

HANDOUT
"MY FRESCO"

Snapshots from Today

1. Elementary School

2. Middle School

3. High School

Snapshots for Tomorrow

4. College

5. 20s & 30s

6. 40s & 50s

7. 60s

“I NEED WISDOM”

What advice would you offer to the following people in regards to the outside pressures they're facing? Specifically, how could Scripture affect their present circumstance?

1. Mirror, Mirror (girls to girls)

Since I was in sixth grade, I would ask my mom to buy magazines like *Seventeen* and *Teen Vogue*. I'd spend hours trying to master what it took to have a beautiful face and dress with style. I thought I had what it took to be a model even though I was a little short. I'm now obsessed with what I look like to other people and I spend tons of time primping in the mirror. What I look like in the morning affects my mood and if someone has complimented me or not. I feel like something just isn't right and that not everyone's this way.

2. Garbage in, Garbage out

My parents always tell me that our culture has become more sex-saturated than it was when they were growing up. I'm not sure if I believe that but whatever the case, I have a difficult time not thinking about sex. It seems like whenever I see a magazine at the grocery store, the front cover talks about sex. I've read some books with graphic scenes in them that have triggered my thoughts about sex. Everyone at school talks in perverted ways about sex, and any time I try to see a decent movie it ends up being about sex. I feel like there's so much junk in my mind and I can't get it out. It's horrible. I can't be the only one that struggles with my thoughts.

3. TMI

There's been so much going on in the news lately and I've become really anxious about the future. There's just too much information. From terrorism to school shootings to natural disasters- it's really gotten me depressed wondering if God is judging us or if the stupid things we do are catching up to us. I'm confused why bad things have to happen and don't understand why the news is always negative. I really like to stay on top of current events but I haven't in a few weeks because it's changed the way I see life.

4. Identity Crisis

At school, the people I hang around the most party on the weekends. I'm a Christian and know I shouldn't be involved in what they're doing but I've gone to them before and given in a few times to drinking. I know it's not who I am. I feel like the only way I'll fit in is to party with them. Lately, I haven't been going to them ... not just because it made me lie to my parents about where I was ... but because it feels pointless to me. In the back of my mind though, I still have lots of "what ifs" about going. I just don't get why everyone thinks partying is so cool.

5. Kiss & Tell (girls to girls)

There is this guy I talk to a lot at school and I think I like him. My friends know that I've committed myself to abstinence and that my standards are really high but they still pressure me to kiss him. They get a kick out of telling me what they think I should do. I know that is not what I should do; besides we aren't official and if we were, I wouldn't do that anyway. I'm just tired of them pressuring me and telling me that I need to be like everyone else.

6. Fighting Words (guys to guys)

I'm a pretty big gamer and so are my friends. We play online games against other people from around the country and we'll sometimes IM each other. Recently, the instant messaging has gotten hateful and more like cyber-bullying. It just started off as play fighting though. I've been one of the guys involved ever since another guy started it all. I really feel guilty about what I say back, but I feel like I have to let him have it and defend myself.

“AM I FAITHFUL?”

1. You're waiting for class to start with your friends and they begin picking on your classmate who is "different." You...

- A. think it probably isn't right to join in but begin to think it's really no big deal. You wouldn't want to be excluded from the fun.
- B. join right in with them, ready to make the loudest and funniest joke of them all.
- C. think about how your classmate might feel if you make fun of him/her. You don't participate and instead review your homework that's due.

2. Your alarm clock startles you out of bed. You know that morning is the best time for you to be in God's Word. You...

- A. decide to get up and do your devotions but then realize you really need that extra 20 minutes of sleep. You lie back down.
- B. don't really need God today; you can make it without him so you hit the snooze for 10 more minutes and then hop in the shower.
- C. realize you need to get up so you do. You hop in the shower, eat breakfast, and sit at your desk ready to talk to God and read what He has to say for the day.

3. You're looking at photos on your favorite social networking site and stumble upon some inappropriate pictures of acquaintances you know. You...

- A. can't believe how inappropriate they are but you want to see if there's anyone else you know in the photos so you continue browsing through them assuming there won't be any more indecent ones.
- B. smile and laugh at the photos and want to see more. You call your friend to get online and check them out too.
- C. exit out of the photos and plan to remind them about the dangers of posting crude photos online.

4. The wrong number is calling your cell phone for the third time. You...

- A. think about kindly telling them to take your number out of your phone, but get angry with them instead.
- B. chew them out and say they're ridiculous for not remembering that it's your voice answering their call again.
- C. think about the words you should say and kindly ask them for the third time to try another number.

5. Your favorite band is playing tonight but you already know your parents don't approve of you going to where it's being held. You...

- A. consider that your parents told you not to go, but you absolutely can't miss it so you say you're spending the night at a friend's and you go to the show.
- B. start thinking of a plan so your parents won't find out you're going to see your favorite band but are going somewhere else instead.
- C. remember your parents have told you over and over they don't approve of it so you obey them and use that time to have a friend over at your house instead.

6. Your friend is pressuring you to come over to see her new car but you're watching the neighbor's kids. You...

- A. can't possibly leave the kids alone, but it will only be for a few minutes so you go check out the car.
- B. are so excited about her car that you drop the phone, leave the kids alone, and head over to her house.
- C. think about the consequences if you left them alone and what would happen. You remember their parents gave you responsibility over them so you tell your friend you'll have to wait until you're done babysitting.

7. You're at school and a conversation about God comes up. You...

- A. are excited that this could be the one time to let your friends know Who you follow. You feel a nudge to say something but you shrink back and let them do the talking.
- B. are uneasy about the topic and immediately change subjects to something more enjoyable.
- C. are aware that your friends desperately need to know about God and now is the time to say something. You engage, ask questions, and speak the truth about God to them in love.

8. You'd been planning a trip to the Bahamas with your friends' family for quite some time, but your parents inform you that they had a minor emergency come up and need you to stay in town. You...

- A. can see why they need you to stay, but you complain and whine about why you have to go and can't stay home.
- B. insist that you're going- besides you've planned this for forever. You yell at your parents and shut the door to your room.
- C. take the emergency to heart and know it's best to stay so you cancel with your friends and pray hard that another opportunity will come up for you to go another time.

9. You're at a baseball game and someone drops \$20 on the floor on accident and walks off. You...

- A. know you should flag them down but you wait a while to see if they come back for it.
- B. snatch the dollar bill and shove it in your pocket, hoping no one sees you.
- C. immediately pick up the bill and run after them. You tell them you're glad to help them out.

10. Your youth pastor encourages you to sign up to be a part of a small group. Sign ups are today so he can place you in a group. You...

- A. know exactly how important they are in your spiritual walk and for community, but you decide to hold off until the next sign-up.
- B. brush right by the sheet and tell your friend you'd rather hang out somewhere else than go to a small group each week.
- C. have learned how wonderful community can be where others can know your faults and you can reveal things you struggle with. You trust that small groups will really help you become more like Christ so you sign up.

"THE PLAN"

Roman Road Notes

STEP 1: *Romans 3:23*

STEP 2: *Romans 6:23*

STEP 3: *Romans 5:8*

STEP 4: *Romans 10:13*

STEP 5: *Romans 10:9*

1.

HEAD STEEL'S

2.

VADERS

3.

ECONOMY

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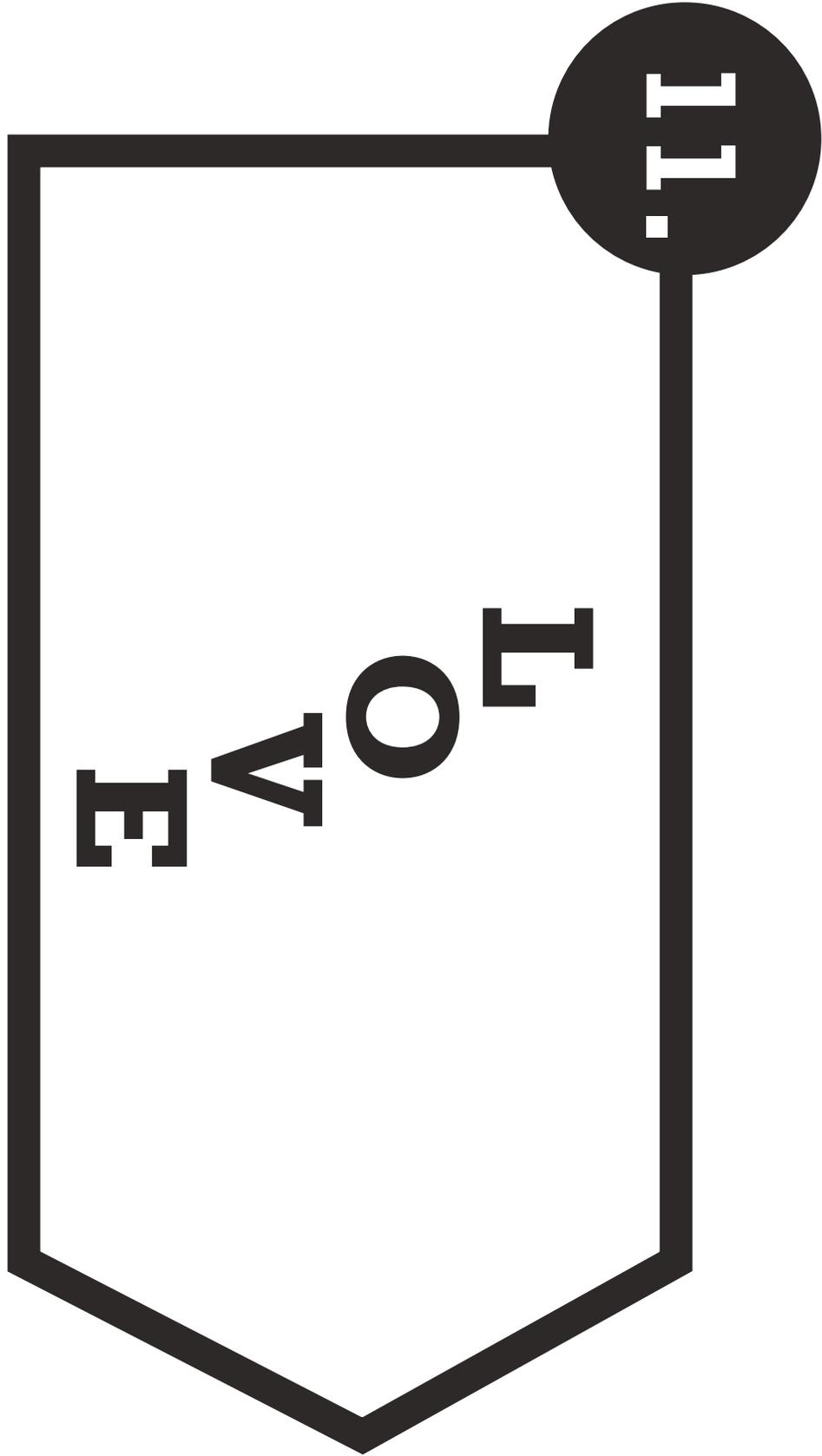
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