



It's time to turn off the unending news about the coronavirus and "come away" (Mark 6:31) and OPEN YOUR BIBLE! Here are some devotional and study ideas during these difficult times.

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 Life is hard. We pray and ask God to help, but many times it seems like he's not there. We know God can perform miracles, yet our problems often remain. Is God listening? Does God care?
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- **Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God – Dallas Willard**
 How do we hear God's voice? How can we be sure that we think we hear is not our subconscious? What role does the Bible play? What if what God says to us is not clear?
 The key, says best-selling author Dallas Willard, is to focus not so much on individual actions and decisions as on building our relationship with our Creator. In this series, you can listen in as John Ortberg and Richard Foster dialogue with Dallas Willard on the themes of his beloved classic book, *Hearing God*.
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- **Surrender: Others Before Self and Christ Before All – Francis Chan**
 Surrender typically implies weakness, loss, and defeat. Can you gain something by giving up? Jesus said that the only way to truly live is to fully surrender your life to Him.
 In these four challenging youth Bible study sessions, students share real-life stories about their struggles and triumphs in surrendering to Christ. Francis Chan examines Scripture to show students that it is only through surrendering to God that they can become who God wants them to be.
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- **7 Things the Bible Says About Anxiety (7-day devotional)**
 Every day has the potential to introduce complex new challenges into our lives. But it's equally likely that each new day will gift us with exciting new opportunities. In this seven-day devotional, staff members at YouVersion help you apply truths from God's Word to whatever you're facing today. Each day's devotional includes a Verse Image to help you share what God is speaking to you.
- **Anxious for Nothing (5-day devotional) – Max Lucado**
 Bestselling author Max Lucado explores God's treatment plan for anxiety found in Philippians 4:4–8. As you follow this prescription – celebrating God's goodness, asking for his help, leaving your concerns with him, and meditating on good things – you will experience God's peace. While anxiety is a part of life, it doesn't have to dominate your life.
- **Celebrating Simplicity – Valerie Hess, IVP**
 Feeling overwhelmed robs us of peace and joy. Often this feeling comes from too much stuff and too many demands on our time. But God invites us to approach life in a way that leaves us feeling well-nourished, grateful, and joyful instead of constantly exhausted. In this plan, we will sample some ways the disciplines of simplicity and celebration can help you live a simpler, more joyful, true-to-you life.

Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a remote place and rest for a while".
 Mark 6:31, CSB