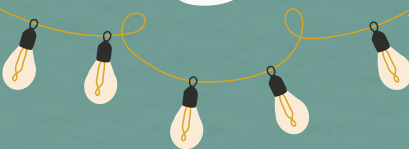
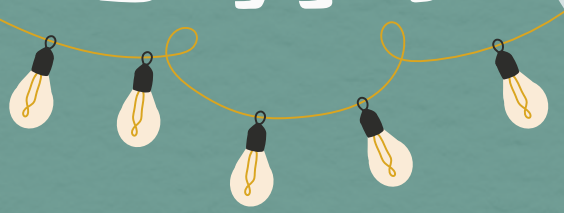




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RESET

Thrive Through Christmas Break



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Day Two

Read: Hebrews 10:24-25

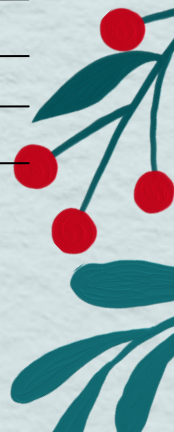
On a recent fishing trip, I was fishing with a buddy in our kayaks on the river. We hit a honey hole and began to bring in some big ones. So big in fact that one of them busted my line and took my hook with him. As I put a new hook on my line, I was looking down concentrating on tying an extra tight knot. When I looked up, I found myself drifting far from my friend.

This is often how life goes; a few days, a few weeks, a few months, and you find yourself far from God. Have you drifted?

On a scale of 1-10 (1 being far and 10 being close), how would you rate your relationship with God right now?



If you didn't mark 10, what is one thing you can do this week to move your number up?



Day Three

Read: 1 Samuel 17:33-37

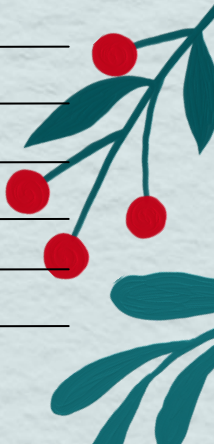
David is known as a man after God's own heart. In this passage read, I want you to notice that David tells Saul that he has killed both lions and bears. He recalls these previous challenges to plead his case for going up against the big and mighty Goliath.

We must recognize the challenges of our past and how they have prepared us for the challenges of our future. John Wayne once said, "Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyways."

A key benefit of taking on bold challenges is learning to press through even when your body might send you signals to flee danger. When your heart beats faster, it's not necessarily a sign of fear but possibly a sign of life.

Think about a challenge you faced in the past. Are you more equipped because of it? Why or Why Not?

What great challenge has God placed on your heart? Do you have a Goliath ahead?



Day Four

Read: 1 Peter 5:8

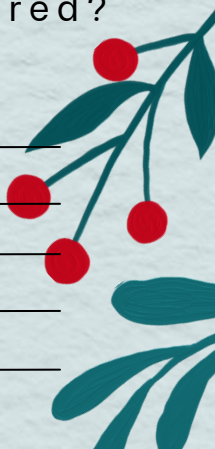
On an African safari, our driver kept saying “You must have eyes in the back of your head.” I obviously knew what he was saying, but as a brave and strong man, I laughed it off because I thought I would know if a lion were about to attack me. I justified in my mind that I would obviously be able to hear a lion coming.

As we came up on some lions it was majestic to see them in their natural habitat. I watched them as my heart rate elevated; I quickly realized that we were in their territory, not in a zoo. I kept my head on a swivel as I watched two of them hunt down a water buffalo. It was amazing.

For those few seconds of excitement, I couldn't help but think, where are the rest of them? As I turned behind me, I saw a faint figure in the tall grass. It was a lion. We quickly made it out of that area as we were starting to look like the next meal on the menu. I wasn't prepared and was vulnerable. Often Satan will attack us when we are being spiritually lazy, and we let our guards down.

Do you recognize when the enemy is attacking you?

What are your spiritual blind spots? (When you are tired? When you travel? When stress hits?)



Day Five

Read: Matthew 14:22-33

Life is not a problem to be solved; it's an adventure to be lived. Think about every great story you love. It has a main character, and it has danger, excitement, and conflict.

We don't love boring movies. This is part of who we are. This is in our DNA. We are born to live in adventure. In this passage, Jesus was walking on water, why do you think Peter asked to go out on the water? At some level, knowing the character of Peter, I'm sure he thought to himself, "That looks awesome, I want to do it." In the heart of every man is adventure.

Are you bored? Why?

What are your dreams? What are you doing to go after them?

Are you telling a powerful story with your life? What can you do tomorrow to change that?

