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AN 8-DAY EASTER DEVOTIONAL JOURNAL

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YOU'RE INVITED!

When was the last time you got a personal invitation? Maybe it was to a birthday party or a big celebration like a graduation or a wedding. Being personally invited is special because it means you're valued and included!

Easter is a time to remember that God loves and values each of us. Through Jesus' sacrifice, we have direct access to God, and we're included in his family. This Easter devotional journal is designed to help prepare your heart to celebrate and receive the King of Kings. So consider this your personal invitation from God to go beyond the usual fun stuff this Easter (e.g., colored eggs and chocolate bunnies) and try drawing near to Jesus.

HOW IT WORKS

This journal contains eight days of devotions and activities to help you focus on Christ as you journey through Holy Week and celebrate Easter.

Here you'll have an opportunity to walk through Jesus' final week on Earth, focus on drawing near to the King of Kings with your whole heart, study the Bible with engaging tools, dig deeper into the heart behind your favorite Easter songs, and take on challenges that help you get a closer look at what Christ's death and resurrection mean for you. At the end of the week, you'll find a FAMILY DAY. This is an opportunity to share what you're learning and celebrate Easter with friends and family.

Remember, you'll get out of this journal what you put into it. The challenges you'll encounter won't always be easy—they're designed to stretch you! Take a risk and use this journal to run hard toward God. When we make ourselves available to him, he'll transform us and use us in ways that will blow our minds!

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DAY 1

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Have you ever wanted to go on a big adventure? You know, go on a long journey, overcome obstacles, meet new people, and defeat enemies. There are countless books, movies, and television shows about adventures and journeys. But the reality is that our greatest adventure and most important journey is the one of following Christ.

Jesus was on a journey most of his life, especially as he wandered from place to place during his time of ministry. Finally, for his last week on earth, Jesus came into Jerusalem—the triumphal entry. He entered the city riding on a donkey and many people drew near to worship him by laying down coats, waving palm branches, and shouting hosanna.

As you spend this Holy Week looking toward Easter, take time to prepare your heart and draw near to Jesus. He has already drawn near to us by becoming a human and sacrificing himself so that we in turn can draw near to him. There is no greater adventure or more worthwhile journey than life with Jesus.

JOURNAL YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

As you enter into Holy Week, what are you preparing for? What are the events or traditions that are a part of Easter for you?