

Matthew 4:12-25: High School Devotions

Day 1: Victory Over Temptation

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

**Devotional Thought:** 

High school can be a time filled with many temptations—from peer pressure to the desire to fit in. Jesus faced similar challenges and triumphed by relying on God's Word and the power of the Holy Spirit. You too can overcome these challenges. Remember that you have the same Holy Spirit living within you. Spend time in Scripture, and let it guide you.



#### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. What temptations do you often face in high school?
- 2. How can you use Scripture to help you overcome these temptations?

### Prayer:

Lord, help me to stand strong against the temptations I face. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and guide me with Your Word. Amen.



Day 2: Following Jesus's Example

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-25

### **Devotional Thought:**

Jesus didn't seek recognition from the elite Pharisees but ministered in Galilee among ordinary people. As a high school student, it's easy to get caught up in wanting to be popular. But Jesus's example shows us the importance of serving wherever we are placed. Look for ways to serve your peers and community, showing them the love of Christ.



#### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. How can you follow Jesus's example in your school and community?
- 2. In what ways can you serve your classmates and demonstrate God's love?

#### Prayer:

Jesus, help me to follow Your example and serve those around me. Give me the strength to be a light in my school and community. Amen.



Day 3: Counting the Cost of Following Jesus

Scripture: Mark 1:16-20

### **Devotional Thought:**

Jesus called His disciples to leave their nets and follow Him. This meant leaving their comfort zones and familiar lives. In high school, following Jesus might mean making difficult choices that set you apart from your peers. It might mean standing up for your faith or making decisions that go against the flow. Remember, the reward is worth the cost.



#### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. What are some challenges you face when trying to follow Jesus in high school?
- 2. How can you prepare to make choices that honor God, even when they are difficult?

#### Prayer:

Lord, give me the courage to follow You, even when it's hard. Help me to count the cost and choose the path that honors You. Amen.



Day 4: Living Out Your Faith

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

### **Devotional Thought:**

High school is a time of learning and growth, and it's crucial to build your life on the foundation of God's Word. Scripture isn't just something to memorize; it's a guide for every part of your life. Whether you're in the classroom, on the field, or hanging out with friends, let God's Word shape your actions and decisions.



#### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. How can you make God's Word a part of your daily routine?
- 2. In what ways can you let Scripture influence your behavior and choices at school?

#### Prayer:

Holy Spirit, help me to understand and apply Your Word in all areas of my life. Let my actions reflect Your teachings, both at school and at home. Amen.



Day 5: Embracing Diversity

Scripture: Matthew 4:23-25

### **Devotional Thought:**

Jesus' ministry reached out to people from diverse backgrounds and walks of life. High school is a place filled with a variety of people. Embrace the opportunity to show Christ's love to everyone, regardless of their differences. Seek to be inclusive and compassionate, just as Jesus was.



#### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. How can you show Christ's love to classmates who are different from you?
- 2. What steps can you take to be more inclusive and understanding in your interactions?

#### Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help me to reflect Your love and inclusiveness. Give me the heart to embrace diversity and love my classmates as You love them. Amen.



### Summary

As a high school student, remember to follow Jesus' example in overcoming temptation, serving others, counting the cost of discipleship, living out Scripture, and embracing diversity. Through these practices, may you grow in your faith and be a positive influence in your school community.