

# ***ESTABLISH***



**Purple Book for Teens**

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## 4. Review

Here are some of the truths that you've learned about developing spiritual family:

- \* We are all a part of God's family – we are His children and are connected together in Christ.
- \* God wants us to love each other by action, not just by words.
- \* As a spiritual family in God, we must take care of one another's needs (even when it might cost us our own comforts) - this was the example that the early church set for us.
- \* True friends are those that build you up, protect you and also love you enough to tell you when you are wrong – as iron sharpens iron – their words are not always comfortable, but they are good.

## 5. Apply

Here are some practical things that you can do to develop spiritual family:

- \* Focus on building friendships. Find somebody at church that you can relate to and start building a friendship with them. Start with, "Hi, my name is "
- \* Begin with questions about things that you are interested in. Share some of your life questions and struggles with them.
- \* Identify people at church that you feel need someone to talk to. Be the change that you want to see. If you want love, give love. If you want friendship, be a friend.
- \* Be aware of the people's needs around you and help wherever you can.

## 6. Act

Write down specifics steps that you will take in the next few days to develop spiritual family:

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## Practise #7 Developing Spiritual Family

### 1. Relate

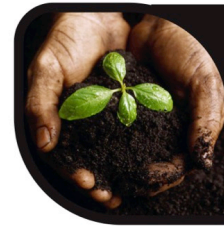
*Bathandwa is home alone... again. His big brother is at boarding school because of a transfer of schools and now it's just him and his mom at home. Things are slow, as he has nobody to hang around with anymore. Bathandwa was very close to his brother. Whenever he got into trouble he ran straight to him. They loved each other and always protected one another through everything. But now things have changed because of the distance between them. Bathandwa feels like nobody understands him anymore. He feels like people would judge him if he opened himself up to them. So he stays at home most of the time, watching DVD's and playing computer games. One day he is invited to a youth group event. He hesitates, but eventually decides to go out and see what it's all about. Secretly, he is hoping for a chance to have a good time with people for a change. When he gets there everybody seems to get along and they seem to be having fun too. For the first time in months, Bathandwa feels like there's a chance he may find friendship... family.*

### 2. Discover

- (1) How did Jesus say that the world would know that we are His disciples? John 13:34-35
- (2) How should we love people? 1 John 3:18
- (3) What serious advice does God give about loving one another? 1 John 4:20-21
- (4) How did the early Christians live together as a spiritual family? Acts 4:32-35?
- (5) How can we live today to be more like the early church? Acts 2:42-47
- (6) What should we do to keep connected to one another? Hebrews 10:24-2
- (7) What does the bible say about the benefits of friendship? Proverbs 17:17; 27:17

### 3. Reflect

Now that you have studied the Bible to learn about developing spiritual family, write a brief note to Bathandwa in which you welcome him to the group and call him into an experience of family:



## Introduction

So you wanna grow? Well, you've stumbled across an igniteYOUTH resource that is designed to help you deepen your walk with Jesus as you continue on your faith journey. In the stories we have written you will meet teenagers who face the same kind of challenges that you do and you will explore seven practises that will help you grow spiritually. The practises are:

1. Making Jesus Lord
2. Having Daily Devotions
3. Practising God's Presence
4. Living by Faith
5. Handling Money Wisely
6. Becoming a Disciplemaker
7. Developing Spiritual Family

Here are some guidelines for your journey through this book:

- \* Find someone to be your accountability partner as you work through the book.
- \* Start each session with a time of prayer, asking God to speak to you.
- \* Set aside about an hour to complete each session – aim to complete one session a week.
- \* Spend time reading and thinking about the story in the Relate section.
- \* Get out your Bible and find insights about the practise in the Discover section.
- \* Go back to the story and apply the insights in the Reflect section.
- \* Be reminded of some of the truths in the Review section.
- \* Consider some responses to take in the Apply section.
- \* Decide what action to take in the Act section.

Enjoy the ride!





## Practise #1 Making Jesus Lord

### 1. Relate

*Adam has been invited to a party at one of their class friend's home. It is a house party and Bob's parents are away for the weekend. Everyone from school is there. Bob welcomes*

*Adam and shoves a beer in his hand as he arrives at the door. "Time to Par-tay!!!" he hollers. One of the 'hot' girls from school, Maxine also comes sauntering by and asks Adam to dance, tugging at his belt buckle as she bats her eyes at him. He resists and pulls away, almost running out onto the patio where he puts the beer down. Here he meets with some friends from school, they are all showing off their latest labels and pointing and laughing at some of the other people at the party that aren't wearing the cool stuff. Adam is feeling uneasy about this as he has just heard a sermon about making Jesus the Lord of His life and hanging out with believers. But he also remembers that Jesus was called a friends of sinners. Later Bob calls him over to come and sit in the Jacuzzi with him and some girls. Adam declines the invitation as he remembers the Scripture about avoiding even the appearance of evil. He takes a Coke from the kitchen and spends a couple of hours talking to some friends and speaking well about the people that others are laughing at. It is difficult because some of the guys make fun of him. He just shrugs it off and reflects on how the "gate to heaven is narrow and few find it but the gate to hell is wide open". By around ten most of the people are drunk so he decides to call his mom and leave earlier than planned. While he is calling the others are jeering "party pooper, fader". He just smiles and says goodbye in a friendly way. On the way out he helps to break up a potential fight between two guys.*

### 2. Discover

(1) What did Peter say about Jesus? Acts 2:36

(2) What did Paul write about Jesus? Philippians 2:6-11

(3) What must we do after we receive Jesus as saviour? Colossians 2:6

(4) What happens to people who don't obey Jesus? Luke 6:46-49

### 3. Reflect

Now that you have studied the Bible to learn about making disciples, think about the story and write some advice for Adam so that he can become an even better disciplemaker:

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### 4. Review

Here are some of the truths that you've learned about becoming a disciplemaker:

- \* All believers – not just a select few – have been called to make disciples.
- \* We have been challenged to be witnesses to Jesus as we share the gospel with unbelievers.
- \* When we witness to our lost friends, we can expect to engage in spiritual warfare.
- \* As we step out in faith God will work through us with power.

### 5. Apply

Here are some practical things that you can do to become a disciplemaker:

- \* Make contact with unbelievers in your world.
- \* Share the gospel with them.
- \* Tell them what Jesus has done in your life.
- \* Pray that they will be delivered from the evil one
- \* Trust God that He will confirm your message with signs and wonders.

### 6. Act

Write down some specific steps that you will take in the next few days to become a disciplemaker:

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(4) What did Jesus tell his followers before He left earth? Matthew 28:19-20

(5) Why it is important to follow someone who is following Christ? 1 Corinthians 11:1

(6) What was Paul's attitude toward sharing the gospel with unbelievers? Romans 1:14-16

(7) What did Jesus say would happen when the Holy Spirit came on his followers? Acts 1:8

(8) What has happened to unbelievers? 2 Corinthians 4:4

(9) What did Jesus come to do? Luke 4:18-21 and 1 John 3:8

(10) Who are we struggling against? Ephesians 6:12

(11) What happened when the disciples had faith to boldly preach the gospel? Acts 2:43, 3:16

(11) Why did people in Samaria pay close attention to Phillip? Acts 8:6-8

(12) What were Paul and Barnabas doing when the lame man was healed? Acts 14:5-10

(13) What did Jesus say would happen if we had faith in Him? Mark 11:23-24

(5) What are God's Ten Commandments? Exodus 20:1-17

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(6) What did Jesus say about those who treat these laws as unimportant? Matthew 5:17-19

(7) What does Paul say must not be in our lives as believers? Galatians 5:19-21

(8) What fruit does the Holy Spirit want to produce in our lives? Galatians 5:22-23

(9) What does it mean to be in the world but not of the world? (John 17:14-15)

### 3. Reflect

Now that you have studied the Bible to learn about making Jesus Lord, think about the story and list all the decision that Adam made, or the actions that he took, that show how Jesus was in charge of his life (and identify any areas that he has not surrendered):

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### 4. Review

Here are some of the truths you have learnt so far about making Jesus Lord:

- \* Jesus must be our Lord and our Saviour – he wants to save us and direct our lives.
- \* God's standard for our lives is clearly laid out in the Ten Commandments.
- \* We need to give up relationships with people who call themselves believers but walk in sin
- \* We need to be with non-believers leading them to Christ but not be led away by them.
- \* Those that live by the Spirit will bear good fruit - the fruit of the Spirit.

### 5. Apply

Here are some practical things that you can do to make Jesus Lord:

- \* Look at your life to identify areas where your lifestyle doesn't match up to the Bible. Write down specific areas that need to be changed and decide what action God wants you to take.
- \* Reflect on the Ten Commandments daily, confessing and repenting of any sin that occurs during the day.
- \* When you see a believer who is walking in sin, challenge them in an attitude of love and humility so they can surrender that area to the lordship of Jesus.
- \* Consider the friendships you have with unbelievers – are there any relationships that are pulling you away from Jesus that you need to end?
- \* Pray that the Holy Spirit will produce his fruit in your life and look for ways to work with him so each one can develop.

### 6. Act

Write down some actions you will take in the next week to make Jesus Lord:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Practise #6 Becoming a Disciplemaker

### 1. Relate

*Adam has heard about the great commission that Jesus gave his disciples, to "go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything that Jesus commanded them". He is thinking about how this could*

*happen at his school as that is his 'mission field'. He has heard that following Jesus will cost him his whole life...but what does that mean? What is he prepared to give up? His popularity at school by challenging the behavior of some of the rebellious guys in this class who like to smoke and bunk and pick on the girls? He may give up his breaks by having a Bible study group in one of the teacher's classes. He may even give up his tuckshop money by blessing others and drawing them into the group. He thinks about what Jesus has done on the cross for him and how God became a man to come and show us the way to live and then died on the cross so our sins could be forgiven and we could be reconciled us to God. He feels that the least he can do in response to this great love is make some sacrifices at school.*

*George has also heard the message about the Great Commission. He reasons that when he is older he might go on a mission. At the moment his lunch breaks are too precious to him. He likes to play soccer and be the one who scores at whatever cost. He sometimes hangs around the tuck-shop trying to get food out of the younger kids. He believes that he is saved because he believes in Jesus but he doesn't feel that he needs to share it with anyone. People always get irritated when you try to tell them to do things. He would rather tolerate other's beliefs and show them Jesus by the way he lives - after all everybody has the right to their own opinions - you can't force Jesus on them. And as for sharing the gospel with the smokers, maybe he will go and join them and just have one or two cigarettes with them so that he can win them over to his way of living by first relating to them...*

### 2. Discover

(1) What did Jesus tell the first disciples to do? Matthew 4:19

(2) What Did Jesus promise he would do for his followers if they responded? Matthew 4:19

3) What did Jesus give his disciples authority to do? Matthew 10:1





### 3. Reflect

Now that you have studied the Bible to learn about handling your money wisely, think about the story and list all the actions that Steve took that resulted in him being blessed financially:

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### 4. Review

Here are some of the truths that you've learned about handling money wisely:

- \* There are dangers connected to wealth – money can take out attention away from God.
- \* All wealth come from God and is owned by Him.
- \* God wants to bless people – to cause them to prosper – so they can give to others.
- \* The law of sowing and reaping applies to money – we receive to the extent that we give.
- \* We must give the first 10% of our finance to God and use the rest wisely.
- \* We need to give sacrificially when we discover that people have needs.

### 5. Apply

Here are some practical things that you can do to handle money wisely:

- \* Avoid the desire to get rich for selfish reasons.
- \* Give 10% of everything you get to God.
- \* Use the other 90% wisely – by asking God what He thinks about your spending habits.
- \* When you see a need, ask God if He wants you to help meet it.

### 6. Act

Write down some specific steps that you will take in the next few days to handle money wisely:

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Practise #2 Having Daily Devotions

### 1. Relate

*Thando and David are best friends and they LOVE girls. They both enjoy going to house parties in the weekends and dancing the night away. The truth is that the girls also love them. What's not to like? They are easy on the eye and cool without even trying hard. The only difference between the two is that Thando reads his bible everyday and goes to church every Sunday. He does not always understand what he hears and sees, but he keeps at it. David, on the other hand does not read his bible and on Sundays he sleeps in. One Thursday, an invitation goes out, announcing the biggest house party of the year. Everybody is excited, ready and keen to have a good time before exams. That week school is only bearable because of what the weekend has in store. Thando and David decide that this time they are going to go all the way with whoever they hook up with at the party. They start eyeing out which girls they want to invite to the party. They plan on how they will get the girl to agree to not only first base, not just second base, but all the way. On Friday night, as Thando is about to sleep, he remembers one of the things that he read in his bible earlier that week. It said, "Let marriage be held in honour and the marriage bed be kept pure..." What did this mean, he wondered? As he was tossing and turning, he thought of many things. "Does it mean that I must not have sex until marriage? Is that what pure means? Must I save myself for my wife and give her my virginity as a gift on our wedding day? That's dumb. That's cool. Will she wait for me?" As he was thinking and thinking, he did not have a definite answer, but what he did know was that God did not want him to go through with the plan that weekend. He felt it in his heart. Although he didn't hear an audible voice, he knew it was wrong and God was quietly saying to him, "Don't do it, son. I love you. Don't do it."*

### 2. Discover

God's word is powerful because it is alive and always at work. It is able to change things in people's hearts and minds and it is able to change situations around. When mixed with faith, God's word is the most powerful weapon that we have to shape our lives with.

(1) What does the bible say about the Word of God? Hebrews 4:12

(2) God's word will outlast every law that man has ever made. What does Psalm 119:160 say?

(3) God's word will stand forever. What do Isaiah 40:8 and Matthew 24:35 say about this?

(4) What does Paul say about the authority of the Word of God? 2 Timothy 3:15-17

(5) What did Paul and Barnabas say about people who refused the Word of God?  
Acts 13:44-46

(6) What does Psalm 119:105 say about God's Word?

(7) How can we stay on the right track with God? Psalm 119:11?

(8) How does Jesus describe himself in John 6:32-35?

(9) What did Peter say when Jesus asked the disciples if they wanted to leave Him?  
John 6:68

(10) When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, what did he teach them to say in  
Matthew 6:11?

(11) What does Matthew 4:4 say about how we are to live by the Word of God?

**3. Reflect**

Now that you have studied the Bible to learn about having daily devotions, think about the story and complete the story for David who does not read his Bible and takes a different direction to what Thando took:

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(4) What do these verses teach about prosperity and God's provision?

Proverbs 10:3-4

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Proverbs 13:22

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Proverbs 22:9

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(5) What happens when we give? Luke 6:38

(6) What does God do for the cheerful giver? 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

(7) Why does God make people rich? 2 Corinthians 9:11

(8) What did the Israelites do with the first portion of all God gave to them? 2 Chronicles 31:5-6

(9) What happens when we give the first part of our finances to God? Proverbs 3:9-10

(10) How is it possible to rob God? Malachi 3:8

(11) How does God say that we should test him? Malachi 3:10

(12) What does God promise to do if we give Him the whole tithe? Malachi 3:10-12

(13) What can we learn from the example of the poor widow? Luke 21:1-4





*On the first day of the month Steve took R20 to church and placed it in the offering box at igniteYOUTH (and to be honest, it felt really good to be giving) but he could not help worrying about stretching his R180 over the rest of the month. While he was hanging out with Chris after the service he learned that Chris was raising money for his mission trip to Australia and he was really surprised when he reached into his pocket and gave Chris the R20 that he had brought along for chips and a Russian after the service. During the week he set up a budget using some of the guidelines in the article he had read and he decided to set limits around his cell phone usage and the amount of money he was spending at the school tuck shop. He also decided to turn his wallet over to God and ask Him what He thought each time he opened his wallet to spend money. Steve was blown away when his granny Bee visited during the week and gave him R80 – and he realised that was double what he had given away on the weekend – and when he made it to the end of the month and still had R20 left – he knew that he was onto something!*

*Sam too was struggling to make his money stretch over the month and when he did a Google search he came across the same article written by the leader at His People Church. He nearly fell off his chair laughing as he read of how he needed to give his way out of his tight financial situation. “Yeah, right, like I am going to give away some of the R200 each month and then try to stretch what is left.” But it was a really sad month when by the 15th he has blown his whole allowance on fast food, airtime and stuff that seemed to stop satisfying him as soon as he had bought it. At school he overheard this guy, Steve, telling a story of how he had gotten to the end of the month and actually had money left over and was finding that he was living off more than what he was getting because he was following the advice he had gotten from an article written by one of the leaders at his church. If he was not so proud he might have gone back to the history folder in his Internet browser and read the article again*

**2. Discover**

Read these Scriptures to discover what God says about handling money and prosperity:

- (1) What can happen to people who want to get rich? 1 Timothy 6:9
- (2) Why is the love of money the root of all evil and what can it do to people? 1 Timothy 6:10
- (3) What is the point of the parable of the Rich Fool? Luke 12:16-21

**4. Review**

Here are some of the truths you have learnt so far about having daily devotions:

- \* God’s word is living and it gets inside of your soul and it searches your thoughts and heart.
- \* God’s Word will last forever - it will outlast all of man’s laws and traditions.
- \* God’s Word is the final authority - the only Truth that we will be judged against.
- \* The Word of God is the daily bread that we need to eat everyday – we need to read it everyday.

**5. Apply**

Here are some practical things that you can do to have daily devotions:

- \* Set aside 10 minutes everyday to read your bible. You can increase this as time goes on..
- \* After reading your bible, take time to pray and think about what you just read and how it applies to your life.
- \* Then begin to practice what you read in your bible immediately. Ask others for help if you find it difficult. Remember that there is wisdom in seeking advice from others.
- \* Do this and you will see yourself become more like Jesus.

**6. Act**

Write down some specific steps that you will take in the next few days to have daily devotions:

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**Practise #3  
Practising God’s Presence**

**1. Relate**

*Sam and Steve both found themselves struggling with fear as they tried to prepare for tests at school and they worried that they were going to have a panic attack. They heard how one of the other kids in their same grade at school actually had an attack and turned blue as they gasped for breath – it was not a pretty sight to watch! What if it happened to them?*



Sam told a friend at school about his struggle with fear and was given a book by Oprah entitled: *The Power of Positive Thinking*. In the book Oprah says that the way to overcome fear is by using a mantra (a phrase you say over and over to yourself – like they do in Eastern religions). The mantra is: *Nothing can change the way I feel. I am not afraid of anything!* Sam decided to give it a try and even though it seemed to help a little he still had a feeling of dread as he tried to learn for the exam and when he found himself in the bathroom on the morning of the exam struggling to breath he realised that his worst fears had come true.

Steve told one of his friends at school about his struggle with fear and he was given a book by Brother Lawrence entitled: *The Practise of the Presence of God*. The monk in the story, who learnt how to develop little habits to experience God throughout his day, suggested that when you learn how to practise God's presence you will know that God is with you and that he is there to protect you because he loves you as his very own child. After reading the book and starting to practise the habits (like using reminders of God's presence and using his senses to become and stay aware of God who is always with him), Steve found that he was more relaxed and did not experience any of the overwhelming feelings he had before.

## 2. Discover

- (1) Where can you find the presence of God? Psalm 139:7-11
  
- (2) What did God want Joshua to know when he took over from Moses? Joshua 1:5,9
  
- (3) What does Psalm 139:1-12 reveal about the presence of God?
  
- (4) How can we face challenges (that seem like floods or fire) without being afraid? Isaiah 43:1,2,5
  
- (5) What advice does David about practising the presence of God? Psalm 16:8
  
- (6) What special promise did Jesus make to those who gather in his name? Mathew 18:20
  
- (7) What do the following passages say happen when we practise God's presence?

- \* Your faith grows when you hear the Word of God; when you get into it and it gets into you.
- \* Faith without action is dead.
- \* Moving in faith does not mean you have the full picture in mind.
- \* Faith does not ignore facts, but rather it chooses to look at God in the midst of them.
- \* The bible calls us to live by faith 24/7.

## 5. Apply

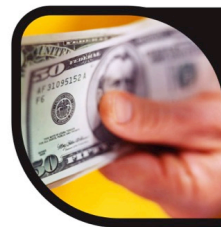
Here are some practical things that you can do to live by faith:

- \* Read your bible and see your faith grow.
- \* Pray for God to show you something that He wants you to do.
- \* Be on the look out for anything that may catch your attention as God answers your prayer.
- \* When God has answered your prayer, go and speak to somebody for wisdom and guidance.
- \* Do it!

## 6. Act

Write down some specific steps that you will take in the next few days to live by faith:

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## Practise #5 Handling Money Wisely

### 1. Relate

Steve was finding it impossible to make his pocket money stretch to the end of the month – his money always ran out long before the month ran out! He tried asking his dad for an increase but things were really tight at home financially and that was not possible. He decided to do a Google search for help with handling the money he got each month – it was only R200 but surely someone out there has some ideas on how to make it go further. One of the first hits was a link to an article written by one of the leaders at His People Christian Church – as he started to read the article the lights went on as he learnt that: “All his money actually belongs to God and he just looks after it for God; God loves to bless his children with wealth so they can prosper and be a blessing to others; and we prosper when we give the first tenth to God and use the other 90% in a way that pleases Him.”



Luke 8:43-48:

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(5) What did Abraham do when God promised him a son when he was 100? Romans 4:19-21

(6) What should our response be when things don't go according to our plans? Job 1:21

(7) How are we called to live?

Galatians 2:20:

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Hebrews 11:6:

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2 Corinthians 5:7:

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**3. Reflect**

Now that you have studied the Bible to learn about living by faith, think about the story and write how you feel Sarah's thinking was influenced by faith more than by her circumstances:

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**4. Review**

Here are some of the truths you have learnt so far about living by faith:  
\* Faith is the evidence of things not yet seen and the substance of things hoped for.

Psalm 63:6-8

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Psalm 16:8

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Acts 4:13

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**3. Reflect**

Now that you have studied the Bible to learn about practising God's presence, think about the story and write some notes about why the mantra did not help Sam deal with his fear and why practising God's presence helped Steve overcome his fear:

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**4. Review**

Here are some of the truths you have learnt so far about practising God's presence:

- \* God is always with me – he has promised to never leave me – he does not come and go!
- \* I need to experience the reality of God's presence by practising His presence
- \* No matter what I face, if I know God is with me, I will not be overwhelmed with fear.
- \* When I practise God's presence I will become Holy (more like Jesus); Intimate (closer to Jesus) and Secure (safe in Jesus).

**5. Apply**

Here are some practical things that you can do to practise God's presence:

- \* Remind yourself of the reality of God's presence – throughout the day you need to remember that God is with you (closer than a brother). Find creative ways to remember God is with you.

\* Decide to talk to God continuously – you should make a conscious decision to MXit with God as much as possible throughout the day.

\* Keep going even when you forget God is with you – when you realise it has been a few hours since you thought of God, don't beat yourself up – just admit it and continue where you left off!

\* Do everything for the Lord (Colossians 3:17, 23). Everything you do (even boring tasks) can be done with God and to bring him praise. This will help you include God in all of your life.

\* Take control of your senses and let them turn your thoughts to God – use your five senses (sight, sound, smell, taste and touch) to help you connect with God during the day.

## 6. Act

Write down some specific steps that you will take in the next few days to practise God's presence:

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## Practise #4 Living by Faith

### 1. Relate

*Sarah is a matric student that has had a great year. Prefect at her school and distinctions in all her 7 subjects, the world is hers to take. Two prestigious universities have already offered her full scholarships and she is a strong candidate*

*for a bursary at the University of Oxford in England. The only thing left for her to decide on is what she wants to do. This is proving to be a difficult choice because she has no clue. Nothing out there is grabbing her attention yet. As she is deciding on which degree she wants to pursue, Sarah finds out that she has been offered the overseas bursary to study in England for any course she chooses. Everything is going her way. On the last day of school, Sarah decides to go and say a personal goodbye to the headmaster. After the friendly chat and farewell, the headmaster says something in passing, "Good luck on your studies Sarah, not many*

*have had the same opportunities as you. So be grateful." As Sarah closes the door, the headmaster's last words stick in her head and keep playing. "What does he mean by, not many?" she wonders. As she is at home, surfing the net, she decides to look up the matric rates in the country. Sarah is shocked at the state of things. Not only does she find low pass rates, but she finds out that the level of education in general is not good. From teachers to text books, the system is in a mess. Suddenly, Sarah has a feeling deep in her stomach. It is the feeling of wanting to help. But how? As she researches on, she finds that there is a two year programme that is open to matriculants to come and tutor under privileged pupils in rural schools for two hours a day. Something in her jumps up at the sense of doing something to help, but quickly it disappears as she realized that "bigger" things await her overseas. It doesn't make sense to give up the bursary. In fact, surely she could help more if she went away to learn abroad. In spite of all the rational reasons, something in Sarah says that she must stay and give two years of her promising future to kids who have little or no hope of ever seeing the inside of a university.*

## 2. Discover

(1) What is faith? Hebrews 11:1

(2) Where does faith come from? Romans 10:17

(3) What is the connection between faith and actions? James 2:15-23

(4) How did these people act when trusting God seemed like a crazy thing to do?

Genesis 12:1-4:

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Exodus 3:6-10:

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Daniel 3:13-18:

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