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IV LIFE CENTER FUNDRAISER TICKETS NOW ONLINE!

The IV Life Center Dinner for Life will be on October 21st at 6 pm. Tickets are available in the Visitor's Center today for \$50 or scan the QR code !



COFFEE NIGHT IN THE COURTYARD TO BENEFIT IRONMAN • OCTOBER 21 AT 7PM

MEN'S RETREAT - 10/28 \$160 REGISTER ON THE CCC APP

There are still a few spaces left for you to join us at the CCC Men's Retreat in Pine Valley. Zip lining, axe-throwing, worship and study plus food, fellowship, and other guy stuff!



HARVEST NIGHT CARNIVAL & CAR SHOW 10/26 AT 5:30 PM

For family-friendly fall frolicking be sure to come out for our annual Harvest Night Carnival & Car Show plus a cake walk, jumpers, food, skit, and a costume contest.

NEW SERIES: ISRAEL ☆ PAST PRESENT FUTURE - BEGINS 10/23

*OUR FEATURED GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE ISRAEL'S CONSUL GENERAL - SUNDAY 11/6

MIDWEEK GATHERING - EACH WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM

This week we'll have a Prophecy Update, and remember next Wednesday will be Harvest Night (so we will be out in the parking lot) • 11/2 Prayer & Communion • 11/9 an Interview • 11/16 will be our Thanksgiving Service. The coffee shop will be open after each service so stay to socialize!

BETRAYAL & BEYOND FOR WOMEN THURSDAYS 6:30 PM AT IVLC

Betrayal & Beyond is a support group for Women who have been betrayed by a spouse's behavior due to sexual addiction (e.g. pornography or adultery) to be able to find healing and prayer support. The meetings are held each Thursday at 6:30 pm at the IV Life Center.

BABY DEDICATIONS 10/30

CALL THE OFFICE OR SIGN UP ON THE APP!

LUNCH IN THE WORD MEN'S STUDY • TUESDAYS AT NOON • FELLOWSHIP HALL

IMPERIAL VALLEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY • TUESDAYS 6:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

ROOTED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-24) TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM • REACH BASEMENT

YOUNG AT HEART COFFEE • 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00 AM • LIBRARY

REACH YOUTH GROUP (REACH BASEMENT) & AWANA (FH) • WEDNESDAYS 6:15 PM

MIDWEEK GATHERING • WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM • MAIN SANCTUARY

JOY OF LIVING WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS AT 9:30-11:30 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

MOMS IN PRAYER • THURSDAYS 6-7 PM • PRESCHOOL ROOM 4

BETRAYAL & BEYOND WOMEN'S STUDY • THURSDAYS 6:30 PM • IV LIFE CENTER

KITCHEN WITH A MISSION • FRIDAYS AT 5:30 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP • ALTERNATING SATURDAYS • THE COTTAGE BEGINNING 10/29

ONGOING

**Find the LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS
On the CCC Mobile APP or at
ccciv.org/lifegroup-resources**



Getting to Know You:

1. What are some of the popular post-apocalyptic movies you've seen? Do you have a favorite? Why do you think people are so fascinated with the topic yet reluctant to study God's Word and seek Biblical truth about end-times prophecies?
2. What has been the most relevant thing you've learned as we've read and discussed the book of 1 Thessalonians? How have you applied it to your life? How has this series influenced your perspective on the Day of the Lord and the way you will live while waiting for Christ's return?

Digging Deeper

1. Some think because the day of the Lord comes "like a thief in the night," we can predict nothing about Jesus' return. (Matthew 24:36) Yet Paul praises the Thessalonian church for knowing how to discern the times and the seasons. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-4) Why do you think the Lord chose not to divulge the time of His return but instead gave us instructions about what to do while we wait? Consider Luke 12:35-40, 2 Peter 3:9-13, and Colossians 3:1-4 for inspiration as you discuss it.
2. Contemplating the end times can make some believers fearful or anxious, but read Paul's perspective about the Day of the Lord in 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11. Notice the contrast he makes between the day and the night. Why does a believer have nothing to fear concerning the Day of the Lord? (1 Thessalonians 5:8, Romans 5:19, and Ephesians 2:3-7) What about those who remain in the darkness?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:14-22 and consider whether the commands listed seem overwhelming or unattainable for the average Christian to obey. So how can a believer fulfill this difficult call according to 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 2 Corinthians 3:18, and Galatians 6:16-23?

Taking it home:

1. Paul repeats that we should encourage one another, and his final instructions are to pass his letter on to others. Whom do you know that is fearful or anxious? How will you share what you have learned in this series, and whom will you encourage with its principles?
2. Have you felt burdened by all the commands of the Lord? What can you do to refresh yourself in the Lord?

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-28

PAUL'S INSTRUCTION ON THE _____

KNOW THE _____

JUDGMENT COMES _____

LIVE _____

PAUL'S INSTRUCTION ON THE _____

BE RESPECTFUL

BE MERCIFUL

BE JOYFUL

BE PRAYERFUL

BE THANKFUL

BE DISCERNING

BE HOLY

PAUL'S _____ INSTRUCTION

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SCAN TO OPEN TODAY'S
OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES >>>



WEEK OF
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Cliffhanger: The story isn't over

PARENT GUIDE
Preteen



Use this guide to help your family
learn how God can help us have grit.

First, watch
this week's
video!

**Grit: Refusing
to give up when
life gets hard**

Memory Verse

"Let us not become
tired of doing good.
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Galatians 6:9, NIV

Bible Story

Moses is Born
Exodus 2:1-10
(supporting
Exodus 1)

Key Question

When have you
helped solve a
problem?

Activity

Did You Know . . .

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

Tell your kid you've got 8 riddles for them to answer. Before you start asking the questions, have your child guess how many they'll get right. To make it interesting, tell them if they get that number or higher right, you'll make their bed for a week or walk the dog for them. But if they get below that number, they have to do something for you for a week!

Riddles to ask:

1. A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode out on Friday. How was that possible? (Answer: Friday was the name of his horse.)
2. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years? (Answer: The letter M)
3. One night, a king and a queen went into a castle. There was nobody in the castle, and no one came out of the castle. In the morning, three people came out of the castle. Who were they? (Answer: The knight (night), the king, and the queen)
4. What has to be broken before you can use it? (Answer: An egg)
5. What runs but never walks, often murmurs but never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never eats? (Answer: A river)
6. What belongs to you but is used more by others? (Answer: Your name)
7. Which is heavier, a pound of bricks or a pound of feathers? (They're the same. A pound is always a pound)
8. Can you name 3 consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, or Sunday? (Answer: Yesterday, today, and tomorrow)

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Jochebed and Miriam step up and show grit? (They hid Moses to keep him safe.)

How do you think Jochebed felt when she came up with a solution to the threat to her son?

When have you helped solve a problem?

How does it feel before the problem is solved, and you're not sure what to do?

When you have a problem to solve, who do you usually ask for help?

What are some ways you can rely on God for help?

Parent: Share a story of a time when you were facing a big problem and you didn't know what to do, but you held onto God and toughed it out.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, thank You for the story of Moses. It's incredible that he went from a baby in a basket floating down the river to the leader of your people. Thank You that Miriam and Jochebed gave us such a great example of holding on in unknown situations. We know that you'll always be with us, helping us hold on and giving us the wisdom to know how to push through. Amen."

DEVOTIONS

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Bottom Line

Hold on even when
you don't know
what to do.

Activity

String Fling

What You Need:

string or yarn; timer

What You Do:

Create a web out of the string by tying it to different items in your home. Bonus points if the string stretches through more than one room! Be sure to include at least 10 tie-off points.

When you're finished, show your child the "starting point" of the string (the first tie off). Then tell them that they've got to untangle the web by finding all the other tie offs and unknitting them.

Use your phone to time your child progress, making the activity feel a little more competitive. Say, "How long do you think it'll take you to untangle this web? I'm going to set a timer to see if you're right. Ready, set, go!"

After the activity, say, "When it came to untangling the web, it wasn't easy to know what to do. You had to follow the line of string from one place to the next to find the tie-offs. You did a great job—especially for not knowing exactly where you were going!"



Talk About the Bible Story

What did Moses' mom decide to do with baby Moses when he was in danger from the pharaoh? (*Put him in a basket and float him down the river.*)

How do you think she felt as she was doing this?

How can you "hold on" in tough situations and trust God for the outcome?

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"Dear God, thank You for loving us so much. Thank You for always being with us. When we don't know what to do next, help us to hold on and keep following You. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

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VOLUNTEER

Several ministries are looking for help, including the Tech Team, AWANA, Kids Ministry, and KWAM.

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