

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Day 1: The Power of God's Name

Reading: Exodus 20:7; Psalm 9:10

God's name is not just a label, but a representation of His character, authority, and reputation. As we explore the third commandment, reflect on how you use God's name in your daily life. Do you speak it with reverence and awe, or has it become casual and commonplace? Take time today to meditate on the different names of God in Scripture and what they reveal about His nature. How might a deeper understanding of God's names strengthen your faith and trust in Him? Pray for a renewed sense of wonder at the power and holiness of God's name.

Day 2: Living as God's Ambassador

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20; Titus 1:16

As believers, we bear Christ's name and are called to be His ambassadors in the world. Our words and actions should reflect the character of the One we represent. Consider how your life aligns with your profession of faith. Are there areas where your walk doesn't match your talk? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any inconsistencies and give you the strength to live authentically for Christ. Remember, you may be the only Bible some people ever read. How can you more faithfully represent Jesus today?

Day 3: The Heart of Worship

Reading: Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 6:7

True worship goes beyond mere words or rituals. God desires sincere hearts that are fully engaged in praising Him. Reflect on your own worship practices. Are you sometimes going through the motions without engaging your heart? Take time to quiet your mind and focus on God's presence. Express your adoration to Him in your own words, letting your heart overflow with genuine praise. Ask God to deepen your worship experience and help you cultivate a lifestyle of reverence and awe.

Day 4: The Power of Jesus' Name

Reading: John 20:31; Acts 4:12

There is power in the name of Jesus - power to save, heal, and transform lives. Meditate on what it means that salvation comes through no other name but Jesus. How has His name changed your life? Consider sharing your testimony with someone today, highlighting the difference Jesus has made. End your devotional time by praying in Jesus' name, remembering that it's through His authority and righteousness that we approach the Father.

Day 5: Guarding Your Speech

Reading: Matthew 12:36; Luke 6:45

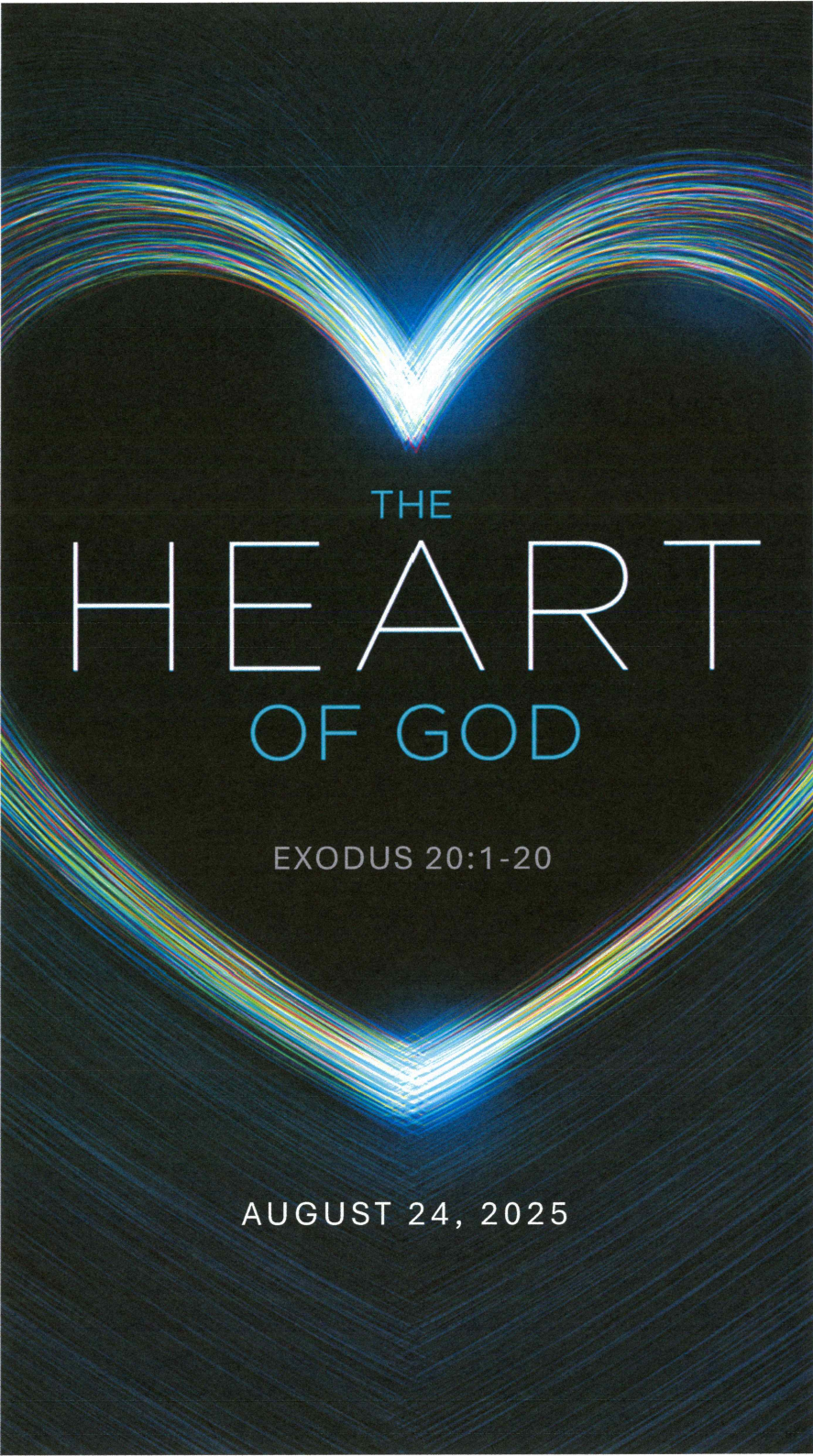
Our words reveal the condition of our hearts. Today's readings remind us of the weight our words carry and the accountability we have for them. Reflect on your speech patterns. Do your words build up or tear down? Do they honor God or misuse His name? Ask the Holy Spirit to guard your tongue and transform your heart. Practice intentional, uplifting speech today, and when you're tempted to speak carelessly, pause and consider if your words reflect Christ's love. Remember, a heart changed by Jesus will naturally produce speech that honors Him.

DEACONS ON CALL

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SCHEDULED EVENTS

- **WORSHIP:** Sundays at 9:45 AM
- **SMALL GROUPS:** Sundays at 11 AM
- **DEEP DIVE:** Wednesdays at Noon & 6:45 PM
- **FIRST KIDS:** Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
- **FIRST YOUTH:** Wednesdays at 5:30 PM



Name Recognition / Exodus 20:7

What's in a name? As it turns out, quite a lot - especially when it comes to the name of God. Our names are more than just labels; they represent us as individuals, as a family and as a church and community. This is particularly true for the name of the Lord, which carries immense weight and significance.

God says, "Take My name _____."

I. Why is God so sensitive about His Name?

- 1. A name represents _____.
- 2. A name represents _____.
- 3. A name represents _____.

II. How do we misuse God’s Name?

- 1. We use God’s Name as an _____.

- 2. We use God’s Name for our _____.
- 3. We use God’s Name to _____.
- 4. We use God’s Name as an _____.

III. How can we use God’s Name correctly?

- 1. _____ His Name.
- 2. _____ His Name.
- 3. _____ His Name.

Scripture References (In order of use): Titus 1:16; Isaiah 29:12; Matthew 6:7; Psalm 29:2, 9:10; 2 Timothy 2:19; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Psalm 33:21; Matthew 12:36; Acts 4:12; John 20:31; Luke 6:45
Referenced Works: The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (Canne, Browne, Blayney, Scott); Be Delivered (Warren Wiersbe); Ten Values that Build Strong Families (Rick Warren); Exodus (John Mackay); The Message of Exodus (Alec J. Motyer); Exodus (Peter Enns); Exodus & Leviticus (B. H. Carroll)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What does your name mean to you? Have you ever had your name misused or mispronounced? How did it make you feel?
- 2. Read **Exodus 20:7**. Is there anything from the sermon you would like to discuss?
- 3. Why do you think God included the misuse of His name as one of the Ten Commandments?
- 4. What are some ways people commonly misuse God's name in today's society?
- 5. Have you ever caught yourself using God's name carelessly? What led to that?
- 6. How can we cultivate a deeper reverence for God's name in our daily lives?
- 7. What does it mean to you to be an "ambassador for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20)?
- 8. How might our use of God's name impact our witness to non-believers?
- 9. Let’s focus on our oikos for a moment. Do you need to make some changes to your list? How can we pray for you?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- This week, pay attention to how you and others around you use God's name. Note any patterns or habits that need changing.
- Research some of the names of God in the Bible. Choose one to meditate on each day this week.
- Before praying or worshipping, take a moment to center your heart and mind on God to avoid "routine" prayers.
- If you struggle with using God's name as an expletive, choose an alternative phrase to use instead.
- Look for opportunities to honor God's name in your conversations and actions this week.