

Scripture Reading

Philippians 4:6-8 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

A low-angle shot of a person's legs from the knees down, wearing blue denim jeans with the cuffs rolled up and white canvas sneakers. They are standing on a dark asphalt road. The background shows a sunset over a field of tall grass, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds.

Life Transitions:
New Beginnings

Early Childhood



- Total reliance on parents
- Important is eating and clean diapers
- Playing games
- Believe anything parents tell them

Psalm 127:3 “Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.”

Prov. 1:8-9 “Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.”

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Childhood

- Still strong parent influence
- Important vacations
- School and more influence from peers
- Start thinking for yourself

Prov. 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Matt 19: 14 “Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’ ”



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Teenagers

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- Strong peer influence
- Decide for self (God or World)
- Interest in opposite sex
- College or career choices

3 John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

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Young Men and Woman

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- Make own decisions
- Decide church
- Start working
- Take care of yourselves

Eccl. 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

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Family

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- Fathers provide for family
- Mothers responsible to keep the home
- Guide and lead children

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Deut. 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.



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Back together again

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- Children leave the home
- Quite home
- Grandkids

Prov. 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.

Job 12:12-13 Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

Last earthly beginning

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- Gray hair
- Quite home
- Influencer

Isaiah 46:4-5 Even when you're old, I'll take care of you. Even when your hair turns gray, I'll support you. I made you and will continue to care for you..

Psalms 71:18-19 Even when I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me live to tell the people of this age what your strength has accomplished, to tell about your power to all who will come. Your righteousness reaches to the heavens, O God. You have done great things. O God, who is like you?

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New child of God

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- Commit life to God
- Have a heart that wants to please God
- Keep away from worldly influences



Deuteronomy 11:13 " And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul."

1 Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

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New family

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- Brothers and sisters
- Elders and Deacons
- Teachers and Preachers
- God our father and joint heirs with Christ

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Rom. 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”



Deuteronomy 31:8 “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Proverbs 3: 5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Psalm 32:8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."



Psalm 18:2 "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

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But our citizenship
is in heaven. And we
eagerly await a Savior
from there,
the Lord Jesus Christ
Philippians 3:20



every story has an end

but in life

every end is a new beginning