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Hey student!

You just experienced something real at retreat
— a moment where God met you, spoke to you,
and stirred something inside of you. But what
happens next matters most. Growth doesn't stop
when camp ends — it starts there.

Over the next 14 days, this devotional will help you dwell in God's presence, build strong spiritual habits, and keep your faith alive. Each day is short and simple — read the Scripture, reflect on the thought, and take on the challenge.

Let's be students who don't just have moments with God, but build a lifestyle of walking with Him.

-North Texas Youth Ministry

DAY 1 - STAY CLOSE

SCRIPTURE

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself."

John 15:4

DEVOTIONAL

The retreat may be over, but God didn't stay at camp. He's right here with you.

The goal now is to stay connected — daily. Abide in Him, and you'll keep growing.

CHALLENGE

Spend 5 minutes today in silence, thanking God for being near.

DAY 2 - CREATE SPACE

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

DEVOTIONAL

Growth happens in the quiet. You don't have to fill every second with noise.

Slow down, breathe, and listen. God often whispers — don't miss it.



DAY 3 - FEED YOUR SOUL

SCRIPTURE

"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

DEVOTIONAL

Just like your body needs food, your spirit does too. Reading Scripture daily strengthens your faith.

CHALLENGE
Read one chapter from the book of
John today.

DAY 4 - PRAY FIRST

SCRIPTURE

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

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Prayer isn't a last resort — it's your first response. God actually wants to hear from you.



Before checking your phone tomorrow morning, say a short prayer.

DAY 5 - WORSHIP ANYWAY

SCRIPTURE

"I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips."

Psalm 34:1

DEVOTIONAL

Worship isn't just for the stage — it's for your everyday. Praise Him when life feels awesome and when it doesn't.

+ CHALLENGE

Play one worship song today and really focus on the words.

DAY 6 - STAY IN COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... not giving up meeting together."

Hebrews 10:24-25



You were never meant to do faith alone.

Growth happens best in community.



Text a friend from the retreat and ask how they're doing spiritually.

DAY 7 - PRACTICE GRATITUDE

SCRIPTURE

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

DEVOTIONAL

Gratitude shifts your focus from what's missing to what's already good. It keeps your heart soft and joyful.



DAY 8 - CHOOSE OBEDIENCE

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22

DEVOTIONAL

Real growth happens when your faith shows up in your actions. Obedience is love in motion.

CHALLENGE Ask God to show you one area where you can obey Him today.

DAY 9 - REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

SCRIPTURE

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession."

1 Peter 2:9



Don't forget your identity. You're not who you were — you're who God says you are.



Say out loud: "I belong to Jesus." Let that truth shape your decisions today.

DAY 10 - LIVE WITH PURPOSE

SCRIPTURE

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

Ephesians 2:10

DEVOTIONAL

You were made on purpose for a purpose.

God has a mission for your life — and it

starts right where you are.

+ CHALLENGE

Ask God, "Who can I encourage or serve today?" Then do it.

DAY 11 - GUARD YOUR HEART

SCRIPTURE

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Proverbs 4:23

DEVOTIONAL

What you allow into your heart will grow. Be intentional about what you listen to, watch, and think about.

CHALLENGE

Take a break from one thing that distracts you spiritually today.

DAY 12 - WALK BY FAITH

"For we live by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

DEVOTIONAL

You won't always feel close to God—but you can choose to trust Him anyway. Faith is walking even when you can't see the whole path.



DAY 13 - SHINE YOUR LIGHT

SCRIPTURE

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

DEVOTIONAL

The best evidence of God in your life is how you love others. Your light matters — someone needs it.

CHALLENGE

Do one thing today that shows Jesus' love to someone else.

DAY 14 - KEEP DWELLING

SCRIPTURE

"One thing I ask from the Lord... to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

Psalm 27:4



This is just the beginning. Dwelling in God isn't about a moment — it's about a lifestyle. Stay close. Keep growing.

Never stop seeking Him.



Write a prayer asking God to help you keep your faith alive long after the retreat.