



A year of intentional choices to follow Jesus and share the Good News.

— CHOOSE THIS DAY —

Choose this day whom you will serve... Joshua 24:15



FIRST PRIORITY HOPE GUIDE

CHOOSE PRAYER

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INTRODUCTION

How to get the most out of your First Priority H.O.P.E. Guide

HELP WEEK • OVERCOME WEEK • PREPARE WEEK • ENGAGE WEEK



DEVO TIME

The HOPE Guide is designed to be used weekly. For example: on Monday, read through Help Week and put it into action the rest of the week. Then next Monday, read Overcome Week and do the same. So pick a day that works best for you, whether it is alone or with a group, and read that week's devotion.



PRAYER STOP

Spending time in prayer with God and praying for others.



H.E.A.R.

Listen to what God is telling you through His Word.

- Highlight Scripture
- Explain Context
- Apply to your life
- Respond



GO

Your challenge for the week.



SHARE

Telling your faith story to others.

STUDENT CHECK-IN

Click on QR Code and share where you are.



We are praying that this month you make prayer a priority in your life. Look for opportunities to pray for people at your school. It is a great month to share Jesus with your friends. We are cheering you on!

Blessed,

First Priority Family



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My Prayer list for my school:



Listen to what God is telling you through His Word.

HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”
Romans 12:12

EXPLAIN

How is your prayer life? It is a simple question, but it can be tough to answer. We may think we have to pray with fancy words, but prayer is simply talking to God. Throughout the day, God longs to hear our requests. For example: “Thank you for this breakfast, Lord.” – “God, help me to focus on my schoolwork.” – “Lord, help me love this person right now.” – “God, will you show me what to do?”

The best way to strengthen your relationship with God is through developing a prayer life. Just like with any relationship, you make a point to communicate daily to show that you love and care for them. With God, it is no different. Romans chapter 12 verse 12 says, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” We rejoice in the hope that God will take care of everything. Our patience shows others that we are different in how we handle trials, and we are constant in prayer, knowing that God hears our requests.

So how can you be constant in prayer? You CHOOSE to. That might seem so simple, but without choosing each day to spend time in conversation with God, we will find ourselves not praying at all. Next, you need to pick a time and place where you can be alone with God. Jesus gave us a glimpse of what that looks like in Mark chapter 1 verse 35, “And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” Jesus got up before everyone else to go spend time alone with God

praying. What time works best for you? It could be in the morning before school, on the bus ride, or maybe in the evening before you go to bed. Whatever time you choose, let's start today by making an appointment to spend time praying to God.

APPLY

Today's Help Tool is the Appointment with God and Teaspoon Prayer card.

Take a few minutes and fill out the appointment card for your prayer time with God. Now that you have set the time and place, below is a simple way to start off your time in prayer.

- t** is for **Thank You** – Take time to thank God for all He has done.
- s** is for **Sorry** – Ask God for forgiveness for things you have done wrong.
- p** is for **Please** – Ask God for what you need or for the needs of others.


PRAYER TIME
APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

DATE: _____

TIME: _____

LOCATON: _____

.tsp (TEASPOON PRAYER)



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Helping you believe and
share the Good News
of Jesus.

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RESPOND

Get a notebook that you can use as a prayer journal and start your teaspoon prayer today.

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

A better question than “How’s your prayer life?” would be “Did you choose to pray today?”



Ask a classmate or teacher how you can pray for them this week.

NOTES:

THE HOPE OF CHRIST IN EVERY STUDENT

SIGN UP TODAY

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OCTechs: @octechsfp
Odessa High: @odessa2fp
Permian High: @permian2fp
Stem Academy: @stemfp
Wilson Young: @wayfp

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Abell: @abellfp
Alamo: @alamofp
Goddard: @goddardfp
Lee Fresh: @leefreshfp
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Midland High: @midlandfp
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OVERCOME WEEK

Overcoming things that
keep you from sharing
the Good News
of Jesus.

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My Prayer list for my family:

WOULD YOU RATHER:

- Would you rather live without the Internet or live without heat and air?
- Would you rather live on the beach or live in a cabin in the woods?
- Would you rather have free sushi for life or free tacos for life?
- Would you rather give up bathing for a month or brushing your teeth for a month?
- Would you rather it never stop snowing or never stop raining?



Listen to what God is telling you through His Word.

HIGHLIGHT SCRIPTURE

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6

EXPLAIN

Last week we talked about how to make prayer a priority. Today we will use our highlight verse to help us overcome our anxiety by praying.

One thing that is true about all religions is that people pray. They chant or sit silently and speak to themselves or even out loud, but they pray. So what makes Christianity different? Great question. Let's look at today's highlight verse again in Philippians chapter 4 verse 6, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Paul gives us an outline of how to do this. First, don't be anxious,

worried, or even stressed! That's hard, because stress is all around us. How do we do this? When Paul wrote these words, he was in prison for his faith, so he was no stranger to stress. He was able to pray, because he had faith that God was hearing him. God is bigger than all of our stress and worries.

Second, pray and ask in every situation with thanksgiving. Prayer is simply talking and listening to God. That means talking to Him and thanking Him in the good times and the bad. God never gets tired of hearing our requests, no matter the situation. Paul is also telling us to make our requests known to God. He cares about even the little things. Even though God already knows what we need, He wants to hear us asking Him through prayer.

APPLY

There is comfort in prayer. For some, the hardest part is trying to find the right words or feeling like we don't know how to pray. The Bible tells us in Romans chapter 8 verse 26, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." He hears you. What is keeping you from praying?

RESPOND

- What do you struggle to pray for?
- If God would answer one prayer right now, what would it be?
- Take time this week and write down some things that you are thankful for.

BIG IDEA TO REMEMBER

Don't be anxious about anything. Talk to God. He cares for you.



Introduce yourself to someone new this week.



OVERCOME WEEK

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PREPARE WEEK

Preparing your story of
believing the Good
News of Jesus.

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My Prayer list for myself:



Today you will learn a creative way to share your faith story.

MY FAITH STORY - KEYWORD

Your story is one of the most important tools you have been given by God to share the Gospel with the world around you! The most powerful part of a testimony is explaining the WHY behind your decision to follow Jesus. Before sharing your story for the first time, make sure to write it down, practice out loud, and pray that God would use your story as you share it!

The worksheet on the next page will help you work through these four things. You will need a notebook sheet of paper to write on.

1. Keywords that describe your life before knowing Jesus
2. Setting up the background of why you chose these keywords
3. How Jesus entered your story
4. The impact that Jesus has made in your life



On the next page is the **Prepare Week Worksheet** that will walk you through writing out your faith story.

PREPARE WEEK WORKSHEET

MY FAITH STORY - KEYWORD

1. START WITH A KEYWORD

The first step in writing down your faith story is choosing what keywords describe your life before Jesus. Below is a list of emotions. Circle two or three that adequately describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced without Jesus in your life. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose a keyword of your own! This part helps keep your story compelling and on track.

alienate alone angry apathetic ashamed bitter confused
depressed distrusting doubtful fearful frustrated guilty
heartbroken hopeless hurt insecure lonely lost prideful
rejected uncertain unforgiving unloved worthless

2. SET UP THE BACKGROUND

Now describe the situation in which you came to face this problem and why your keyword describes the way you felt. It is more important to be honest than dramatic. This helps people to relate with your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives.

3. SHARE HOW JESUS ENTERED YOUR STORY

Now describe how you came to know Jesus. Be sure to describe that moment or that process, if you can, with adjectives that show how meaningful and impactful it was for you. Try to describe how Jesus touched your heart and how you responded, such as asking Him to be your Lord and Savior. This part challenges people's idea of what God is like.

4. STATE THE IMPACT OF JESUS ON YOUR LIFE

Now describe how Jesus impacted your problem and your life. Use the emotion opposite of your keyword and share how Jesus either reversed your problem or is continually giving you the power to overcome. This is the part that inspires your hearers to place their hope in Jesus.



Practice writing out your story and share it with a friend or a family member this week.



ENGAGE WEEK

Engaging your school
with the Good News
of Jesus.

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My Prayer list for my friends who don't know Jesus:

GOSPEL S.T.O.R.Y. SCRIPTURE - TRUE - OUR - REAL - YOU

The word **Gospel** means **Good News**. It was used to announce good news about a new king. The good news told about the king's message, actions, and victories. The Gospel of Jesus is found in the Bible. It is the Good News of who Jesus is and what He has done. The Gospel story also tells us who we are, why we are broken, and how Jesus is the King who gave His life to rescue us. We are invited to be a part of God's story by trusting and following Jesus.

SCRIPTURE
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Have you ever had someone pray for you? If so, it can be a good feeling to know that someone cares about you. Thousands of years before you were even born, Jesus prayed for you. He prayed that everyone would hear this Gospel story and believe that He was sent by God (John 17:20). But why does it matter that Jesus prayed for you?

The Bible tells us the true story about who Jesus is and what He has done. Mark chapter 1 verse 1 tells us exactly who Jesus is: "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark says clearly that Jesus is the Son of God. We can look to Jesus to know exactly what God is like. The entire story of the Bible is about how Jesus is coming to rescue people from sin, because He is the true King.

TRUE
identity
begins
with
knowing
that God
created
us.

But wait, why do we need to believe in Jesus and be rescued from sin? Let me explain.

The story began with God creating all things. He called everything that He made good. He created humans to know Him and to represent Him on the earth

<p>TRUE identity cont.</p>	<p>(Genesis 1:27). God created you, knows you, and loves you more than you could ever imagine. He created you to love Him and other people. This is your true identity. God also invited us to talk to Him. This is what we call prayer.</p> <p>Sadly, everything did not remain the way that God created it. Everything became broken.</p>
<p>OUR lives are broken by sin.</p>	<p>The first humans that God created chose to turn away from Him. They broke their relationship with God. We have all chosen to live our own way, too. We have failed to fulfill God's purpose for our lives to love Him and other people. This is called sin. The Bible says that we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). Our lives and the world that we know are broken by sin. Because of this brokenness, instead of talking to God in prayer, we often feel alone and isolated from God. We need someone to rescue us and reconnect us to God.</p>
<p>REAL love is Jesus giving His life for ours.</p>	<p>Jesus came with a message of Good News. He was sent by God to rescue us and restore our relationship with God (Luke 19:10). Jesus never sinned. He perfectly loved God and all people. Jesus showed us real love by giving His life for our sins (1 John 3:16). He died and was buried, but on the third day God raised Him from the dead. He was seen alive by over 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:3-6). He is the true King who rescued us by His love. We can now talk to God any time.</p>
<p>YOU are invited into God's story.</p>	<p>Jesus prayed that you would have eternal life by knowing Him (John 17:3). You are invited into God's story. This new life can begin by trusting and following Jesus.</p>

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Think about what you just read. If you have decided that you want to begin a relationship with Jesus, you can pray this simple prayer.



PRAY: "God, I believe this Gospel story of Jesus. I know that I am broken. I ask you to forgive me of my sins. I want you to be the King of my life. I choose to trust and follow Jesus today and forever. Amen."

YOUR DECISION

Click on QR Code and tell us about your decision.



Pray for an opportunity to share the Gospel Message that you just read with a friend or teacher.

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MONTH'S HOPE GUIDE**



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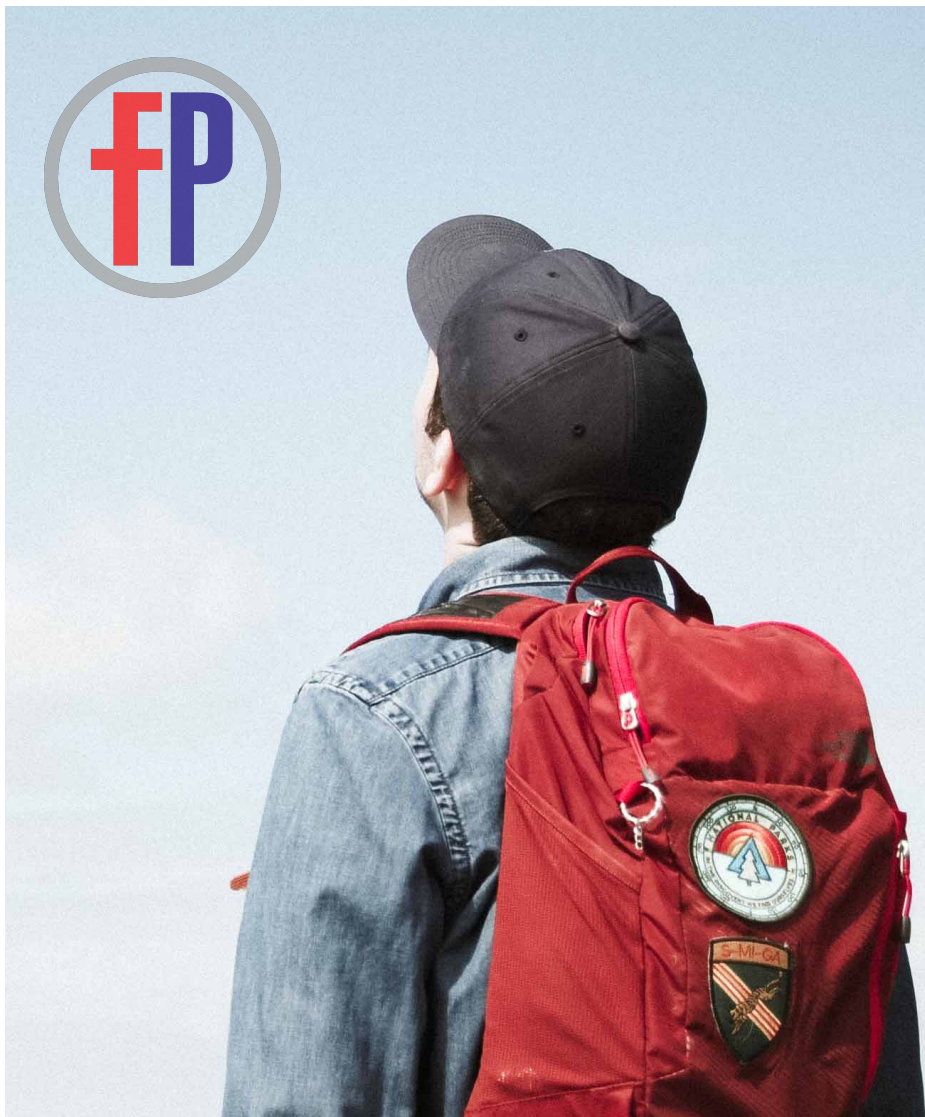
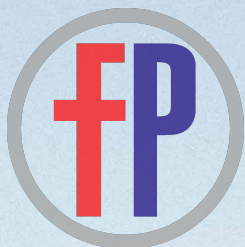


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