

# Garden to Garden - Part 3

## Family Devotional: Trusting God and Being His Witnesses

### Day 1: The Pre-existing Plan

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 26:57-68

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God had a plan for Jesus, even when things seemed backward and unfair. Jesus was arrested and put on trial, but it was all part of God's plan to save us. Sometimes, life feels unfair, but we can trust that God has a plan for us too.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Can you think of a time when something seemed unfair but turned out okay in the end?
- How does it make you feel to know that God has a plan for your life?

#### **Parenting Tip:**

Encourage your children to share their feelings about unfair situations. Help them see how God can use difficult times for good.

#### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for trust in God's plan, even when life seems unfair. Ask God to help your family see His purpose in every situation.



## Day 2: The Position of Peter

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 26:58

### **Devotional Thought:**

Peter followed Jesus at a distance because he was afraid. Sometimes, we might feel scared to be close to Jesus because it might be uncomfortable. But Jesus wants us to be close to Him, no matter what.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What are some things that make you feel scared or uncomfortable about following Jesus closely?
- How can we stay close to Jesus even when it's hard?

### **Parenting Tip:**

Model closeness to Jesus by sharing your own experiences of staying faithful during challenging times. Encourage open conversations about fears and faith.

### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for courage to follow Jesus closely, even when it's difficult. Ask God to help your family grow in faith and trust.



## Day 3: The Perversion of the Proceedings

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 26:59-62

### **Devotional Thought:**

The trial of Jesus was unfair and full of lies. But Jesus remained peaceful and silent. When we face unfair situations, we can learn from Jesus and respond with peace and trust in God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- How do you feel when someone treats you unfairly?
- What can we do to stay peaceful like Jesus when things aren't fair?

### **Parenting Tip:**

Teach your children about the importance of responding to unfairness with grace and peace. Encourage them to talk about their feelings and guide them in finding peaceful solutions.

### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for peace in your hearts when facing unfair situations. Ask God to help your family respond with love and grace.



## Day 4: The Prince of Peace

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 26:63-64

**Devotional Thought:**

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Even when He was on trial, He was at peace because He trusted His Father's plan. We can have peace, too, knowing that Jesus is with us and is in control.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What does peace feel like to you?
- How can we find peace in our hearts when things are tough?

**Parenting Tip:**

Create a peaceful environment at home by practicing calmness and patience. Encourage your children to find peace through prayer (Philippians 4:4–7).

**Prayer Focus:**

Pray for the peace of Jesus to fill your hearts and home. Ask God to help your family trust Him in every situation.



## Day 5: The Person and Prophecy Proclaimed

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 26:64-68

### **Devotional Thought:**

Jesus proclaimed to those around him who He was and what He would do. He is the Son of God and will come again as King. We are called to be His witnesses and tell others about His love.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What do you think it means to be a witness for Jesus?
- How can we share Jesus' love with our friends and family?

### **Parenting Tip:**

Encourage your children to be witnesses for Jesus by showing kindness and love to others. Share stories of how you have witnessed to others in your life.

### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray for boldness to be witnesses for Jesus. Ask God to help your family share His love and truth with those around you.

