

JESUS' RANDOM DAY TRIP

God's plans are anything BUT random

DAY ONE

Read Proverbs 16:9. During my freshman year of college, I had four random dorm roommates. One was an awesome Christian guy who became one of the biggest spiritual influences throughout my college years. This was no random roommate. **Think** about where you are in life right now.

Is it random that:

- you're single?
- you're in your family?
- you're in your line of work?
- you're at your school?
- you live on your street?
- you're going through a difficult time physically, spiritually, or economically?

Read and meditate on Jeremiah 29:11 and Proverbs 3:5-6.

Think about all your current life circumstances and what purpose God might have in these circumstances.

Challenge: In every conversation with every person you meet this week, think about the purpose God may have in it.

DAY TWO

One reason God has placed us in life's various circumstances is to share the gospel with the people God places in our lives.

SHARE is one of the five commitments at Jacob's Well.

We believe it helps us become more like Jesus.

Read Matthew 5:14-16 and Matthew 28:19. God calls us to share.

Do we do it only because we're supposed to?

Meditate on 1 Thessalonians 2:8. What's our motivation to share?

What should it be? God's placed people in our lives so we're compelled by love to share the gospel and our lives with them.

Challenge: Make a list of the people God's placed in your life.

Pray for them as you share your life and the gospel.

DAY THREE

In high school, I went to Italy and was blown away by the amazing art and architecture I saw. I love art and architecture but just because I love to look it doesn't mean I am good at making it.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 speaks of love as the motivation to share the gospel. Now, I love people and that motivates me and gives me a desire to share the gospel with them, but that doesn't mean I'm good at it - just as loving art doesn't make me good at it. It freaks me out to share the gospel.

Read and meditate on Romans 1:16 and Acts 1:8. What's encouraging about this verse? How does this verse make you more confident to share?

With the power of the Holy Spirit and the power of the gospel, we don't have to be afraid to share the gospel.

Challenge: Ask God to give you the strength, boldness and power to share the gospel and fulfill his purposes. **Begin to memorize Acts 1:8.**

DAY FOUR

It's Friday night and your choices on TV (*in our non-cable household*) are 20/20 or Dateline. Both of these shows are amazing at telling stories about murder, deceit, and mystery through detective work and courtroom drama. One of the most important pieces to uncovering the story is the witness. A witness is the person that saw or experienced the crime firsthand. **Read Acts 1:8.** Jesus says we are His witnesses.

What are we witnesses to? What have you seen God do?

Take some time to think about everything that you've witnessed...

Seeing God provide financially for your family, experiencing the love and grace that He's shown you by dying for your sin, experiencing answered prayer, seeing God's sovereign plan play out in your life. **Take** some time and **thank** God for allowing you to be a witness to some of these amazing things. **Pray** for your list of people God's placed in your life.

Challenge: Be a witness. Every day this week, **tell** one witness story about how you've witnessed God's grace, faithfulness, or sovereignty

Continue to memorize Acts 1:8.

DAY FIVE

Read Acts 1:8. You don't have to be good at geography to be impacted by this verse. Jesus called the apostles to be witnesses in three places. The apostles lived in Jerusalem. Jesus was calling them to be witnesses to the people they encountered most often: their friends, family and neighbors. Judea was the region in which they lived. He called them to be witnesses to the people that were geographically near with similar cultural backgrounds. Samaria was the region north of Judea. He also called them to be witnesses to the people that were culturally different, geographically further away, and people they hadn't met yet. Then Jesus adds that they're to be witnesses to the world. Our call is the same. Your people list (*written two days ago*) most likely includes the people of your Jerusalem. But what about our Judea, our Samaria, and our world? **Continue** to pray for and be witnesses to the people God's placed in your life. **Pray** for different ministries in our community, the US and the world.

Challenge: Talk to God about how He can use you to be a witness outside of your community. Maybe it's a short term missions trip. Maybe it's child sponsorship or giving financially to a missionary or missions organization. **Continue to memorize Acts 1:8.**