

Day 4 – Devotional - Believe

Listen to the Music

Phil brings the crowd back to their feet with his song, “I Believe.” Listen to the song and let it remind you of why you believe. Don’t forget, the lyrics are in the back so you can sing along with Phil.

Beginning Prayer

Before you jump into the reflection questions, think about when you first declared you believed in Jesus Christ. Pray in thankfulness to the one who saved your life; that God gave his son for you and that we have him in our hearts forever.

Reflection

One part of the movie that was so cool, is that we get to learn about the artists. They explain their background and how they became believers. You get to meet a couple of people from their family and see them outside of the concert venue. Let’s dive into Phil’s story and later we will get into Brandon’s journey.

Phil grew up in Southern California and loves the ocean. He talked about how the ocean reminds him of home and how difficult it is to tour as he is a husband and a father. It was cool to learn that Phil was baptized at the age of 8 after he accepted Jesus. He sang his first song to his dad at the age of 13. His dad, John, said the song was called “Give you my world” and it was pretty good! Phil then started singing songs at church and really getting into music. He said “People don’t need another rockstar, people need Jesus.” Are you living your life as if the world needs another rockstar, or are you sharing about Jesus?

While Phil and John are at the ocean, they visit Pirates Cove which is where his dad was baptized during the Jesus Revolution. The Jesus Revolution was a revival that happened in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s where people turned to Jesus for a personal relationship, radical discipleship and passionate worship. They talked about how his dad was the first to get baptized in his family at the age of 15. I love that his dad talks about his own baptism that it was a public declaration that he believed!

Have you been baptized? If not, what is holding you back?

If you have been baptized, what have you noticed about yourself since your baptism?

I also liked that Phil talked about how unlike his dad, he didn't find Jesus in a conference room or at a big event, it was in his bed as a kid. What is your testimony? How did you come to know Jesus and believe? It's okay if it wasn't at a big event, your story is unique to you.

As I reflect on the song, "I believe", the end of it says "I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life?" How do these statements make you feel? If there is anything you need to confess to God, use the space below to reflect.

Ending Prayer

As you wrap up the devotion of the day, reflect on your belief of Jesus Christ. Give praise to God the father, all praise to Christ the son, all praise to the Holy Spirit. Thank God for the hope of heaven, the place he is preparing for you. Thank God that he is returning to claim his bride. Most importantly, praise the one who saved your life!

Acts 2:38 (ESV) And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

I Believe by Phil Wickham

I believe there is one salvation
One doorway that leads to life
One redemption, one confession
I believe in the name of Jesus Christ, hey

I believe in the crucifixion
By His blood, I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection
Hallelujah, His life is death's defeat

Chorus

All praise to God the Father
All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit
Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus mighty name, I believe

I believe, I believe

I believe in the hope of Heaven
He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine
Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming
He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar, keep it burning
See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

Chorus

No, I'll never be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away from the One who saved my life?

Repeat above 2x

Chorus 2x

I believe, I believe
I believe, I believe

Day 5 – Devotional - Identity

Listen to the Music

Phil sang his song, “Sunday is Coming” which is a perfect story of Jesus.

Be sure to read through the lyrics for this song in the back so you can see how perfectly he has summed up Jesus’ story. Listen to the song and follow along with the words so you relive Jesus’ life, death and resurrection.

Beginning Prayer

After you have sang and read through the lyrics for “Sunday is Coming”, think about the full impact of Jesus’ story. Pray with thanksgiving to God for sending his son, that he rose from the grave and he will be back again!

Reflection

Phil talked about his struggle with his vocal cords and his identity. Phil had a polyp on his vocal cord which required surgery. Part of the recovery was that he was not able to talk, let alone sing for at least 6 weeks. This was really hard for him because so much of his identity was wrapped up in being a singer. Without singing, who was he? This is something that I’m sure we can all relate to at one time in your life or another. When you work really hard at something and become successful, it is hard to imagine what you would be without it. Have you felt this way before?

Phil then talks about questioning his identity. He felt God say to him “Who are you?” His response was that he knows that God is his father and that makes him a **child of God**.

*1 John 3:1(ESV) See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called **children of God**; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

Sometimes we just need to hear that, we are a child of God. Do you feel that way? What does it mean to you to be a child of God?

During this time of struggling with his identity and having to get the surgery, Phil was shown his weakness, but God showed up as his strength in his weakness.

This makes me think of verse 2 *Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)* *But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* Do you believe God will show up in your weakness? How have you seen this to be true in your life?

All of the things that happen to us, both good and bad, contribute to our story. The experience that Phil went through, although difficult, helped him realize who his identity was put in. He trusted Christ and he is a child of God. The song “Sunday is coming” tells the story of Jesus. Jesus endured horrible things on Friday because he trusted God and is a child of God. His suffering was temporary so that he could bring life to the world for those who believe on Sunday. Have you had to go through something hard only to realize it strengthened your trust and relationship with God?

Ending Prayer

Before we end, reflect one more time on the song “Sunday is coming.” We have so much joy because He is alive; Hallelujah he is alive! Praise God that Jesus shed his blood to set us free. But that wasn’t the end, He is alive and He’s coming soon. Thank you Jesus, we don’t lose hope because Sunday is coming!

I imagine something that helps clear Phil’s mind is his love of running. He said that it helps him to connect with God and the songs that he creates. What do you like to do that connects you with God?

Sunday is Coming by Phil Wickham

A great light dawns in Galilee
Some say mad man
Some say King
Wonder working rebel priest
Jesus Christ the Nazarene

He knew well what it would take
To free us all from sin and grave
A perfect man would have to die
And only He could pay that price

Chorus

Friday's good 'cause Sunday is coming
Don't lose hope 'cause Sunday is coming
Devil you're done, you better start running
Friday's good 'cause Sunday is coming

So He let those soldiers take Him in
As His friend betrayed Him with a kiss
There before the mocking crowd
Like a lamb to the slaughter didn't make a sound
Then He carried that cross to Calvary
And He shed his blood to set us free
As the nails went in and the sky went dark
The redemption of the world was on His heart

Chorus

Then He breathed His last
And bowed his hand
The Son of God and man was dead

With bloody hands
Tears on their face
They laid Him down
Inside that grave

But that wasn't the end
That wasn't the end
That wasn't the end
Let me tell you what happened next

The women came before the dawn
To find that stone already gone
When they looked inside, the angel said
"Why you looking for the living among the dead?"

He's alive
He's alive
Hallelujah, He's alive
Give Him praise
Lift Him high
Hallelujah, He's alive
Hallelujah, hallelujah
Don't lose hope 'cause Sunday's coming
Hallelujah, hallelujah

Now Jesus reigns
Upon the throne
All Heaven sings
To Him alone
We watch and wait
Like a bride for a groom
Oh, church arise
He's coming soon