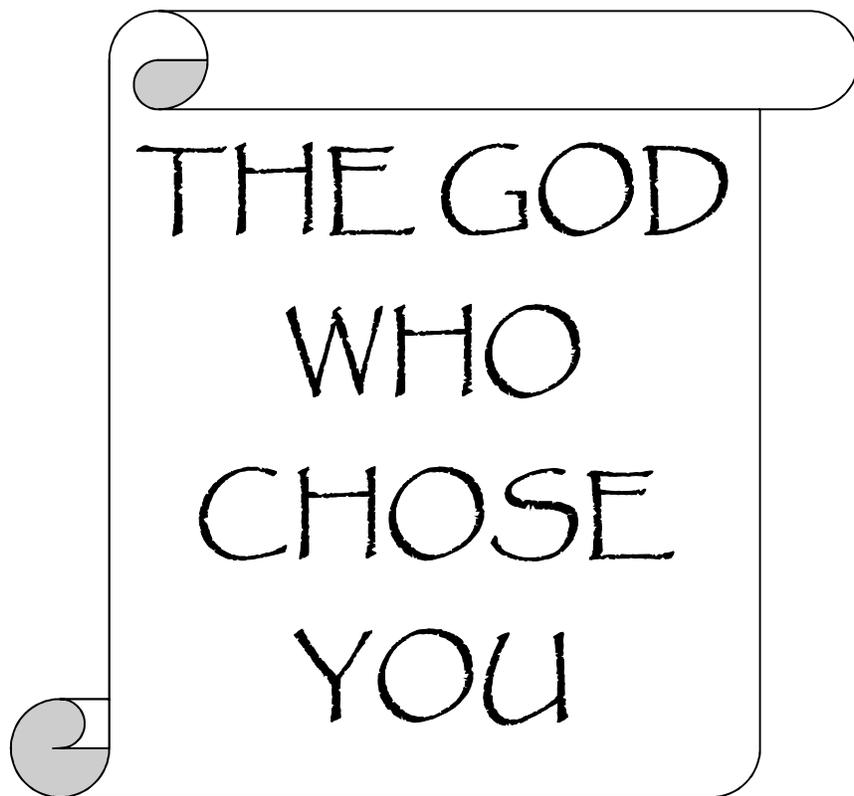


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INDIAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, BANGALORE

DAY 1

EL CHAIYAI

**Pronounced:
el-ha-YAH-ee**

**Meaning:
The God of My Life**

By Rachel Ferguson

This name of God is found in Psalm 42:8.

“By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me a prayer to the God of my life.”

This scripture reminds me of when God became the pillar of fire at night and the cloud by day in order to lead the Israelites through to the Red Sea, to the Promised Land. Exodus 13:21-22 talks about how God was in front of them as fire or a cloud and how he never left them and was always in front of them. God was with each of the people, desiring to lead and protect each man, woman and child’s life.

In January, I was blessed to be able to go on a mission trip with my church to visit the Brothers and Sisters in the Chennai Church of Christ in India. Over there, our diets were restricted to no dairy or meat (no FDA or US standard for food), our biological rhythms were out of synch (10.5 hour difference in time), and I got sick from dehydration and a double ear infection. I felt really out of my comfort zone, much like the Israelites out of Egypt. I really had to rely on God daily from what was I going to eat, to where was I going that day, to my personal heart issues that only God could fix. This really changed my perspective about who God was, including him in every part of my life (eating, travel, etc.) made my relationship with God personal, and I felt that he was the God of my life, not just God of Heaven above and earth below, but that he held me in the palm of his hands.

God is always invested in your life, guiding you day and night, but we need to be humble enough to submit and let him guide us.

How is your humility? _____

Are you giving things to God in prayer? _____

Do you include God in everything you do throughout the day (eating, watching TV, studying, hanging out with friends, etc.)? _____

What keeps you from letting God have a personal relationship with you? _____

Do you trust God to let him guide you? _____

DAY 2

EL EMET

**Pronounced: el-EH-
met**

The God of Truth

By Allie Bravo

When it comes to trusting and relying on someone, who is your go to person? Is it your parents? Best friend? Siblings? Grandparents? _____

It is great to have great relationships with these people, but sooner or later, these people will eventually let us down in one way or another. However, the one person that will always be there for us no matter what situation we are going through, is God.

*“Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.”
Psalm 31:5*

One of God’s many names is El Emet, meaning the God of truth. Emet is actually the Hebrew word for “trueness” and “faithfulness”, which calls to mind the dependability and trustworthiness of God. When we choose to live a life according to him, God promises to take care of us and make us the best people we can be. However, the way God shapes us is not always easy. We just need to keep our eyes focused on the one thing that makes us whole.

When times get rough and hard, what keeps you from relying on the God who is faithful, firm and reliable? _____

In past experiences, I tend to rely on my own abilities to get me through hard times. As a part of a sports team at my high school, having 2 hour long practices as well as all of the homework for advanced classes, my head would get easily swamped with all the things that were required of me. I tried to take it all on myself and be a team mate, student, and a disciple at the same time, knowing that I have a faithful and reliable God who is willing to help me with everything on my plate. When I go to God, everything becomes solved and is at peace.

Throughout the challenging parts of your life, are you able to say that God is your go to person? Why or Why not?

God is both faithful and reliable, thus making Him a firm God; a God whom anyone and everyone can rely on and trust in. God wants us to rely on Him, so we can have the life that he has promised us, a great and prosperous life (Read: Jeremiah 29:11 and Luke 1:37).

DAY 3

EL ROI

**Pronounced: el-roh-
EE**

**The God Who Sees
Me**

*By Calvin
Calica*

Life is busy! It can be hard sometimes to fit everything into your schedule. Personally I've felt a ton of pressure being a teen, especially this year! Everyone tells you junior year is the year colleges look at and the college that you get into decides your future. I started putting all this pressure on myself to fill my schedule and get the grades so I can get into a good college. All of this pressure got me into a dark place leading to depression and nervousness in everything that I did. Whenever I had free time I would just sit and do nothing. I had no motivation to do anything besides what I had to do. In one of my lowest points my parents did little things to make my life easier. They would ask how I was doing or they would cook some great food just because. They were watching me and saw my pain.

Why does God let us go through pain? _____

In what situations is it hard for you to remember that God is watching over you? _____

In the same way God watches us, he sees our pain and understands us and he lets us go through hard times so that we may grow closer to him.

Read Genesis 16:1-13

This passage shows us how God watches us in our pain. In this chapter Hagar, the servant of Abram, escapes into the desert because she was being mistreated by Sarai (Abrams wife). In the desert she meets an angel who tells her God is watching her and knows her pain. God saw Hagar in one of her lowest points and had compassion.

Practicals:

Through easy or hard times remember God is watching you and pray to him
Think about ways you can help watch over someone and sympathize with them Give it all to God and know he is watching you!

EL HANNE'EMAN

**Pronounced:
el-han-EH-elhman**

The Faithful God

By Haley Jefson

Deuteronomy 7:9

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”

In Deuteronomy 7, God is referred to by this name because he is reminding the Israelites of all the promises he made for them. God told the Israelites that he was going to give them a promised land after they were set free from slavery in Egypt and that he selected them to be his chosen people because he loved them. By reminding the Israelites of his faithfulness, he again reminds them of his great love and emphasizes his expression of love later in the chapter by listing all the things he promises to provide for them to take care of their well-being.

What is a Covenant?

A covenant is a promise between two individuals that should never be broken. Promises are mutual agreements and are meant to work both ways. In Deuteronomy, God poured out his love on the Israelites and provided for their needs in exchange for their obedience to him.

What are some things that God is promising us today? (Hint: Jeremiah 29: 11-13) _____

What is God asking for me in return for his promises in this scripture? _____

Today we are each able to have a special covenant with God just like the Israelites did. God has incredible promises planned for every one of us in exchange for our love and obedience. Isn't it amazing that God promises us SO much when all we have to do is love and obey him in return?!

What do you think about that? _____

Take time to pray about the promises God has made you that you're grateful for and how you can fulfill your promise to love and obey God.

DAY 5

EL YESHUATENU	Pronounced: el-yeh-shua-THE-noo	The God of Our Salvation
		<i>By Malcolm McCall</i>

Salvation: The deliverance of sin/evil

Read Psalm 68:19-21

When you think about salvation what comes to mind? _____

Is there a specific time in your life that God has saved you from destruction? _____

I think about the time when God first entered my family's life. It was a time when the military was trying to deploy my mother and father at the same time, leaving my four siblings and I alone for some time. While this was going on, there was a lot of deceit in my parents' marriage and it was getting to the point to where it could've ended in a divorce. It was at this stage of life where God had brought my parents to the foot of the cross and became their fortress of salvation (Psalm 28:8).

When God saves us he does more then remove us from the sin that we're in. God crushes our sin and helps us overcome it in a victorious way.

Do you see the victories that God gives you through his salvation? _____

Do you take the time to think about what the outcome would've been if God hadn't intervened in my life? _____

Are there times during your walk with God (whether you're just starting it or you've been on the trail for some time) that you feel like you are unworthy of his salvation? _____

For me, thinking about what could've happened if my parents did leave and/or get a divorce, I wouldn't be able to picture what my life would be. Honestly I'd probably be locked up or even dead.

Through Gods Salvation I've been able to be baptized and truly saved. That's the ultimate victory because it gets you to heaven and brings you closer to God.

God's salvation isn't something that we earn. It's given to us by God through his love, mercy, and the blood of his son.

DAY 6

EL-CHANNUN	Pronounced: el-HA-noon	The Gracious God
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Collaborated between Nathan Harrington, Adrien Mobeka, Ona Ichoku, Taylor Martin, Cathy Toro

What does it mean to be gracious? adjective

1. pleasantly kind, benevolent, and courteous.
2. characterized by good taste, comfort, ease, or luxury: gracious suburban living; a gracious home.
3. indulgent or beneficent in a pleasantly condescending way, especially to inferiors.
4. merciful or compassionate: our gracious king.

Read Psalm 103:8-12

God treats you better than you deserve.

Have you ever considered what your sins deserve? How would you feel if they were committed against you? _____

God's love is higher than the heavens.

Why is this important for us to remember? What makes it hard to remember this? _____

He will not always accuse; even when we mess up, God is ready to forgive.

What is the condition of God's grace? What brings the abundant grace? _____

Why does God want us to fear him? What is the benefit of fearing God? _____

God has removed our sin, further than east from west.

What would it feel like if our transgressions/sins were not removed? _____

What does removing our sin from us allow us to do? How should it change you? _____

Time and time again the Bible speaks of God as being slow to anger, abounding in love, and gracious.

In what ways have you seen evidence of God's grace this week? _____

Other passages that mention God's graciousness:

Jonah 4:2, Exodus 34:6, Nehemiah 9:17, Joel 2:13, Psalm 111:4, Psalm 112:6, Psalm 116:5, Isaiah 30:18

DAY 7

EL OLAM	Pronounced: el-oh-LAHM	The Everlasting God
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Read Psalm 90

In this psalm, Moses focuses on some huge differences between God and us. Did you catch that?

How are humans described in this psalm (list the different things said about mankind)? _____

How is God described in this psalm (list the different things said about God)? _____

God is everlasting (eternal, ancient, continuous, unending, forever). We are like grass (v.5-6)! Here today, gone tomorrow. We don't often think about how fragile our life is. Your life is in God's hands. *"You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals". You sweep people away in the sleep of death. Our secret sins [are] in the light of your presence."*

How does this make you feel? _____

Moses wrote this psalm. We know that Moses had a close and loving relationship with God. This is what God says about Moses: Numbers 12:6-8. To fear God is to recognize that he has all power and that, really, we have none. It is understanding that God can do whatever he wants anytime he wants. What incredible power he has!

Why do you think we need to fear God? _____

Think about it. Do YOU fear God? Why/why not? _____

We serve an all-powerful God. He has no beginning and no end. He was there for every single moment in humankind's history. He created everything that we know, everything that we see. And he has decided to share his thoughts and heart with us in his Word. How amazing is that?! Who are we that God should decide to do this (Read Psalm 8)? Does a king share his thoughts with his subjects? Does the president personally share his thoughts with YOU??

Meditate on how great, powerful and everlasting God is. As you pray, take time to think about who you are talking to. You are about to speak with GOD, the Ancient of Days (Read Daniel 7:9 and Isaiah 43:11-13).

DAY 8

YAHWEH	Pronounced: YAH-weh	Lord, Master
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By Dom Munson

Every name that is used to describe God throughout the Bible reveals a different characteristic that God possesses. The Hebrew name for God, Yahweh, represents God's character as divine and omnipotent. He is Lord over all creation and He makes this clearly known.

Read Exodus 3:11-15 (Take note of verses 14 and 15 especially.)

Moses, after being called by God to free the Israelites from their captivity in Egypt, asks God what he should tell the Israelites if they ask him who sent him. God then in turn responds by saying "I AM WHO I AM" (verse 14).

We see, however, in verse 15 that God shifts the first person of "I AM" to the 3rd person of "The LORD" or in Hebrew, "Yahweh". Yahweh is the third person of "to be" in Hebrew.

Out of all the names that God could've directed Moses to use to describe Him; He used the name of Yahweh. It is a name that covers all names because it displays God as Master over all things. This would have encouraged the Israelites because they would've then known that God was in control of everything and that He was Lord of even their greatest problems.

Yahweh is still the same now as He was then! He created all things and all things worship Him in complete adoration and exaltation. He is not a God that can be walked on or a God that can be belittled. Whatever problem or excuse that we face, Yahweh is stronger than it.

How do you view God? _____

Is He Lord of all or is he something less? Be honest with yourself. _____

When you face problems or trials in your life, do you see God as bigger than those problems? _____

What excuses can you make that prevent God from being Master over every part of your life? _____

Today, how can you allow God to be the Master of your life? _____

It could be to talk to someone that you've never talked to before or maybe it could be to help serve someone today, it's different for everyone. Keep this question in mind as you go through today and every day: How can I show that God is master over my whole life?

God wants to use you and can use you! He won't however if you think and act like you are greater than Him. God is over all, God is King, God is Yahweh!

DAY 9

QANNA

Pronounced: can-AH

Jealous

By Reese Holland

Read Exodus 20:2-5

This is the first commandment in that God gave Moses, why do you think this particular commandment was first? _____

What this commandment refers to is idolatry. Now I know what you're thinking, "Idolatry is the worship of other gods and stone objects, so this really doesn't apply to me." Wrong. While idolatry does refer to having other gods (not even necessarily above God but even competing with him), these gods manifest themselves in things we do nowadays. For example, the gods of sports, academics, clubs, money, power, success, and self. These things can all take away our love for God.

What are some idols in your life? _____

How do they take away time, commitment, and love from God? _____

Now we get to what God calls himself in the passage: jealous. In Exodus 34:14, God not only gives himself the attribute of jealousy, he says that his name is jealous. His jealousy is for your love. He wants all of it and rightfully so for he even calls himself our husband in Isaiah 54:5. Can you imagine the jealousy God feels when we "cheat" on him with other gods? He becomes Jealousy. God's love for you is insane.

How can you get rid of the idols in your life? _____

Why do you think God is so jealous for you love? _____

Most sins in our lives can be boiled down to idolatry, even selfishness and pride. No wonder God is jealous, we often times choose sin over him. Take a look at your priorities.

What do you think about the most? _____

What do you spend most of your time doing? _____

Things like sports and school aren't bad things, but our commitment to them should not even come relatively close to our commitment to God. Challenge yourself to get rid of the idols in your life and live fully committed to God, so he does not have to be selfish.

DAY 10

JEHOVAH TSIDKENU	Pronounced: ye-HO-vah-tsid-keh-NA	The Lord Our Righteousness
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By Reina Suruga

Read Jeremiah 23:5-6

How is God described in these verses? _____

Jehovah Tsidkenu is one of the names of God. A name so amazing that “Righteousness” is at the very root of its meaning.

Righteousness = the state of him who is as he ought to be; the condition acceptable to God; purity of life, correctness of living, thinking, desiring and acting.

Why do you think the words “our” or “us” are used in the definition of God as “the Lord *Our* Righteousness” or “Lord Who Makes *Us* Right With Himself” in v. 6? _____

Read Isaiah 64:6

How are we described in this verse? Are you described like Jehovah Tsidkenu? Why or why not? _____

How does God view your *best* efforts? _____

We are spiritually incapable of being righteous without God because of our sin. What hope do we have? Is there any chance to be made righteous, or pure? If so, how? _____

1 John 1:5-7

What is light? Who is light? What is darkness? Who is darkness? _____

We are in the darkness without God, and on the opposite end of a giant spectrum of righteousness from God. So, how do we get to him?

Summary:

The blood of Jesus Christ PURIFIES us from all sin. When Jesus died on the cross he became a bridge between you and God, so that you may live in righteousness and light.

God is a righteous merciful God and he proves his love for us by sending his son to die of all of us. And since we cannot produce righteousness on our own, God sent his son to become a holy bridge so that God could become OUR righteousness. For he is Jehovah Tsidkenu: The Lord OUR Righteousness.

DAY 11

JEHOVAH MEKODDISHKEM	Pronounced: ye-HO-vah meh-ko-deesh-KEM	The Lord Who Sanctifies You
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By Noah Kreider

Leviticus 20:7-8

“You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. You shall keep my statutes and practice them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.”

Throughout the Old Testament people knew that God was holy and set apart. He made clear that He was different from anything they had ever known. He was a pillar of fire that led the Israelites through the dessert, a beacon of hope and of fear, a holy consuming fire. The Israelites were afraid to be in His very presence. When God’s law was broken, His fire would consume them. He wanted the world to know of his holiness and He wanted His people to be holy.

What are some qualities of God that makes Him holy? What would the people during this time think about when they thought of God? _____

What is your view of God? What are some characteristics that you think of when it comes to God? What does it look like for us to be Holy like God is holy? _____

Consider the following scriptures:

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe. (Hebrews 12:28)

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. (2 Cor. 7:1)

God sent his Son so that we can be sanctified and holy in his sight. We should be thankful for Jesus and His sacrifice that has made us holy. God is a holy God that gives us the chance to be with Him and live holy lives if we have a pure and holy reverence for God.

What are some things to be grateful for that God has saved you from? _____

Do you show gratitude for those things? _____

How can you go after purifying yourself from EVERYTHING that contaminates you? _____

DAY 12

EL SHADDAI

**Pronounced:
el-sha-DA-ee**

Lord God Almighty

By Jonathan Shingler

Read Job 40:1-4

Why do you think that God is scolding Job in this passage? _____

Do you think that Job may have tried to correct God? _____

Read Job 23:4

What does this passage tell you about the heart of Job? _____

In the summer of 1986, two ships collided in the Black Sea off the coast of Russia. Hundreds of passengers died as they were hurled into the icy waters below. News of the disaster was further darkened when an investigation revealed the cause of the accident. It wasn't a technology problem like radar malfunction--or even thick fog. The cause was human stubbornness. Each captain was aware of the other ship's presence nearby. Both could have steered clear, but according to news reports, neither captain wanted to give way to the other. Each was too proud to yield first. By the time they came to their senses, it was too late. Now consider that instead of two ship captains, this standoff took place between a ship's captain and an enormous iceberg. This is what it is like trying to fight with God's plan.

Do you find yourself questioning God's plan for you? If so, do you think your plan is better or that maybe God doesn't have your best in mind? _____

Read Jeremiah 29:11

Based on the scripture, is there any real reason to worry about God's plan? _____

When we question God, do you think it shows in our lives? How? _____

What are some practical things you can do alone and/or with others (family and friends) to build your faith in God's plan and promises? Come up with a list of practicals:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

JEHOVAH NISSI

**Pronounced:
ye-HO-vah-niss-SEE**

**The Lord is My
Banner**

By Jacob Teves

Every four years, during the Olympics, the best of the best in the whole world gather together in order to prove that their country is the best among other nations. Each competitor is defined by the flag that they carry at the open ceremony. This *banner* that represents their country gives each of the participants hope and pride as they work their hardest for their homeland.

As disciples of Jesus, we are representatives of the one and only “I Am”, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. We are competitors in the greatest competition in the world. We are soldiers in the biggest battle of life. In order to win, we must find hope in our God. We must show pride and raise the banner as ambassadors of Jesus, to find victory (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Read Exodus 17:8-9

Before this chapter, the Israelites were transitioning from living as slaves under the Egyptians to putting their full reliance in God.

We are constantly put in situations where things around us are changing. God wants to show his power during these moments of our life. We will fail if we rely on ourself and our own strengths. It is only through God that we are able to conquer any challenges that we face.

Coming home from Teen Camp will be yet another big transition in life. What will you do in order to be victorious in your goals back home? _____

Continue reading in Exodus 17:10-15

The only way to find victory in any aspect of life is by putting our full reliance in God. Moses and the Israelites were sure to lose on their own strength against the Amalekites. So Moses turned to God. He lifted his arms to God to praise him and show vulnerability before him. Whenever he stopped lifting them to God the Israelites started losing as well! In the same way, when we stop going to God we are bound to lose the battle.

What is the toughest battle you are going through right now? What can you do to find reliance on God? _____

Moses needed the support of his peers to keep his hands raised towards God. Who in your life is the “Aaron and Hur” that is keeping you focused on God? _____

At the same time what are you doing to keep your brothers’ and sisters’ hands pointed towards God? _____

We can’t do it on our own. We have to put our reliance on God so that at the end of all the days we can proudly raise the Banner of the Lord in victory as we glorify him as Jehovah Nissi!

DAY 14

JEHOVAH JIREH

**Pronounced:
ye-HO-vah-yir-EH**

The Lord Will Provide

Read Genesis 22:1-14

Put yourself in Abraham's shoes. How long had Abraham and Sarah waited to have a child (Hint: Genesis 21:5)? _____

How would you have felt if God asked you to sacrifice the most precious blessing he had given you?

We serve a good God, who wants us to prosper and live life to the full (Jeremiah 29:11, John 10:10). But to follow God means to obey him, no matter what.

What is your most precious blessing from God? _____

If God asked you to sacrifice it for him, or took it away from you, how would you feel? _____

I am sure Abraham was afraid. I would probably think things like: "What if I never have another child? How could I ever be happy and full without Isaac in my life? Why would God ask this of me?"

What are some fears you have/would have if God asked you to sacrifice something very dear to you in order to follow him? _____

God tested Abraham's heart, he wanted to make sure that it was fully devoted to obeying him. He did this because if our hearts are not fully devoted to him, we cannot follow him or obey him. Is there anything in your life that you need to cut out (or sacrifice) in order to follow God with all your heart? _____

To provide means to "supply" or "equip". God promises to provide for us in this life. What does that mean to you? _____

Following God is the most amazing life there is! But it does come at a price: 100% obedience. When we obey God, he promises that we will be taken care of. He will personally take care of us! Let's be ready to sacrifice whatever he asks us to sacrifice, full of confidence that he has a plan for us!

EL ELYON

**Pronounced:
el-el-yohn**

The Most High God

By Matthew McWhorter

Read Psalm 18

Here David is responding to God's protection of him from Saul and other enemies of David. Saul had been David's king until he fell out of accordance with God and attempted to have David killed. David was also threatened by enemies of God, such as the Philistines. God granted David victory after victory against innumerable enemies in response to his faith and obedience. So David, as seen in this Psalm, responded by glorifying God.

How is God described in this psalm? _____

Is this how you view God? _____

The hebrew for God in this passage is El Elyon "El" meaning first, or strongest and "Elyon" meaning highest. Combined these words were meant to give us the impression of both God's majesty and His power.

Do you see God acting in your life? If so how? If not why not? _____

This same description of God is seen throughout the bible including in Deuteronomy 28:1.

What does it look like when one fully obeys God? _____

Why would God require this of us? _____

Why would you want to fully obey what God asks of you? _____

Have you treated God as the "most high" or has He come second, third, or fourth in your life? _____

Deuteronomy is where Moses both receives and delivers the Ten Commandments and where the Jewish law is first introduced.

How would viewing God, as the "Most High", help them follow the Law? How would it help you follow Jesus? _____

How might not seeing God in this way harm your relationship with Him? _____

DAY 16

JEHOVAH RAAH	Pronounced: ye-HO-vah-ra-AH	The Lord My Shepherd
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By Kyan Mahadeo

To begin to understand your relationship with God, you must see how God is *your* shepherd and how He shepherds you.

Read Psalm 23: 1-6

What “green pastures” or good things has God provided for you? What is your normal response to all the things God has given you? _____

Are you currently letting God guide you, or are you trying to shepherd yourself? How so? _____

As seen by this scripture, with God as our Shepherd, there is nothing to worry about. Will you make the most of this week to learn how to let God be your shepherd in all situations? _____

Another translation for Jehovah Raah is *The Lord my Friend or Companion*. God calls *you* a friend because he wants an intimate relationship with you. Will you grab hold of God’s friendship? _____

Read John 10:14-16

What are qualities of a good friend? _____

What things are you willing to do or give up for a good friend? And what things would a good friend give up for you? _____

Take a look at Jesus’ role as a shepherd. You know those friendships where you both know almost everything about each other? Jesus knows *ALL* things about his sheep, including *you*.

What things are you not willing to give up for a friend? _____

Whose friendship are you reaching out for? God’s friendship, the one that will last forever or the world’s friendship, the one that can be here today and gone tomorrow? _____

Jesus is the good friend who is willing to give up everything for you all the way up to His *LIFE*.

Pray that you do not resist God as the shepherd of your life, but that you learn to submit. Also pray that you embrace God's friendship and commit to being led by him in all occasions

DAY 17

JEHOVAH RAPHA	Pronounced: ye-HO-vah-ra-FA	The Lord That Heals
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Collaborated between Nathan Harrington, Adrien Mobeka, Ona Ichoku, Taylor Martin, Cathy Toro

What does it mean to heal?

verb (used with object)

1. to make healthy, whole, or sound; restore to health; free from ailment.
2. to bring to an end or conclusion, as conflicts between people or groups, usually with the strong implication of restoring former amity; settle; reconcile: They tried to heal the rift between them but were unsuccessful.
3. to free from evil; cleanse; purify: to heal the soul.

verb (used without object)

4. to effect a cure.
5. (of a wound, broken bone, etc.) to become whole or sound; mend; get well (often followed by up or over).

Read Exodus 15:22-27

God is the great Physician who heals us both emotionally and physically. Here he heals the water, making it "fit". What did it take for the water to be healed in this passage? _____

How does that relate to what we need to do to find God's healing? _____

Doctors give us prescriptions. If we don't follow it, often times, it affects our health poorly. How are God's commands like prescriptions or "doctor's orders?" _____

How can we tell if we are following the doctor's orders? _____

God is not only a God that heals, but also a God that comforts. How do you see that in this passage?

How have you seen God's comfort and healing this week? _____

Other passages that mention God's healing:

Psalm 147:3, Psalm 10:17-18, Psalm 86:17, 2 Corinthians 1:3-11, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

DAY 18

EL DE'OT	Pronounced: el-deh-OHT	The God of Knowledge
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By Asia Crockett

This name of God is found in 1 Samuel 2:3.

"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the LORD is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed."

This scripture is telling us that God is a God of great knowledge. He is known as El De'ot meaning God of knowledge in Hebrew. Our knowledge can't even measure up to the knowledge that God has... *"Do you know how the clouds hang poised, those wonders of him who has perfect knowledge?"* (Job 37:16).

Therefore he knows what we will say before we even know what to say *"Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely"* (Psalm 139:4).

So, *"Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance"* is a reminder to us that God knows our words, but not just our words our deeds (actions), *"by him deeds are weighed"* and he is able to weigh (separate) our actions from good and bad because of his vast knowledge.

He knows our hearts and our motives behind them. *"You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways"* (Psalm 138:3). God's knowledge is so deep that we will never be able to fully understand it. *"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it."* (Psalm 139:6)

How personally do you view God's knowledge? _____

Are there times that you think you are the God of knowledge (El De'ot) in your life? When?

How can you personally change this? _____

In what ways, in your life, do you ignore the knowledge of God with your words and deeds?

This week how have you acknowledged God's great knowledge? If you haven't, how will you?

EL GIBBOR

**Pronounced:
el-ghi-BOR**

The Mighty God

By Edison Rolle

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

Our God is a God of love and compassion and it is therefore easy for us to focus on his tremendous love. *“God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son”*, is one of the most well-known scriptures in modern Christianity (John 3:16). Because of this, God’s might is regularly seen as a saving power able to save us from eternal separation and not as the unstoppable force that he is. He is the undefeated ruler and creator of heaven and earth, the one who by his own power flooded the lands of the earth, and also the one who molded man from dust. God is by no means weak. His power can be seen through the miraculous wonders that surround us (plants, animals, even other humans) but also can remain hidden from our mortal eyes. His sovereignty reigns everywhere.

Read 2 Kings 6:8-18.

As shown in this experience of Elisha’s, there is never a situation where God is not in control. The Israelites here were in the midst of a devastating attack from the Arameans. In their eyes, there was no hope of escape... Except for the fact that they had nothing to fear, since they were in God’s protection all along. However, they did not fully believe that they were safe until the hills of horses and chariots of fire were revealed. God cannot lose because of his great might, and yet it is easy to forget his great power. Even the Israelites, who had been in his protection for generations and had seen his miraculous power several times, did not trust in his mighty strength and began to fear. They feared even when protected by God’s might, which can never be overcome.

Even with knowledge of God’s might, is it hard for you to trust in him? _____

Do you have a hard time just believing that God can rescue you from even the worse of situations? Do you ever really realize how powerful God is? _____

Take the time to figure out just how mighty our God is. What have you seen him do in your life that should otherwise be impossible? _____

How have you seen him protect you? _____

As you fight the good fight, you should always be aware that God, El Gibbor, is a mighty God that cannot be defeated. With him, we cannot lose. Amen

DAY 20

JEHOVAH SHALOM	Pronounced: ye-HO-vah-sha-LOHM	The Lord is Peace
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By Kaleigh Yeatman

What is the meaning of peace?

Freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility; mental calm.

Read Judges 6:1-24

In vs. 11, how does Gideon react to the angel of the Lord? How then does the angel of the Lord respond to Gideon? _____

Of all people, God chose Gideon--a total coward--who was threshing wheat in winepress when the angel of the Lord found him! Of anyone to doubt themselves and not have peace in this kind of situation, Gideon was the guy.

God reassures Gideon 4 times in this passage that he protect him and never leave him:

"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." (vs. 12)

"I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together."

(vs. 16) "I will wait until you return." (vs. 18)

"Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." (vs. 23)

Has God been trying to tell you to trust Him, but you haven't been listening? _____

How can you stop listening to the doubts, and start listening to the soothing and peaceful voice of God? _____

Jehovah Shalom is the Hebrew phrase used in Judges 6:24. The meaning is The Lord is Peace. Think about this.... The Lord God EQUALS peace. How refreshing is that?!

Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ RULE your hearts, not simply rule part of your heart and life. Just as we are called to make disciples, God also calls us to live in peace.

How can you start living a life full of peace and trust? _____

The end of Colossians 3:15 says, "And be thankful." What's the first step of being at peace? Be Grateful. Be aware of all the phenomenal ways God has worked in your life and blessed you!

As you go about your day today, pray to God and thank him for what he has given you and the peace that he so generously lavishes on us!!

**JEHOVAH
SABAOTH**

**Pronounced:
ye-HO-vah-sab-ay-OTH**

The Lord of Hosts

By Sydney Meadows

Amos 4:13 (NLT)

“For the Lord is the one who shaped the mountains, stirs up the winds, and reveals his thoughts to mankind. He turns the light of dawn into darkness and treads on the heights of the earth. The Lord God of Heaven’s armies in his name!”

Jehovah: “The Existing One”, “Lord”

Sabaoth: “armies” or “hosts”

Jehovah Sabaoth: “The Lord of Armies” or “The Lord of Hosts”

God has sovereignty over EVERY army!

The Bible says that God is Lord over Heaven’s armies. This means that God has ALL authority, and He is the only one that can make all of the decisions and plans for all of the heavens and the earth.

How can you make sure that God is your one and only leader in your spiritual war? _____

What do you think would happen if you decided to fight your own battles instead of letting God lead you? _____

Consider the following scriptures:

Nahum 1:7 (God takes care of those who trust him) Proverbs 3:5-6

LET GO AND LET GOD!

If you trust God to lead your battles, He will protect you and you will be victorious!

CHALLENGE: How can you let God be your leader this summer? _____
