

Commands of Jesus

A DEVOTIONAL

VISION

When Jesus knew that his physical time here on earth was coming to an end he left his disciples with a few last words. In John 14:21 he says,

“Those who truly love me are those who obey my commands. Whoever passionately loves me will be passionately loved by my Father. And I will passionately love you in return and will manifest my life within you.” (TPT)

I don't know about you, but I want to love Jesus and be loved by him. If obeying his commands leads me to that, then I'll do whatever it takes! I know that the things of this world will fade, but the one thing that is forever is Jesus. He's what matters the most.

In the next several weeks, we'll explore one verse a day that describes the commands of Jesus and what it means for us today. Secondly, you can't do it on your own. God gives us the Holy Spirit to give us the power to do it! John 14:26 says,

“But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, he will teach you all things in my name. And he will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you.” (TPT)

WHAT YOU NEED

1. Weekly devotionals.
Download at mgmchawaii.com/youthministry
New devotionals for the week will be available every Sunday
2. A journal
3. Pick a time and commit to doing the devotional everyday!

HOW TO USE THE DEVOS

1. Start your quiet times with prayer and simply invite the Holy Spirit to fill you.
2. Read the verse of the day. Three different translations (The Passion Translation, Amplified Bible, and New American Standard Bible) for the same verse will be provided. Sometimes when it's worded slightly differently, the verses really come alive!
3. In your journal, SPA on the verse.
Scripture: write down the verse in your journal
Prophetic Word: Write a letter from God to you!
Application: What is something specific that God is calling you to do?
4. Answer any application questions.
5. GO DO YOUR APPLICATION & SEE YOUR LIFE BE TRANSFORMED BY JESUS!!!

FOLLOW ME



Matthew 4:19

"Jesus called out to them and said, 'Come and follow me, and I will transform you into men who catch people for God.'" TPT

"And He said to them, 'Follow Me [as My disciples, accepting Me as your Master and Teacher and walking the same path of life that I walk], and I will make you fishers of men.'" AMP

"And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" NASB

SPA:

1. *Father, what scripture are you showing me?*
2. *Father, what are you saying to me?*
3. *Father, what do you want me to do today?*

EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1. *What are the most important things in life to you?*
2. *Are you willing to give those things up to follow Jesus and to do whatever it takes to be with him?*
3. *What does following Jesus look like practically in your life?*

REPENT



Matthew 4:17

"From that time on Jesus began to proclaim his message with these words: 'Keep turning away from your sins and come back to God, for heaven's kingdom realm is now accessible.'" TPT

"From that time Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent [change your inner self - your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God's purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" AMP

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EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1. *What are a few things that may keep you from walking with Jesus?*

REPENTANCE PRAYER

Father, forgive me for _____ . I let go of these things and ways of thinking. Fill me now with your spirit and show me your truth. Amen.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!



Matthew 5:16

“So don’t hide your light! Let it shine brightly before others, so that the commendable things you do will shine as light upon them, and then they will give their praise to your Father in heaven.” TPT

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and [recognize and honor and] glorify your Father who is in heaven.” AMP

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” NASB

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EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1. *God has given EVERYONE his light and talents. What are some talents or gifts that God has given to you? (Friendliness, cooking, art, music, leadership, etc.)?*
2. *How can you use those talents and gifts to bless others and glorify God?*
3. *How can you grow in these talents and gifts during this quarantine time?*

BE RECONCILED



Matthew 5:23-24

“So then, if you are presenting a gift before the altar in the temple and suddenly you remember a quarrel you have with a fellow believer, leave your gift there in front of the altar and go at once to apologize with the one who is offended. Then after you have reconciled, come to the altar and present your gift.” TPT

“So if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and while there you remember that your brother has something [such as a grievance or legitimate complaint] against you leave your offering there at the altar and go. First make peace with your brother, and then come and present your offering.”AMP

“Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. NASB

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EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1. *Is there a family member or friend that either you're upset with your or is upset with you that you need to make things right with?*
2. *It's important to remember that the goal is connection, not to prove that you are right. What can you do to connect with people this week?*

DO NOT LUST



Matthew 5:28-29

“However, I say to you, if you look with lust in your eyes at the body of a woman who is not your wife, you’ve already committed adultery in your heart. If your right eye seduces you to fall into sin, then go blind in your right eye! For you’re better off losing sight in one eye than to have your whole body thrown into hell.” Matthew 5:28-29 TPT

“But I say to you that everyone who [so much as] looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye makes you stumble and leads you to sin, tear it out and throw it away [that is, remove yourself from the source of temptation]; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.” Matthew 5:28-29 AMP

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EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1. *Have you been struggling with lust or other temptations? If so, the best thing to do is to 1. Repent, 2. Get rid of whatever is causing you to fall into temptation (i.e. movies, video games, following certain people on social media, being alone, staying up late by yourself, etc.) 3. Let someone know.*
2. *If you haven’t been struggling with lust, then be a safe person to talk to for people who are struggling. Is there a friend that you can call this week and check in with?*

KEEP YOUR WORD



Matthew 5:37

"A simple 'Yes' or 'No' will suffice. Anything beyond this springs from a deceiver." TPT

"But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no' [a firm yes or no]; anything more than that comes from the evil one." AMP

"But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' and 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil. NASB

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EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1. *Have you ever said "yes" to something, but you actually knew you weren't going to do it or maybe you're waiting to see if something better comes along? Have you ever made an excuse for why you made a mistake? Jesus is saying, just let your yes be yes and your no be no. Be upfront and real, don't make up excuses.*

GO THE EXTRA MILE



Matthew 5:41

"And should people in authority take advantage of you do more than what they demand." TPT

"And whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two." AMP

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EXTRA QUESTIONS:

1. *Have your parents asked you to do the dishes, and you see that the counters and stove need to be cleaned too, but you decide, "well they only asked me to do the dishes so that's all I'm going to do?" How do you think that kind of attitude might affect the whole household?*
2. *How can you go the extra mile this week for your family? Can you help out with something that you don't normally help out with?*
3. *How can you go the extra mile with your friends, school, sports, etc.?*