


Monday

16 MAY DEVOTION

Catechism

PART 2: Christ and His Covenant

 **Question 20**

Can your sinful heart have faith?

 **Answer**

No, I need a new heart given by the Spirit.

Catechism Reference

2 Corinthians 5:17

Read from a child-friendly version. Ask children to read as appropriate, respective to age. Briefly explain the meaning of the verse. If you need help, here is our summary:

It is common to be moralistic, but not Biblical. Sometimes it looks like telling sinners to pray a prayer, and to stop sinning so much. But the truth is that nothing short of being regenerated; having your heart of stone replaced, will make a difference. Having faith, and being saved, is a result of the work of the Holy Spirit in recreating us; making us new creations in Christ Jesus. We can't save ourselves, and we can't fix our own hearts.

Prayer

Write down your family's prayer requests below.

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As age appropriate, delegate prayer points to your children.

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 135

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This Psalm is about God's glory and how that is displayed in His works. The writer of the Psalm praises God for His might and sovereignty; He rules over all nature and is greater than all the kings of the earth. He is merciful and greater than all the false gods humanity makes up. But there is something this Psalm doesn't describe- God's greatest work. That He sent His only son to die under His full wrath in our place. In doing this, He conquered an enemy that is greater than all of the kings and rulers described in this Psalm; He defeated death itself and won salvation for all who have faith. Spend some time today praising God for this awesome gospel.

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Sermon Reading

Mark 14:22-25

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Communion is far more than just something we do. When we have the Lord's Supper, it is not just a human act of remembering — it's much more than that. Now, the bread and wine don't literally become the flesh and blood of Jesus. But when we have communion, we are by faith being blessed by the flesh that was torn for us and the blood that was spilled for us. In this act we are proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes. So with this in mind, next time you take part in the Lord's Supper and hold the bread and wine (or grape juice), remember Jesus' body and blood and how it was torn and spilled to reconcile us with God.

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 137

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This Psalm is a reflection on the sorrow felt by the people of Judah when they were carted away into exile by the Babylonians. They lost everything; their land, their home, many lost their loved-ones. But the greatest of these losses was their temple on mount Zion. Their one holy place where the people communed with God was stripped from them. This is a horrific thought to be sure. But we know now that the temple was just a foreshadowing of something better. God's people, in Christ are now His temple. We are His temple! This means that nothing, not exile or distance can separate us from The love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:38-39).

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Sermon Reading

James 5:13-20

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You might have some Catholic friends. They believe this passage tells us about special church sacraments like anointing the sick. Oil, anybody? But James isn't trying to establish more sacraments here. Here he is exhorting us to be devoted to prayer for other people. We should pray for the healing of sick brothers and sisters, and trust that Jesus will hear those who trust in his grace and power. God is in control of sickness, to heal, or not.

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Weekly Bible Story

JESUS IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

BEGINNERS GOSPEL STORY BIBLE (0+ yrs)

Story 20: David Fights Goliath - 1 Samuel 17

THE GOSPEL STORY BIBLE (5+ yrs)

Story 57: David & Goliath - 1 Samuel 17

You can read to your children before bed, at breakfast, after dinner or any time that you can commit to that allows you to be consistent.

Extension

ADDITIONAL READING & DISCIPLESHIP

CATECHISM REFERENCE - Romans 3:10-11

Many people believe the idea that all humans want to know God. "We are all seeking after God" they say. Whole church movements have been devoted to this idea with pastors trying to make their churches more attractive to the un-churched. But the truth is that God-seekers are a myth; no one seeks after God. In fact, when we are unsaved, we are running from God — we hate Him. The only cure for the sinner's heart that hates God is the gospel; we need new hearts. So we can faithfully proclaim the gospel of our Lord, and trust HIM to save people by changing their hearts.

CATECHISM REFERENCE - Romans 8:7-8

Have you ever met a kind old lady who doesn't know Christ? Or maybe an accomplished humanitarian? When we think of "good people", these are usually the kinds of examples that come to mind. But don't be mistaken; a person who doesn't know Christ, a sinner, cannot be good. We can't please God without faith in Christ (Heb 11:6). The Bible uses the word "enemies" to describe how sinners hate God It is only when the Holy Spirit renews their hearts and they trust in Jesus that they can please God. Have you been born again, to trust and love Jesus?

PRAY FOR OUR NEPAL MISSIONARIES - BLAKE, SILPI, CALEB AND GRACE CANNON.

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE