

Garden to Garden - Part 2

Family Devotional

Day 1: The Backward Betrayal

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:47-50

Devotional Thought:

Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss, a gesture meant to show love and loyalty. This backward act reminds us that sometimes things aren't what they seem.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever felt betrayed by a friend? How did it make you feel?
- Why do you think Judas chose a kiss to betray Jesus?
- How can we show genuine love and loyalty to our friends and family?

Parenting Tip:

Assure your children that your love and affection for them is genuine, and remind them that they should always show genuine love and care for others.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for the ability to discern true friends and to be a loyal friend to others.



Day 2: The Senseless Impulse

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:51-54

Devotional Thought:

Peter acted impulsively by cutting off the servant's ear. Jesus teaches us that His Kingdom is not advanced by violence but by love and sacrifice.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever done something without thinking and then regretted it? What happened?
- Why do you think Jesus told Peter to put away his sword?
- How can we respond with love instead of anger when we are upset?

Parenting Tip:

Model calmness and patience in stressful situations. Children learn how to handle emotions by watching their parents.

Prayer Focus:

Ask God for patience and wisdom to act thoughtfully rather than impulsively.



Day 3: The Strange Arrest

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:55-56

Devotional Thought:

Jesus was arrested as if He were a criminal, even though He had done nothing wrong. This shows us that God's plans often look different from what we expect.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever been misunderstood or treated unfairly? How did you handle it?
- Why do you think Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested?
- How can we trust God's plan even when things seem unfair?

Parenting Tip:

Teach your children about fairness and justice but also about grace and forgiveness. Life isn't always fair, but God's love is constant.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for trust in God's plan, even when life seems confusing or unfair.



Day 4: The Sad Fulfillment

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:56b

Devotional Thought:

The disciples fled when Jesus was arrested, fulfilling what Jesus had predicted. This reminds us of our human weakness and the need for God's strength.

Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think the disciples ran away?
- Have you ever been scared to stand up for what is right? What did you do?
- How can we find courage to do the right thing, even when it's hard?

Parenting Tip:

Encourage your children to be brave and stand up for what is right. Share stories of courage from your own life or from history.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for courage to stand firm in faith and to support each other as a family.



Day 5: The Ultimate Victory

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:6-8

Devotional Thought:

What seemed like the greatest defeat—the crucifixion—was actually the greatest victory. Jesus' death and resurrection show us the depth of God's love.

Discussion Questions:

- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus' death was actually a victory?
- How can we show God's love to others in our daily lives?

Parenting Tip:

Remind your children that God can turn any situation into something good.

Prayer Focus:

Thank God for His incredible love and for the victory we have through Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share this love with others.

