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Week 3: The Story of You and God (Part 3)

*Chapters 1-3: God wants to “tabernacle” (dwell) with me.
Chapters 4-5: God accepts, cleanses and forgives me.*

Chapter Six: Light in a Dark Place **Exodus 25:31-40 — The Golden Lampstand**

The Lampstand could only give light
when it was full of _____

Just as Jesus is the _____ ...

Jesus: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
John 8:12 (NIV)

...so I, too, must _____

So that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.
Philippians 2:15-16a (NIV)

“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”
Hebrews 6:10 (NIV)

Chapter Seven: Bread from Heaven **Exodus 25:23-30 — The Table of Shewbread**

The twelve loaves represented

Wood/bronze: JESUS AS OUR SUFFERING SAVIOR
Wood/gold: JESUS AS OUR GLORIFIED KING

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”
John 6:35 (NIV)

How do I feed on the Living Bread?

Chapter Eight: Life is a Prayer **Exodus 30:1-10 — The Golden Altar**

The altar represents _____

The value of the altar was in the _____

“I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you. May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.”

Psalm 141:1-22 (NIV)

“Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all God’s people on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand.”
Revelation 8:3-4 (NIV)

The Holy Spirit gives _____ to us as we pray

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Romans 8:26 (NLT)

Prayer should be a part of _____

“In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”
Psalm 5:3 (NIV)

“On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.”
Psalm 63:6 (NIV)

“Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)

It is always too soon to _____

“Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope.” Luke 18:1 (NCV)

Truth to Believe: God _____ me!

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The Lampstand could only give light
when it was full of OIL

Just as Jesus is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD...

Jesus: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
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...so I, too, must SHINE

So that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.
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The twelve loaves represented THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

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How do I feed on the Living Bread?
THROUGH THE BIBLE

Chapter Eight: Life is a Prayer **Exodus 30:1-10 — The Golden Altar**

The altar represents prayer & worship

The value of the altar was in the INCENSE

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The Holy Spirit gives GUIDANCE to us as we pray

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Romans 8:26 (NLT)

Prayer should be a part of A WAY OF LIFE

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It is always too soon to STOP PRAYING

“Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope.” Luke 18:1 (NCV)

Truth to Believe: God uses me!



THE STORY OF YOU AND GOD (PART 3) Talk-it-Over Notes | January 21-22, 2023

REVIEW IT

In week one of this study we learned that Jesus is our sacrifice and our high priest and that God wants to tabernacle, or dwell, with us. In the second week we established that God accepts, cleanses, and forgives us and that we are all priests. This week we discovered what we should be doing as priests to serve and worship God. In the tabernacle, worship was a very sensory experience. The priests in the tabernacle interacted with the golden lampstand that brought light, the table for the bread which brings us into the presence of God, and the golden altar for incense where our prayers are heard.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (NIV) Jesus said in John 9:5 that he was the light of the world while he was in the world. What does it make you feel to see in Matthew 5:16 above that through Christ you are called to be light in the world? What will it make you do?
2. Read Exodus 25:23-30 aloud. This table of acacia wood covered with gold held the Bread of Presence, also known as the shewbread, before God. These twelve loaves of bread represented the twelve tribes of Israel. The priests baked the unleavened bread each week. As they placed the fresh bread on the table they took the bread that had been in God's presence for a week to become part of their Sabbath meal. What significance do you see that the bread was in God's presence at all times?
3. "Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" John 6:35 (NIV) In this verse, Jesus declares that he is the bread of life. As priests we are to present ourselves in God's presence and partake in the bread of life. How do we feed on the living bread through the Word of God?
4. Read Exodus 30:1-10 aloud. Where does it say the incense altar is located in relation to the inner curtain that shields the Ark of the Covenant? What happens there? According to Revelation 8:3-4, what happens with the incense and your prayers in heaven? How does that make you feel? What will you do as you consider where your prayers go?

ACT ON IT

This week, participate with the 21 days of prayer and fasting by using the Tabernacle Prayer outline.

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PRAY ABOUT IT

"You, Lord, are the light of the world. We are a multitude of little lamps, ignited from your flame and set on a hill for the world to see. Keep us full of the holy oil of your Word and your Spirit. Where our flames have burned low, we rejoice that you will not extinguish us, but will rekindle us and give us hearts ablaze for holiness. We plead for a fresh touch, fresh oil, fresh fire."