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Monday

Psalm 139:14 I will praise You, because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well.

Today, we start with one of the most basic questions of all. “Who am I?” When asking this question of the Lord, think of it in light of why you were created. Ask it based upon how God sees you, not upon your past failures and successes. Till up His written word and find His definition of who you are. You may find that you are something more special than you ever thought possible. And most importantly, you will discover the best thing about you. God created you to have a personal relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. You are a wonderful creation! Why? Because the Almighty Creator of the universe planned for you before time began.

Tuesday

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your cares upon Him, because He cares about you.

We ask God, “Do You care about me?” especially when we don’t know how to handle some circumstances in life. However, if we’ll fix our eyes on the Author of our salvation, we will learn that the answer always lies in Him! After all, God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. Even when times are tough, we can reflect on this truth. If we do not have anything else in life, He has given us enough in Jesus. He gave us life for eternity, and that shows how much He cares about us!

Wednesday

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you – this is the Lord’s declaration – plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

When you ask the question, “What is God’s plan for me?” think about the children you will influence in VBS. Take some risks and get out of your comfort zone. Sometimes when we’re outside the area of comfort, we find the biggest blessings. After all, God has a plan for you! He has no intent for you to find harm, or to see disaster, outside your comfort zone. He only wants to grow you. The more you grow, the more the children you teach will be able to grow. Learn from the past, live in today, and allow God to give you a future and a hope. He has a plan for you, and today is the most important part of it!

Thursday

Philippians 2:5 Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus.

When we ask, how can we be like Jesus, what is our answer? Jesus gave us some very specific examples we can follow. Even when things had been hectic and the group was in need of rest, Jesus had time to look around Him and act compassionately toward others. Sometimes it’s hard to take time out of busy schedules to worship with others, or have quiet time with our Lord. It’s also hard to be caring toward others, especially if someone else is a bit bossy. The next time we feel like we are being treated like someone’s “slave-ior,” we can remember to stop and ask God to help our attitude be like that of Christ Jesus. It’ll make the day’s work a lot more rewarding.

Friday

James 1:5 Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.

It is OK to spend time asking the Lord, “What do I do now?” On the final day of VBS, there is a tendency to put your guard down and allow you mind, heart, and spirit to hit cruise control. It has been a tiring week, but the children deserve our very best until the last child goes home. Spend some time knocking on the door of the Father, and see what wisdom He has for you today. Let the love of the Father flow through you to the children. It’s going to be a great day!