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THINK
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GOD

*The heavens tell about the glory of God.
The Skies show that his hands created them ... Their
voice goes out into the whole earth. Their words go out
from one end of the world to the other.*

—Psalm 19:1, 4



Galaxies upon galaxies stretch out in space.

The water cycle sustains all the plants and animals on earth.

The systems of veins and arteries in our bodies keep us alive.

God shows his work in big and small ways. Think about how large the oceans are but how much detail your fingerprints have. Picture the Rocky Mountains and then the delicate parts of a snowflake.

God shows himself clearly in these amazing creations. There is no reason to doubt him. The apostle Paul wrote, “Ever since the world was created it has been possible to see the qualities of God that are not seen. I’m talking about his eternal power and about the fact that he is God. Those things can be seen in what he has made.” (Romans 1:20)

Dear God,
help me to see your presence in
the world around me, in the people
I know, and in myself.



GOD

*Choose for yourselves right now who you
will serve ... as for me and
my family, we will serve the LORD.*

—Joshua 24:15



Moses had given the Israelites the Ten Commandments. Still, some of them broke their promise to God and started worshiping idols. It seems strange that anyone could bow down in front of a gold cow or statue, but we have to choose who we will serve, just as the people of Israel did. Do we serve other people or things? Or do we serve the one true God?

Joshua was the leader of the Israelites after Moses. Joshua was in charge of leading the people into the Promised Land. God was with them during that time. He fought for them as they began to take over the land. With Joshua to lead them, the Israelites stayed devoted to God. Near the end of his life, Joshua knew he would die soon. He gathered the people together. He told them they would need to choose for themselves to serve the Lord, the one true God.

We have the same challenge. We need to make decisions when we get out of bed, are at school, serve at church, play with our friends, and even decide what to eat. Are we serving God, ourselves, or something else?



Dear God,
I promise to serve you,
and only you.
You are the one true God.

GOD

The fire of the LORD came down. It burned up the sacrifice. It burned up the wood and the stones and the soil. It even dried up the water in the ditch.

—I Kings 18:38



Yes, you read that right! God's fire "dried up the water."

Elijah and the worshipers of Baal had a kind of contest. They each wanted to prove their own god was the most powerful. The showdown had been strong. From morning until noon, the followers of Baal had asked their god to burn up their offering. They shouted for Baal and danced for him, but nothing happened. Baal didn't do anything.

The one true God didn't need to be asked a second time. Elijah set up a sacrifice on an altar and soaked it with water. God's fire burned Elijah's sacrifice. And then it burned part of the stone altar. And the altar had been wet! Elijah really wanted to prove a point—and he did.

Let's thank God for the times when he has clearly shown himself in our lives. And let's look for him to do so again today.



GOD

*So I gave you a land you had never farmed.
I gave you cities you had not built. You are now
living in them. And you are eating the fruit
of vineyards and olive trees you did not plant.*

—Joshua 24:13



Do you make sure to tell people thank you? Are you surprised when people do or don't say thank you to you?

One reason we don't always thank others is that human beings tend to feel entitled. That means we feel like we should get all sorts of things even if we didn't earn them or don't really deserve them.



Another reason might be that we take things for granted. In some places, people can't be sure they will have food, clean water, or be safe. But most of us are sure of getting those things, so we don't worry about them. We are certain we will have them.

We also forget what life was like before we walked with Jesus. We forget that everything we have is a gift from God.

The most important thing that God gives us is knowledge of Him. We don't deserve to know God, but he still lets us. May we always remember that knowing the gospel is pure grace—a gift from God.

Dear Lord,
help me be grateful for you
and for the blessings in my life.
Help me show those I love that
I appreciate what they do.

GOD

Joshua made a covenant for the people ... he reminded them of its rules and law ... Then he got a large stone. He set it up in Schechem under the oak tree. It was near the place that had been set apart for the LORD.

—Joshua 24:25–26



When God has just done something amazing for us, we act grateful. We decide to be better people, do nice things, and obey all the rules. We might think that we will change forever and never go back to doing bad things. But after a little while, we may simply forget God’s goodness or what we decided to do.

Joshua understood that people are like that. “He got a large stone ... [and] set it up” in a place where the people would see it. The stone was to help his people remember their promises to God. Joshua said, “This stone will be a witness against us ... the stone will be a witness against you” (Joshua 24:27).

Nothing in our lives is more important than our relationship with God. What will you use to remind yourself of God’s faithfulness? And how will you keep your faithfulness to him?

Dear God,
thank you for loving me and
caring about me. Thank you for
being faithful to me. I promise
to do my best to always be
faithful to you.

