

## Spark Web Devotional

Welcome home!! You went to SPARK, met with a bunch of other people who you knew, and a whole bunch you did not know, had so much fun, danced, laughed, hardly slept, and all around had the time of your life to date. And as great as those times were, I also know that you met with Jesus in a way that you hadn't met Him before!

So here we go with a few thoughts that will help you as you continue to move closer to God and who he is, and who He has created you to be!

### Devo #1

If you are anything like I am, I know that you want that closeness and excitement to keep going into today, tomorrow, and the weeks and months to come. So what do you do now? Well, you are at a good place to start with! A heart that wants to stay close to God is a heart that WILL see God! (Matthew 5:8) The key is to keep going after God. Chase Him. Ask questions. Look for the answers. And not just little looks, but really look! See if you remember this one: The Truth, My Promise, My Part! Take a look at this verse and break it into those 3 pieces.

Luke 11:9-10 - And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks.

So what does this look like for you today? Take a little time right now to make a plan. What are you going to change in your day that will make room for you to knock, ask, and seek God today? A little less time on the computer or TV? Ask Mom or Dad for a devotional book that you can read in the morning before you get out of bed? Or maybe just talking to God through the day? Whatever you decide you are promised this: you will be given what you ask for when you want to know God more!

As you get ready to, why don't you pray this prayer!

*God, thank you for the truth that you want to give me more of who you are. Please show me ways that I can get to know you more. Please open my eyes to see You, my ears to hear You, and my heart to know You more! Thanks for being here today!*

### Devo #2

Over the weekend we learned the 3 commands that Jesus has given us, Come, Follow, and Go. The disciple Peter showed us a great example of dropping it all and going! Peter looked into the eyes of Jesus and saw something that he knew he could trust his entire life to, without hesitation. Read through the next couple of verses and stop.

Eph 2:10 - For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ro 8:15 - So you should not be like cowering, fearful slaves. You should behave instead like God's very own children, adopted into his family – calling him "Father, dear Father."

Matthew 10:29 – 31 - Not even a sparrow, worth only half a penny, can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.

Okay! Now read them again but this time out loud twice and stop. So what came to mind when you read these verses? What does God think of you? How precious and special are you to him? Write these thoughts down if you need to!

Next: Make these verses personal. Put in your name, I, or me in places where there is *we* or *you*.

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When I know that somebody only has the best for me in mind, I have a much easier time trusting them. How does this apply to the way you feel about God right now?

Here is an idea to pray!

*Wow!! God you are so incredible!! I am so blown away that you love me so much! Help me today to understand this more, so that I can love and trust you more! You are soooo awesome!*

### Devo #3

Have you ever had a pop that was opened already and sat on the counter or in the fridge for a few days? I don't know about you but I can't stand flat pop!! No bubbles, NO DRINKY!! When I was in grade 7 we lived in a town which had a lake. There was no water that flowed into the lake, and no river that flowed out. It was one great big bath tub! And it stunk so bad! There was really gross snott-ball stuff floating on the surface and it was rumored that there was 3 metres of mud on the bottom I heard that if you walked into the lake you would drown in the mud. That was if, of course, the sea monster we all thought lived in there didn't get you first!!!

Our relationship with Jesus is exactly the same! If all we have is the Come part, the relationship gets stale. If we add the Follow part, it will be fresh at first but grow stale after a while. When we have all 3 parts active, Come, Follow, and Go, in our relationship with God, then we have a fresh, exciting, living relationship happening. Read the next couple of verses and see if you can find examples of Come, Follow, and Go.

Luke 5:27-32 - After this he went out and saw a man named Levi at his work collecting taxes. Jesus said, "Come along with me." And he did - walked away from everything and went with him. Levi gave a large dinner at his home for Jesus. Everybody was there, tax men and other disreputable characters as guests at the dinner. The Pharisees and their religion scholars came to his disciples greatly offended. "What is he doing eating and drinking with crooks and 'sinners'?" Jesus heard about it and spoke up, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? I'm here inviting outsiders, not insiders - an invitation to a changed life, changed inside and out."

From this story, who does Jesus show us who we should be going to? What would happen if we only went to people who already have what we have? Remember the names of friends you said that you were going to pray for? Pull out those names and try praying a prayer something like this;

*Jesus, thank you for what you have done in my life! Please help me today to walk in your footsteps, so that all that I do makes you smile!! Help me to have the right words to say to my friends, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. I know you love them so much and I want to show them that love today in everything I do! God, You are so great!!!*