

Hello!

Welcome to the CCF Youth Ministry weekly Devotional! We want to help you press into our Lord and Savior during this uncertain time. Our hope is that you are enriched by time spent studying God's word and the reflection readings that are provided. Follow each step and spend intentional time on each step. All you need is a Bible, this outline, journal/notebook and a writing utensil! Let's jump in together!

Theme: God's Voice

I. Opening Prayer

Lord, teach me to listen. The times are noisy and my ears are weary with the thousand raucous sounds which continuously assault them. Give me the spirit of the boy Samuel when he said, "Speak, for your servant is hear." Let me hear you speaking in my heart. Let me get used to the sound of your voice, that its' tones may be familiar when the sounds of the earth die away and the only sound will be the music of your speaking voice. Amen. - **The pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer**

II. Read Psalm 29 (Read and journal your thoughts and observations)

III. Scripture Readings

Matthew 17: 1-13
1 Kings 19: 1-13
1 Samuel 3: 1-21
2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

IV. Readings for Reflection

Every once in a while, life can be very eloquent. You go along from day to day not noticing very much, not seeing or hearing very much, and then all the sudden, when you least expect it very often, something speaks to you with such power that it catches you off guard, makes you listen whether you want to or not. SOMething speaks to you out of your own life with such directness that it is as if it calls you by name and forces you to look where you have not had the heart to look before, to hear something that maybe for years you have not had the wit or the courage to hear. - **A room Called Remember by Frederick Buechner**

I need time to listen, to examine, and to confess, time to take off some of the hats I wear. I need time to listen for the Voice, if for no other reason, than so I will recognize it more clearly in the ways it speaks into the noise and bustle of the life I lead. - **Living Prayer by Robert Benson**

I am convinced that the Voice that whispered us into being still whispers within us and all creation. I am dead certain of it sometimes, terrified of it at other times, longing for it at all times. The silence that so often seems to overcome me is more likely a matter of my not trusting my own ears than it is a matter of the Voice having gone suddenly, inexplicably silent. - **Between the Dreaming and the Coming True by Robert Benson**

Let us labor for an inward stillness,
An inward stillness and an inward healing,
That perfect silence where the lips and heart are still,
And we no longer entertain our own imperfect thought and vain opinions,
But God above speaks in us,
And we wait in singleness of heart,
That we may know His will,
And in silence of our spirit,
That he may do His will,
And do that only... - **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

V. Reflection and Listening (spend time in silence and prayer and ask for God to help you see what you need to see)

VI. Song - Build My Life by Passion, Brett Younker(Spend time in worship with our God)

VII. Closing prayer

Father, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence we shall be strengthened: By your Spirit lift us into your presence, where we may be still and know that You are God. Amen