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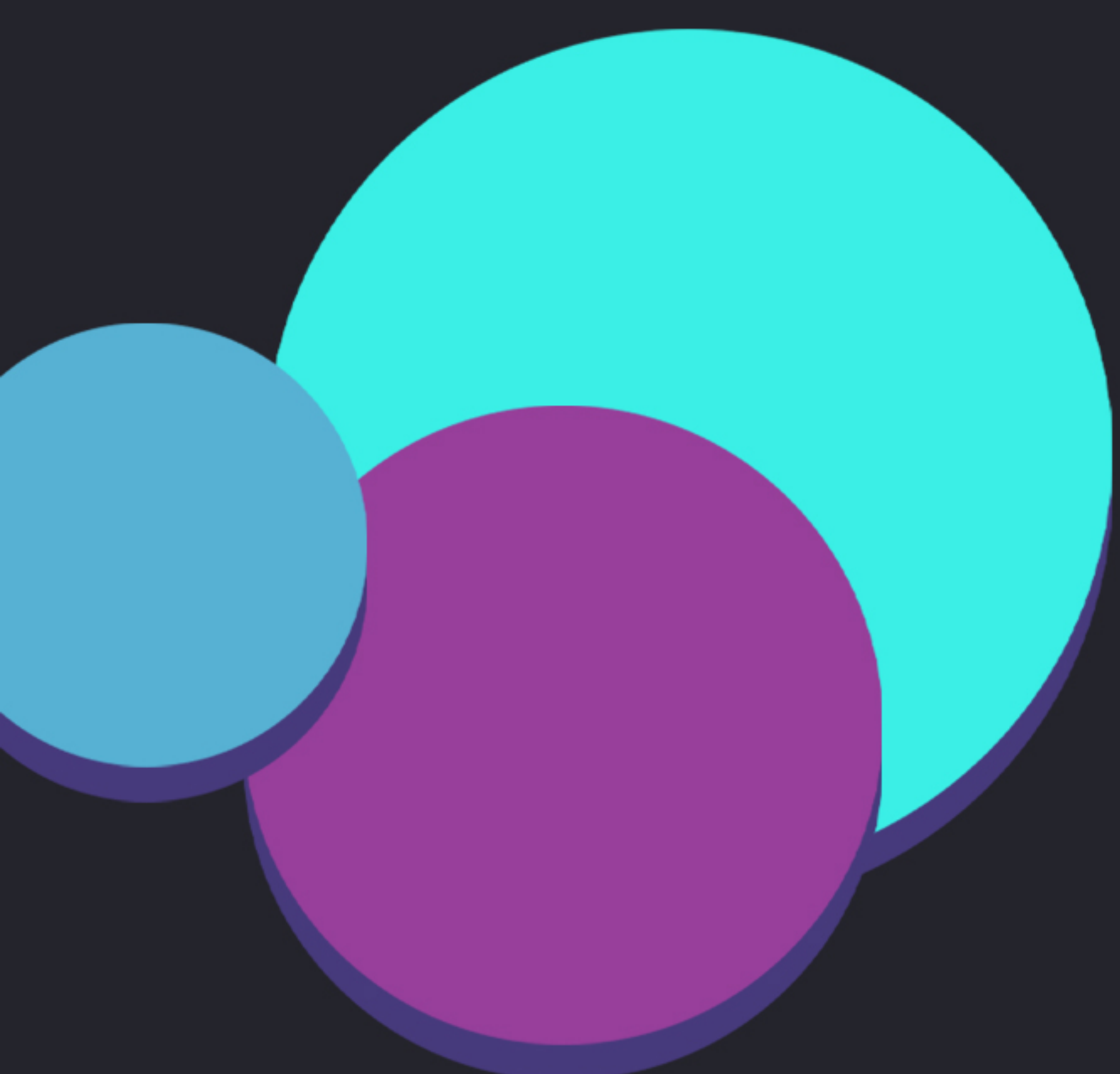
weekly devotional



verse

II Tim. 3:16

All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness



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It was a typical day at Jefferson Elementary School. The teachers were teaching, the students were learning, and the birds were chirping outside the window.

“Man, I really want to be outside right now,” said Matthew. “Look at it out there. The sun is out, it’s a clear day. Why am I stuck in here!”

It was the same thing every day with Matthew. As far as he was concerned, there was never a good time to be in school. Kids should always be outside playing in the sun, running in the grass, and climbing in the trees.


“I feel the same way, but I also know we need to be in school doing what the teachers tell us to do,” said Amanda.

“What! There’s no law that says we need to be in school,” said Matthew. “Especially on a day like today.”

“Actually, the law does say we need to be in school,” she said. “And, Matthew, really, you always say, ‘especially on a day like today,’” she said. “You never want to be in school.”

“What’s wrong with that,” he said. “That’s a bad law. I shouldn’t have to be in school.”

“Even if you don’t like the law, God tells us to obey the people who make the rules,” she said. “God says we are supposed to listen to people in charge.”

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devo

That got Matthew even more charged up. It was one thing to say we have to go to school because the law says so. It is another thing to say God says so.

“God never said that,” said Matthew.

“The Bible says to respect all authority,” said Amanda. “It’s in Romans 13:1. Right here. Look.”

“I can’t believe you always have a Bible with you,” said Matthew. “But it doesn’t matter. A bunch of guys wrote the Bible, not God, so I really don’t have to listen to everything it says.”





point

"I don't want to be rude, Matthew, but you are wrong about the Bible," said Amanda.
"God did write it."

"No, he didn't," he said. "I know this much from when I went to Sunday school. Guys with names like Peter and Paul and, I don't know, Sam, wrote it."

"Your right about Peter and Paul writing the parts of the Bible, but there is no Sam," said Amanda.

"See, Peter and Paul, but not God," he said, sounding triumphant.


Just then, God put a Bible verse in Amanda's mind that she knew would really help Matthew understand what she was saying.

"Can I share this verse from the Bible with you, Matthew" she asked.

"Sure," he said, not sounding too excited. "Why not?"

"This is from II Timothy 3:16," she said. "It says, 'all scripture is God-breathed.' Do you know what that means?"

"No, and it doesn't make any sense," he said. "What does breathing have to do with anything?"





point

Amanda explained to Matthew that the words “God-breathed” meant that every word in the Bible was inspired by God.

Matthew thought that sounded like it might be kind of important, even though he had no clue what inspired meant.

“What does that mean, Amanda,” he asked, and he really wanted to know. “I have no idea what you are talking about.”

“Inspired means that God put His thoughts into the hearts of everyone who wrote the Bible and then they put it all down in their own words,” she said.


God made it perfectly clear what He wanted in the Bible, she explained, and then gave all of those truths to Peter and Paul and many others to write down.

“So, are you saying that even though people wrote the Bible, they were writing exactly what God wanted us to know,” he asked.

“Yes,” said Amanda. “I think you’ve got it.”

“Well, I guess if God says I need to listen to my teachers and other people who are in charge, I better do it,” said Matthew. “But I’d still rather be outside.”

“I know,” said Amanda. “Me, too. But it’s almost recess and we’ll be outside soon.”

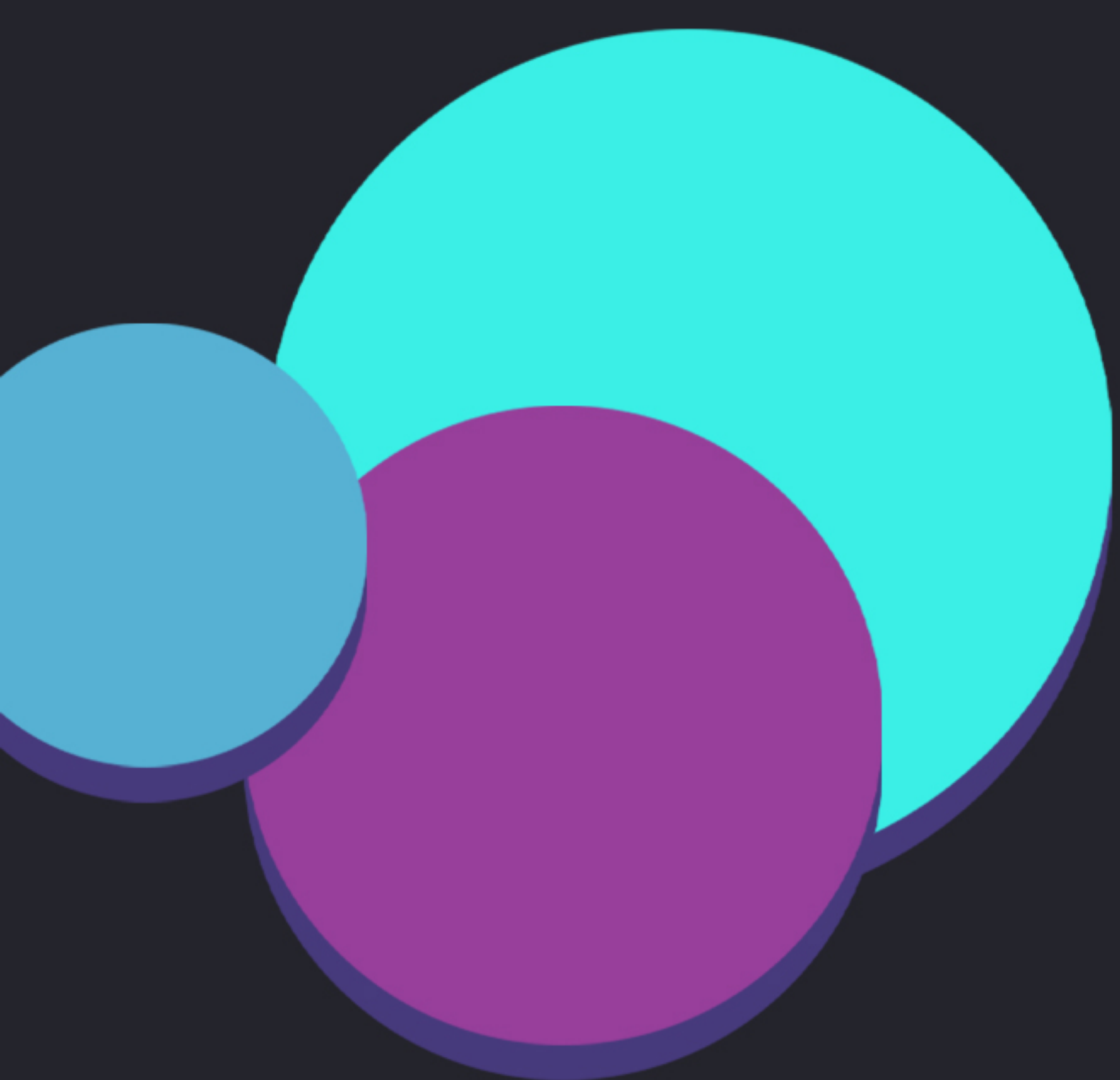




prayer



God, help us to read your word every day. Show us what you want us to know and then guide us so that we can do the right thing. Remind us each day that You are the one who inspired every word in the Bible, and let Your Holy Spirit encourage us to do the things you want us to do – to love You and to love others. Thank you, Jesus.





Lesson

A lot of people think the Bible is just another book written by a bunch of different people. But God tells us in His own words that the Bible is written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write down exactly what God wanted to say to us. When II Timothy 3:16 says “all scripture is God-breathed” it is telling us that every word in the Bible comes from the heart of God. Peter said it best when he explained that no words in Scripture came from the writers own understanding of things. The Bible “never had its origins in people,” Peter said, but instead the writers “spoke words from God as they were guided by the Holy Spirit.” (II Peter 1:20-21) You see, the Bible is not just another book like some people say. The Bible is God’s word, and it shows each of us how to live the way God wants us to live. God tells us to “love Him and love others,” and His word helps us do that by teaching, correcting, and training us to do the right things.

