind, or lackadaisical. Trust is reaching out and anchoring our very soul in Jesus' work and the cross, and in His very character. Jesus proved He is absolutely trustworthy. He humbled Himself to become a servant and willingly went to the cross – all on our behalf! Actively trusting Jesus isn't just key, it makes complete sense. After all, He is The Mighty God!

FOR TODAY: Ask yourself if you are actively trusting Jesus.

THURSDAY

You are Secure

Philippians 2:9-11

There are models of the famous Swiss Army pocketknife that have over 30 tools. Many survivalists love the security that these "do-it-all" knives provide.

Jesus is elevated above and beyond all creation. He will have every knee bow before Him, and every tongue confess He is Lord. If you are a follower of Jesus, you can know that your life is vested in the most secure place possible. You are absolutely secure in the God that transcends time and space. Any thought we might have of His greatness pales to what He really is. Our lives, our very destiny, are hidden with Him!

FOR TODAY: Are you relying on other sources of security? Give them up!

FRIDAY

Jesus' Reason for The Season

Philippians 2:5-11

Why would Jesus, The Mighty God, humble Himself and come to earth as a man? The reason for His incarnation is you! Jesus came to earth for one reason; we had no hope without Him (Luke 19:10)! Followers of Jesus will ultimately be with Him and participate in worship of the One who willingly gave Himself for us. Christmas happened so that we could be with Jesus forever. Jesus' reason for the season is simple – you and me.

FOR TODAY: Write down one name of someone who needs to hear Jesus' reason for the season. Begin to pray for an opportunity to share that reason with them this Christmas.