



Activate: God's Glory  
Lesson 7: Glory to God Through Us

**Lesson 7, Devotion 1**

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<sup>13</sup> “Yet if you devote your heart to him and stretch out your hands to him, <sup>14</sup> if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, <sup>15</sup> then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear. <sup>16</sup> You will surely forget your trouble, recalling it only as waters gone by. <sup>17</sup> Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning. <sup>18</sup> You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. <sup>19</sup> You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favor.” – Job 11:13-19

You know what this week holds for you better than anyone else. You know your strengths and weaknesses. You know what temptations are probably coming your way. You know the things that are going to bother you or cause you to have a bad attitude.

We've talked about God receiving glory from our actions. Take a little bit of time and think about what's coming this week. When will you need an extra measure of grace for that person that gets under your skin? When will you be tempted to go down a road you shouldn't go down? When will you have opportunities to talk to people about Jesus?

**Now, grab a journal or a note-taking app and write out a short prayer for the week.** Ask God to give you the wisdom, strength, and grace you need to point others to Him and give Him glory.



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### **Lesson 7, Devotion 2**

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"But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. This will result in your being witnesses to them." – Luke 21:12-13

*Do you like for people to talk bad about you behind your back? Would you ever volunteer to get beat-up? Do you enjoy going through trials, persecution, or suffering? These probably sound like pretty dumb questions to you. Who in their right mind would like these things? Most of us would run in the total opposite direction of all those things.*

Read Luke 21:12-13.

None of us wants to deal with the things we just talked about. And that's perfectly normal. But these are the types of things that Jesus tells us to expect. Trials and persecution are part of what comes with the territory of following Jesus. While they're not fun, the cool part about them is that they give us incredible opportunities to point people to Jesus.

Look at verse 13 again. "This will be your opportunity to bear witness." It's easier to lash out at those who mistreat you. It's easier to get frustrated when things don't go your way. It's easier to throw your hands up and get mad when you face trials. It's easy, and it's natural because they're all fleshly responses.

But, as believers, we don't draw on our strength. We draw on the strength of Christ, who lives inside of us.

And so when we don't act like the rest of the world, people take notice and, BOOM! . . . There's our opportunity to tell people about our God, to say to them that our hope isn't found in this world.

#### **Think About This:**

- Why is it so crucial for our responses to these types of situations to be different from the rest of the world?
- When you face these types of struggles, how can you fight your natural fleshly response and draw on the strength of Christ in you?



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**Lesson 7, Devotion 3**

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“<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.<sup>4</sup> Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”  
– James 1:2-4

Shortly after he was diagnosed with cancer, John Piper wrote a blog post entitled “Don’t Waste Your Cancer.” Read the following quote from the post:

“This will be an opportunity to bear witness. Christ is infinitely worthy. Here is a golden opportunity to show that he is worth more than life. Don’t waste it.” – John Piper

**Think About This:**

- What are some areas in your life where you can point others to the truth that Christ is infinitely worthy?
- How can you do that? What practical ways can you put this in place?