

HIS

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HIS...

When fully immersed in a culture, climate, or work that is not typical it can be a challenge to remember the purpose. This devotional will help you stay focused on HIM - the reason you are here! Don't be afraid to wrestle with Truth, be honest with yourself and with God, and allow HIM to transform you and use you in God-sized ways this week.

What will you find in this devotional guide? Whether you learn best through your head, heart, or hands, this guide has something for you. Each day has pieces that will challenge you to grow in your faith:

Morning Morsel:

- **Devotional** - to help prepare your mind to think about how you are HIS and how that impacts your day.
- **Scripture** - interact with His Word along with questions to help focus and evaluate where you are spiritually.
- **Prayer** - suggestions for ways to pray and praise provided for the day, centered around being HIS.

Evening Wrap:

- **Self-Evaluation** - questions provided to spur reflection on how you did at being HIS that day.
- **Scripture** - reflection and reading of an expanded passage of Scripture from the morning morsel.
- **Journal** - free space to record those amazing "look what God did" moments you don't want to forget!
- **Prayer** - suggestions for ways to pray as you close your day and prepare to catch some much needed zzzzz's.

Spend 30 minutes in the morning digging in the Word, reflecting on Truth, and praying intently and find you will be better prepared for the days mission. Throughout the day, think about what God showed you and be willing to take steps of faith. Before you hit the sack at night, spend 30 minutes reflecting on the day and evaluating how you did implementing HIS Truth and journaling. Growth in your relationship with HIM is the goal as you seek and serve HIM this week. The amount of growth will vary so don't compare yourself to others.

You are HIS, so prepare for a great week serving HIM and allowing HIM to use you to spread HIS great name and touch others with HIS love! When you get home, continue to put into practice what you learn because no matter where you are or what you're doing, you are HIS!

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Day ONE - Morning Morsel - HIS MIND

“For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.” Acts 17:23

These words were spoken by the Apostle Paul to religious men in Athens. Paul was an incredibly focused follower of Jesus, always looking for opportunities to share who Jesus was. Paul was an amazing missionary so it’s easy to put him in a category by himself. In this verse though, he shares something we can all practice every day.

Paul walked around, made observations (of local altars in this case), and then used them to make a connection to the gospel with the people. It was a conversation starter and it did get the people’s attention because Paul was taking an interest in their culture and surroundings. Jesus did the same thing telling parables, which were short stories His hearers could relate to that were mixed with spiritual truth.

Try this exercise today, even if you’re on the van to the next destination with your team. Point out an object and see who can think of a verse, story in scripture, or a spiritual truth that relates to the object (many answers are possible). Continue doing this throughout the day as you look around. The more you practice thinking this way, the more inclined you will automatically be to think about everyday life as it relates to spiritual truth. Your boldness will also increase to open those conversations with people whether here or at home.

God has already put conversation starters all around. Rely on Him to bring to mind truth that connects, then share that one piece of truth with someone who needs to hear. It may seem small to you, but you never know how God may use that simple truth to begin opening their eyes to the One who is the Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6).

From where you are sitting now, write down 2 things you see and then try to think of a truth, Bible story, or verse to connect with them (it could be a concrete floor, an ant hill, porch light, etc).

Are there people or places that make me more inclined to “think spiritually?” What can I do to help myself think this way more consistently?

HIS MIND...Read Philippians 4:8-9.

What is the action that needs to be taken according to these verses? Does this come automatically or does it take some intentional thinking?

What is the connection between thinking on things that are right and having God's peace?

What is my mind usually filled with? What can I do to adjust my thinking so it lines up with the truth in these verses? (ie. maybe change what you filter through your mind to begin with).

PRAY...Thank the Lord that He has put conversation starters all around to help you share truth. Praise Him that the unchanging message of His love can be shared in so many ways and that it isn't a memorized, one-size-fits-all method. Ask God to help you look at various objects today and think of ways to connect it with His truth.

Day ONE - Evening Wrap - HIS MIND

What are some specific ways I saw God connect context of the setting I was in with His truth today? Practicing this is super, but did I take it a step further and try to have a conversation with someone so I could share truth based on a nearby visual? How did that go? What did I learn?



Day ONE - Journal

Read and reflect on Acts 17:15-34. How did Paul having HIS mind affect change in lives while he was in Athens? Today's high points? Challenges? People to pray for? What do I want to remember about today?



PRAY...Praise God for the ability to think about Him and to meditate on His Word. Pray that God would help you increase in your ability to think through things from His perspective and with the truth of scripture in mind. Thank Him for what He showed you today about having HIS mind.