



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 4	Title:	“Trust and Obey”
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Summary of Chapter	After Jesus overcame Satan’s temptations in the wilderness, He began His ministry. He picked His first four disciples and as He travelled throughout Galilee, crowds began to follow Him.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i>¹⁹ Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” ²⁰ And they left their nets at once and followed him. ²¹ A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. ²² They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.</i>	<p>Jesus called out to Simon, Andrew, James and John, who were minding their own fishing business, to follow Him and become fisher of men. Without second thoughts, those four men trusted and obeyed when Jesus called them. They acted immediately, giving up their business and followed Jesus.</p> <p>Trusting and obeying the Lord sometimes can be scary, especially when our future is at stake.</p> <p>Some years ago, I had to decide if I would trust and obey what Jesus asked of me. While waiting for the result of a medical test in NUH’s emergency ward, the Lord appeared before me and asked if I trusted Him. When I said I did, He told me to resign from my job. I was so stressed by that job that I ended up in the hospital with a possibility of stomach cancer, and a pierced diaphragm due to a mishap when the doctor did a gastroscopy to extract tissues of my stomach for biopsy.</p> <p>It was a difficult decision for me to resign without first securing another job. My family depended on me. Within a few minutes, I decided to trust and obey Him. After that, the Lord provided another job, where I rose to the peak of my career. Thank God, I did not have stomach cancer and my diaphragm was not pierced. Miraculously, without treatment or medication, I recovered fully the following day. When I trusted and obeyed Him, Abba rewarded me with good health and a good career thereafter.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is God calling you to do now and what is your response? How will you prepare to trust and obey when the Lord calls?
Youth:	Obedience may seem to be a difficult concept to you, but it is absolutely essential to be a child of God. What is or may be holding you back from simply obeying Him?
Child:	For Parents: Click: https://bit.ly/2Y12u58 for ideas to teach children on obedience. For Children: What do you find difficult to obey your parents? Why do you think when we obey our parents, we are learning to obey God? Choose one thing you want to obey your parents this week. You should do it immediately and happily.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear Abba, thank You for affirming that obedience to You leads to great reward. So, Holy Spirit, help us when we have to make the choice. Help us to trust and obey Abba always. In Jesus Name we ask. Amen.us.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.