

DEVOTIONAL STUDY FORM

DATE: June 30

PASSAGE: Luke 12:22–26

1. PRAYER (check when done)

2. MEDITATION This is my personalized paraphrase.

I shouldn't worry so much. God will take care of all my needs. Since God gave me my life, surely I can trust him to sustain it. I can learn from the example of birds: they don't worry about the future. God takes care of them on a *daily* basis. And if God takes care of the birds, of course he will take care of me! Besides, worrying never does me any good. It never really changes the situation. So what's the use of worrying? None!

Command to Obey: *Don't worry!* (v. 22)

Promise to Claim: *God will take care of me!* (v. 24)

3. APPLICATION

I need to apply this lesson in the area of our family finances.

For this next month (I'll take it one month at a time), every time the devil tempts me to worry about our bills, I'll resist that thought by quoting Luke 12:24 *aloud*.

4. MEMORIZATION

“Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!” (Luke 12:24)

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DATE: July 10

PASSAGE: Judges 6:1 – 18

1. PRAYER (check when done)

2. MEDITATION

This passage is on the call of Gideon.

Lessons (Truths to Believe)

- When God wants to accomplish something, he looks for people to use.
- God often uses the most unexpected people.
- God can show his strength best through our weaknesses.
- God's power in us is the answer to our inadequacies.

Sin to Confess/Attitude to Change

Lord, forgive me for not being willing to be used by you. I've felt that you couldn't use me because of my weaknesses. I've used my inadequacy as an excuse for laziness. Help me remember that trusting in myself will cause failure, but relying on your strength in me will bring victory. Use my weaknesses to bring glory to yourself.

3. APPLICATION

I've been afraid to accept my church's invitation to teach a Sunday school class. I've made up excuses for not taking the position because I felt inadequate. But I know God wants me to teach that class, so I'm going to tell my pastor I'll accept the responsibility.

4. MEMORIZATION

Remember what God told Gideon: "I will be with you" (v. 16).

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