INTO THE BREACH

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DEVOTIONAL 1 KNOW HIS VOICE

BIBLE PASSAGE	**John 10:1-15**
MAIN POINT	**The more we know Jesus, the more we learn to recognize and follow His voice.**
KEY VERSE	**“I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me.” - John 10:14**

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Have you ever recognized someone just by hearing their voice? Maybe you could pick out your mom or dad’s voice in a crowded room without even seeing them.

Jesus said He is like a good shepherd and we are His sheep. Sheep learn the sound of their shepherd’s voice because they spend time with him. They know he is the one who takes care of them, protects them, and leads them where they need to go.

We can learn to recognize Jesus’ voice, too. We don’t usually hear Him speaking out loud, but God has given us His Word, the Bible. The more we read it, learn it, talk about it, and pray, the more we understand who Jesus is and how He wants us to live.

Knowing Christ is more than simply knowing facts about Jesus. It means having a relationship with Him and learning to follow Him every day.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- **What is something you already know about Jesus?**
- **What is one thing you would like to know about Him?**
- **What can our family do to spend more time listening to God through His Word?**

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1 Open the Word 2 Talk to God 4 Ask the Question

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DEVOTIONAL 2 STAY CONNECTED

BIBLE PASSAGE	**John 15:1-11**
MAIN POINT	**We grow stronger when we stay connected to Jesus.**
KEY VERSE	**“Remain in me, and I in you.” - John 15:4**

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

What happens if you unplug a lamp? It might be a perfectly good lamp, but without being connected to power, it won’t shine.

Jesus used a similar picture when He talked about a grapevine. A branch can only grow grapes when it stays connected to the vine. Jesus told His followers, “Remain in me.” In other words: Stay close to me.

We sometimes think following Jesus is about trying really hard to be good. But Jesus tells us to start somewhere else: stay connected to Him.

We stay connected by reading God’s Word, praying, worshiping, and remembering what Jesus has done for us. As we know Him more, He begins changing the way we think, speak, and live. Before we can step into the breach and make a difference in the world around us, we need Jesus to be the One leading us.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- **What are some ways we can stay connected to Jesus?**
- **What sometimes distracts us from spending time with Him?**
- **Pick one way your family can intentionally connect with Jesus this week.**

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5 Start With Jesus 6 Worship Anywhere 3 Lock It In

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DEVOTIONAL 3 LEAVE IT BEHIND

BIBLE PASSAGE	**John 8:31-36**
MAIN POINT	**Jesus sets us free from sin so we can live differently.**
KEY VERSE	**“So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.” - John 8:36**

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Imagine trying to run a race while carrying a backpack filled with heavy rocks. You could probably do it for a little while, but eventually those rocks would slow you down.

Sin can be like that. Things like lying, selfishness, jealousy, anger, and disobedience weigh us down and keep us from living the life God created us to live.

But Jesus came to set us free.

Living free doesn’t mean we never mess up. It means sin doesn’t have to be in charge anymore. Because of Jesus, we can confess when we’re wrong, receive His forgiveness, and make a different choice. Sometimes living free means putting something down: a bad attitude, a grudge, dishonesty, or the need to always get our own way.

Jesus doesn’t just forgive our old way of living. He gives us the freedom to live a new way.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- **What are some choices that can keep us from living the way Jesus wants?**
- **Why can admitting we are wrong sometimes be difficult?**
- **Is there anything you need to apologize for or make right?**

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11 Drop the Grudge 15 Make It Right 16 Choose Different

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DEVOTIONAL 4 CHOOSE A BETTER WAY

BIBLE PASSAGE	**Galatians 5:13-26**
MAIN POINT	**Living free means using our freedom to love and serve others.**
KEY VERSE	**“Serve one another through love.” - Galatians 5:13**

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

When you hear the word freedom, you might think it means, “I can do whatever I want!” But the Bible gives us a different picture.

Paul tells us that Jesus has given us freedom, but we shouldn’t use that freedom only for ourselves. Instead, we’re free to love and serve one another.

That changes the way we think about everyday choices. When you could complain, you can choose gratitude. When you could insist on going first, you can let someone else go first. When you could ignore a job that needs to be done, you can step in and help.

Those choices might seem small, but every time we choose Jesus’ way instead of our own way, we’re learning what it means to Live Free.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- **When is it hardest for you to put someone else first?**
- **What’s one small way you could serve someone in your family today?**
- **How can people tell that Jesus is changing the way we live?**

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9 First Time Obedience 10 Secret Serve 13 Give It Up 14 No Complaints

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DEVOTIONAL 5 SEE THE NEED. STEP IN.

BIBLE PASSAGE	**Luke 10:25-37**
MAIN POINT	**Jesus calls us to notice people in need and do something to help.**
KEY VERSE	**“Go and do the same.” - Luke 10:37**

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

In the story of the Good Samaritan, several people saw a man who had been hurt on the side of the road. But only one person stopped.

The Samaritan noticed the man’s need, stepped into the situation, and did what he could to help. That’s a great picture of what it means to step into the breach.

There are needs all around us. Sometimes they’re big. Sometimes they’re really small. Someone might need help carrying something. A new kid might need a friend. Your brother or sister might need encouragement. A neighbor might need help with a job.

Changing the world for God’s Glory doesn’t always begin with something huge. It begins when we learn to see what others overlook and step in when we can help.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- **Who are some people with needs that God wants us to notice?**
- **What could we do to actively help meet those needs?**
- **What can your family do together to bring our first and best offering to church to bless others and bring glory to God?**

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17 See it. Do it. 18 Help Your Neighbor 20 Serve Your Family

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DEVOTIONAL 6 — ONE MORE

BIBLE PASSAGE	**Luke 15:1-10**
MAIN POINT	**Every person matters to Jesus, so we keep reaching One More.**
KEY VERSE	**“There is joy in the presence of God’s angels over one sinner who repents.” - Luke 15:10**

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Imagine having 100 sheep and discovering that one is missing. Would one really matter when you still had 99?

Jesus told a story about a shepherd who left the 99 safe sheep to search for the one that was lost. When he found it, he celebrated.

Jesus wants us to understand something important: people aren’t numbers to God. Every person matters. That’s why we talk about One More.

There is always one more person who could use encouragement. One more person we can pray for. One more friend we can invite. One more person who needs to hear that Jesus loves them.

FAMILY QUESTIONS

- **Why do you think Jesus told a story about searching for just one sheep?**
- **Who is someone you can begin praying for?**
- **What could you do to help that person know Jesus loves them?**

ONE MORE FAMILY CHALLENGE

As a family, choose one person or family to intentionally pray for during Into the Breach. Look for an opportunity to encourage them, serve them, invite them, or share Jesus with them.

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8 Pray for One More 22 Bring One More 21 Tell One More