

# YOUTH FOR CHRIST

## DEVOTIONAL LESSONS

*A collection of lessons for personal devotion, group discussion and prayer*

### How to Use These Devotional Lessons

Each lesson is arranged around the main teaching, key Scriptures, practical reflection and prayer. Use one lesson at a time, read the referenced passages, reflect honestly on the questions, and close in prayer. The lessons are drawn from the supplied YFC service and conference notes and retain their original themes and emphasis.

## Lesson 1: Celebrating Closed Doors

15 July | Speaker: Sister Yolanda

**Key Scriptures:** Revelation 3:7; 2 Kings 4:1–7; Acts 16:6–10; Matthew 6:6

### Devotional Thought

Not every closed door is from the devil, and not every closed door should make us sad. God can work through closed seasons. A closed door can reveal capacity, redirect us toward His will, or prepare us for elevation. The lesson also calls believers to pray in secret rather than perform spirituality for an audience.

### Key Lessons

- Capacity Building — some abilities and gifts become visible when circumstances force us to depend on what God has already placed within us.
- Redirection — a closed door can be God's way of showing that a direction is not aligned with His will.
- Elevation — some doors have to close before the next level becomes possible.
- Praying Behind Closed Doors — cultivate a genuine prayer life even when there is no crowd watching.

### Reflection

- What closed door am I currently struggling to accept?
- Could God be developing something in me through this season?
- Is there an area where I need to yield to God's redirection?
- Am I able to pray faithfully when nobody is watching?

### Prayer Points

- Lord, give me discernment to know whether a closed door is from You or from the enemy.
- Father, help me trust that You are working even when I cannot see what is happening.
- Lord, reveal the capacity and gifts You have placed in me during closed seasons.
- Help me yield when You are redirecting me and align fully with Your will.
- Prepare me for the elevation that comes after this season.
- Teach me to pray in secret and to seek You sincerely rather than for an audience.
- Strengthen my faith to celebrate what You have shut and trust the doors You choose to open.

## Lesson 2: Taking Advantage of the Name of Jesus

22 July | Speaker: Brother Anesu

**Key Scriptures:** Philippians 2:9; Matthew 1; John 1:1; Proverbs 18:10; Acts 3:16

### Devotional Thought

The name of Jesus is at the centre of the Gospel. The lesson emphasizes the need for knowledge and understanding of His name, faith in His name, and a continuing relationship with Him. Jesus is presented as the One who saves, a strong tower and the One whose name carries authority.

### Key Lessons

- The Name Is a Weapon — Jesus has been given the name above every other name.
- Yeshuwa — The One Who Saves — the name of Jesus points to God's salvation.
- The Name Is a Strong Tower — God's name is a place of shelter and refuge.
- Faith Is the Main Pillar — understanding the name of Jesus must be joined with faith.
- Stay Connected to Jesus — like branches connected to the vine, believers need an ongoing relationship with Christ.

### Reflection

- What do I genuinely understand about the name of Jesus?
- How can I grow in faith in His name?
- Where do I run first when I face difficulty?
- What can I do to remain more consistently connected to Jesus?

### Prayer Points

- Lord, give me deeper knowledge and revelation of the power in the name of Jesus.
- Father, increase my faith in the name of Jesus.
- Lord, be my strong tower and refuge.
- Father, help me remain connected to You like a branch to the vine.
- Holy Spirit, teach me to depend on the authority of Jesus in every situation.
- Lord, let this chosen generation rise up and take full advantage of the power in the name of Jesus.

## Lesson 3: Why Are We Here?

5 August | Preacher: Sister Blessing

**Key Scriptures:** John 4:34; John 4:31; Mark 14:38–40; Acts 20:24; 2 Corinthians 5:20

### Devotional Thought

Being born again is not the end of the Christian journey. We are called to understand why we are here and to live according to God's purpose. A person who knows their purpose lives differently, hungers for the things of God, goes beyond surface-level Christianity and represents the Kingdom as an ambassador.

### Key Lessons

- Purpose changes how we live — knowing why we are here affects our priorities and decisions.
- Do not live as a 'normal Christian' — the lesson contrasts purposeful discipleship with careless, surface-level living.
- Go the extra mile — purpose calls us beyond doing only what is convenient.
- We are ambassadors of Christ — our lives should represent God's Kingdom well.
- Reject compromise — hunger for the things of God and walk in alignment with His Word.

### Reflection

- Do I know the purpose God has for my life?
- What appetites or distractions compete with that purpose?
- Am I living beyond surface-level Christianity?
- How well do my choices represent God's Kingdom?

### Prayer Points

- Lord, reveal the specific purpose and calling You have for my life.
- Father, give me a hunger for the things of God stronger than the appetites of the flesh.
- Wake me up to watch and pray instead of merely going through the motions.
- Help me go the extra mile in my walk with You.
- Deliver me from fear of worldly things so I can finish the race set before me.
- Help me represent Your Kingdom well at home, school, work and church.
- Forgive my compromise and help me walk in alignment with Your Word.
- Stir fresh hunger in YFC and the wider church to know and walk in God-given purpose.

## Lesson 4: Who Am I? — Knowing Christ and Finding Purpose

10 August | Online Conference Day 1 | Leader: Brother Dylan

**Key Scriptures:** John 1:2–3; John 1:10; Galatians 2:20; Jeremiah 1:5; Colossians 1:16–17

### Devotional Thought

Before answering questions about human purpose, we must understand who Christ is. Purpose is connected to the mind and will of the Creator, not simply to personal preference. God knows and forms people deliberately, and purpose is found in Christ.

### Key Lessons

- Know who you are, why you are here and what you are to do.
- Purpose is more than what you want; it is connected to what God wants.
- Do not become too distracted to recognize Christ and His work.
- Remember that God knew and formed you before you were born.
- Purpose is found in Christ, and believers are part of God's bigger story.
- Live as a light to those around you and allow Christ to lead your life.

### Reflection

- Do I know Christ deeply enough to understand my identity and purpose?
- Am I following God's direction or simply my own preferences?
- What distractions could be keeping me from recognizing God's work?
- How am I fulfilling my assignment as a light to others?

### Prayer Points

- Lord, help me know You truly so I can understand who I am and why I am here.
- Father, keep my eyes fixed on Your will rather than my own direction.
- Open my eyes to recognize Christ clearly.
- Thank You for knowing and forming me; help me walk in that identity.
- Teach me that my purpose is found in Christ rather than worldly reward.
- Remind me that I am part of Your bigger story.
- Help me fulfil my assignment as a light to those around me.
- Holy Spirit, crucify my own will so Christ may live and lead fully through me.

## Lesson 5: Who Am I? — Living the Assignment

11 August | Online Conference Day 2 | Preacher: Sister Vanessa

**Key Scriptures:** Ephesians 1:11; Ephesians 2:10; Matthew 5:13

### Devotional Thought

We are here for a purpose and are not mistakes. God created and appointed us, and our worth is not defined by our past or by comparison with others. We are sent to represent God, to be salt and light, and to live out the assignment He has prepared for us.

### Key Lessons

- You are here on assignment — your life has purpose in God's plan.
- Your worth is not defined by your past or by comparison with another person.
- You were sent to represent God and to live as His ambassador.
- You are the salt of the earth — your life is meant to bring flavour and light.
- Stay plugged into God so He can sharpen you for the assignment.
- Let God's truth define you rather than circumstances or past experiences.

### Reflection

- What voices or experiences have influenced how I see myself?
- Am I comparing my journey with other people's journeys?
- How am I representing God in my everyday spaces?
- What assignment do I need to take more seriously?

### Prayer Points

- Father, thank You for creating me in Your image and appointing me with purpose.
- Lord, help me stop comparing myself to others and embrace how You designed me.
- Father, heal the places where my past has influenced how I see my worth.
- Show me the good works You prepared for me to walk in.
- Help me represent You well in my words, choices and actions.
- Sharpen me and draw me deeper into You so my assignment becomes clear.
- Awaken me to my calling and help me live as salt and light wherever You place me.

## Devotional Summary: Themes for YFC

Across these lessons, several themes repeatedly call YFC into deeper discipleship: trusting God in closed seasons, knowing and relying on Jesus, discovering and living out purpose, recognizing identity in Christ, and representing God faithfully. These themes can guide personal devotion, group prayer and future teaching.

- Trust God when doors close; seek discernment, growth and redirection.
- Know the name of Jesus and place faith in Him.
- Remain connected to Christ rather than relying on surface-level Christianity.
- Seek God-given purpose and live intentionally.
- Know your identity as someone deliberately created and appointed by God.
- Represent God's Kingdom well as an ambassador.
- Live as salt and light wherever God has placed you.

## Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for the lessons You have given us. Teach us to trust You when doors close, to know the power and salvation found in Jesus, and to remain connected to Christ. Reveal our purpose, establish our identity in You, and help us live as faithful ambassadors. May YFC grow in prayer, purpose, faith and obedience, and may our lives point others to Christ. Amen.