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JOHN 1:45-51

A LIFE LESSON FROM NATHANAEAL

Nathanael was one of Jesus' first disciples. Before he met with Jesus, he only heard about Jesus from others. When he heard that Jesus, about whom Moses and the prophets had written, was from Nazareth, his first reaction was: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" It sounds like he was looking down on Nazareth, because Nazareth was just a small town. What a prejudice!

A prejudice means an opinion that is formed without knowing or considering all the facts. Fortunately, Nathanael's prejudice didn't stay too long.

When he met Jesus face to face, he personally experienced that Jesus was indeed the Son of God. He believed that Jesus was the King of Israel. He erased the prejudice from his mind.

There are times when we have our own prejudice about someone or something. Let us respect and treat everyone we meet as a person that is loved by God.

Key verse:

*Psalm 141:2a
Matthew 7:12
Do for others
what you would
want them to
do for you. This
is the meaning
of the Law of
Moses and the
teaching of the
prophets.*

Prayer

*Dear God, remind
me always
that everyone
deserves to be
respected and
valued as a child
of God. Amen.*





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JOHN 2:1-10

BE EXTRA-ORDINARY!

There was a wedding in Cana. While the party was still ongoing, they ran out of wine. When Jesus heard about this, Jesus told the servants in the house to fill six water jars with water. They obeyed Jesus and guess what? The water inside the jars turned into wine! Jesus' miracle saved the party!

Jesus is a miracle worker! It normally takes a very long time and great patience to produce a very good grade of wine. However, with God's power in Jesus, He could produce it instantly!

This is another proof that Jesus demonstrated His marvellous ability to rule over nature. He could overlap the elements of time. He is more than able to convert the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Be ready and be willing to let Jesus transform your life into an extraordinary life that is filled with His glory, kids!

Key verse:

*John 2:11
What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which He revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.*

Prayer

Dear God, I am more than willing to let You work extraordinary things in my life. Amen.





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JOHN 4:13-15

THE SUPERNATURAL WATER

When we are thirsty, the first thing we need is water. Only drinking will satisfy our thirst. Jesus has a special kind of water to offer you and me. It is the supernatural water. The water He gives will be available constantly so that when we're thirsty, we can drink it immediately.

Sometimes when we are super thirsty, we are craving for sweet drinks like green tea or bubble milk tea. But, as these drinks are sweet, after drinking them, you will still feel thirsty and will be looking for pure water.

Likewise, when we try to find happiness and satisfaction in things that make us happy like toys, handphones, social media or hobbies, we might be able to feel happy for a while. However, this is just temporary.

The supernatural water that Jesus offers will become a spring of water in us that will lead us to eternal life, eternal happiness, eternal joy and peace. This supernatural water is His Holy Spirit. Ask Jesus to always fill you up with the Holy Spirit.

Key verse:

John 4:14

Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, I need Your supernatural water every day. Fill me with it so I will feel true joy and peace in my life. Amen.





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JOHN 6:28-35

THE BREAD OF LIFE

During those days, bread was the main food the people consumed. On that day, Jesus was teaching His disciples and He said, "I am the bread of life."

Bread can satisfy our hunger, give us strength or sustain us to keep us alive. This is what Jesus means when He says He is the bread of life. Jesus wants us to know that only He can satisfy our needs and hunger. Only Jesus can give us strength when we feel weak or tired. Only Jesus can sustain us no matter how hard our circumstance is. It is not gummy bears or French fries or chips that satisfy. It is merely Jesus.

So, Jesus does not only offer supernatural water, but He is giving us the bread of life, which is Himself! The conclusion is if we have Jesus, we have everything. With Jesus, our heart will never feel hungry or thirsty anymore, because He satisfies our hearts with His goodness and love.

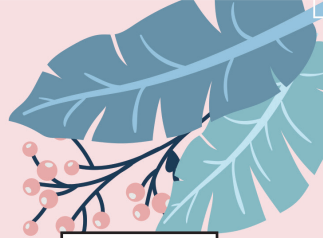
Key verse:

*John 6:35
I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty*

Prayer

Dear Jesus, You are everything that I need that can satisfy my heart. I need You more than anything in my life. Amen.





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JOHN 8:31-36

THE TRUTH SETS ME FREE

Have you ever lied to your parents, saying you went to the library while you actually went to watch a movie with your friends? Did you enjoy or not enjoy the movie? Did you feel scared that your parents would find out about it? Did you feel worried that you would bump into a friend of your parents in the cinema? All these thoughts would suffocate you.

The Bible says the truth will set you free. It means that by staying true in every action, word and decision you make in your life, your life will be free. Free from guilt, insecurity or condemnation. Do not lie, do not be rough to your friends, do not say harsh words to your parents, do not steal, etc. In short, let us always hold on to the truth, which is God's words, in all we say and do.

However, Jesus knows that we cannot be perfect all the time. There are times we fail. This is why we always need Jesus to help us to stay true and to set us free from the bond of sins and eternal death!

Key verse:

*John 8:32
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your word that sets me free. Guide me to always stay true in my actions and words so that I can freely enjoy my days. Amen.





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JOHN 9:30-41

DON'T BE LIKE THE PHARISEES

Jesus healed a blind man who had been blind since he was born. However, the Pharisees kept questioning the man how Jesus healed him. Jesus then told them that even though they had seen what He did, they chose not to believe Him and they even influenced the people to reject Jesus.

Do not be like the Pharisees in this story. We have heard and read the word of God. We should be able to understand what is right and what is wrong. We have even experienced God's goodness in our life.

The Pharisees are like people who have eyes but cannot see things or have ears but cannot hear properly. It seems like their eyes and ears are being covered.

May our eyes always be open to see the light of Jesus in this darkened world. May our ears always be willing to listen to God's voice. We can hear His voice through His word or through other believers, like our parents and teachers.

Key verse:

*John 9:5
While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*

Prayer

Dear God, open my eyes to always see the light of You in this world and open my ears to always listen to Your words. Amen.





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JOHN 11:32-35

JESUS WEPT TOO

The Bible records that Jesus wept over the death of Lazarus, His best friend. 'Jesus wept' was written in John 11:35, the shortest verse in the Bible. To weep means to shed tears.

This proves that Jesus feels what we feel. He felt empathetic to Mary and Martha for their loss. Jesus' weeping here shows His true care and love for Lazarus. He felt broken-hearted too. Jesus felt the sorrow and sadness of his friends, Mary and Martha. His heart was filled with compassion for them.

When we care about someone, we will love them sincerely. When they are hurt, you feel hurt too. This is what Jesus feels about each of us as well. He never takes our pain and tears lightly. When you cry or feel sad, do not feel that you are alone or think that no one understands you. Remember, Jesus understands. When He says He understands, He really does because He has been through it too. Psalm 51:17 says that God will not despise a broken heart.

Come to Jesus. He understands.

Key verse:

*John 11:35
Jesus wept.*

Prayer

*Dear Jesus, thank
You for loving
me so much.
Thank You for
understanding
all my pains
and tears. You
never despise my
sorrow. Amen.*

