

Devotion 4: The Angel Armies Watch

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Scripture: *Matthew 26:53–54*

“Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

Devotion

Picture this: thousands upon thousands of mighty angels, standing at attention in heaven, ready to swoop down at a single word from Jesus. They are the angel armies of the sky—warriors whose job is to fight for their Lord. And now they are watching as Jesus is arrested, beaten, and led away to die. Imagine what it must have been like to be one of those angels. Your King—the Lord of hosts, the Commander of heaven’s armies—is being spat on by the very people He created. You are ready to rescue Him. All He has to do is say the word. But He doesn’t. Jesus tells His disciples that He could call down more than twelve legions of angels—that’s over seventy-two thousand heavenly warriors! But He holds back, because rescuing Himself would mean not rescuing us. The angels watch in holy silence as the Son of God walks the road of suffering—for you, for me, for the whole world. Sometimes following God means trusting Him even when we don’t understand why He allows hard things.

Discussion Questions

1. If you were an angel watching Jesus suffer, what would you be thinking?
2. Why did Jesus choose not to call the angels to rescue Him?
3. When has God asked you to trust Him during a hard time?

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your power is beyond anything we can imagine. You have armies of angels at Your command, yet You chose to save us through the suffering of Your Son. Help us to trust Your plan, even when we don’t understand. Thank You for loving us that much. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Family Action Item: Draw a picture together of the angel armies watching from heaven as Jesus walks toward the cross. Hang it somewhere your family will see it this week.