**That’s an Order!**

Read Genesis 22:1-3, 6-14. Then put the following events in chronological order, according to the text.

A. _____ Abraham placed Isaac on top of the wood and took out a knife.

B. _____ Isaac asked, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

C. _____ Abraham saddled his donkey, then called his servants and his son.

D. _____ Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thorns.

E. _____ An angel called out, “Abraham! Abraham! . . . Do not lay a hand on the boy.”

F. _____ Abraham cut wood for the offering and went to the place God told him to go.

G. _____ Abraham built an altar and placed the wood on it.

H. _____ Abraham sacrificed the ram as a burnt offering instead of his son.

I. _____ God told Abraham to take Isaac to Moriah and sacrifice him.

J. _____ Abraham said to Isaac, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”

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**GOD WILL PROVIDE**

Read the following Scriptures about God’s provision. Choose one that best meets your current situation. Focus on that verse this week as you thank God for providing what you need.

| When I wonder if I can make ends meet . . . | Philippians 4:19 |
| When I question whether or not God cares . . . | Luke 11:9-13 |
| When I think I need to figure it out on my own . . . | Proverbs 3:5 |
| When the future scares me . . . | Psalm 56:3 |
| When I doubt the goodness of God . . . | James 1:17 |
| When I seek security in amassing material goods . . . | Luke 12:24 |
Promises Made, Promises Broken

Throughout recent history, United States presidents have made promises that were soon broken. Match the president with the promise made and the promise broken.

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<td>He kept us out of war. (Implicit that he would continue to do so.)</td>
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<td>2. B. Woodrow Wilson</td>
<td>A chicken in every pot and a car in every garage.</td>
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<td>We are not about to send American boys nine or ten thousand miles from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves.</td>
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<td>We did not—repeat, did not—trade weapons or anything else for hostages, nor will we.</td>
<td>details of Iran-Contra Affair emerge</td>
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<td>5. E. Herbert Hoover</td>
<td>Read my lips: no new taxes.</td>
<td>1990 budget increased taxes</td>
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Scripture Scramble

Unscramble the words to complete the words of Solomon in 2 Chronicles 6:1-21.

1. “I have built a magnificent PLEMET for you, a place for you to dwell forever.” (v. 2)

2. “Praise be to the Lord, the God of SEALRI, who with his hands has LILEFUDFL what he promised with his mouth to my father David.” (v. 4)

3. “Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in NEHVAE or on RETHA—you who keep your TONNCEVA of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.” (v. 14)

4. “And now, Lord, the God of Israel, let your word that you promised your TREASVN David come true.” (v. 17)

5. “Hear the STULPOPIACSN of your servant and of your LEEPOP Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you REHA, forgive.” (v. 21)
The People Gave Thanks to God
Lesson 3, 2 Chronicles 7:1-9, NIV

To the One I Love

Some book dedications are quite ordinary. These are not! Can you guess which of these dedications are from real books (R) and which are made up (M)?

_____ 1. To my wife Marganit and my children Ella Rose and Daniel Adam without whom this book would have been completed two years earlier.

_____ 2. To my wonderful readers: Sorry about that last cliffhanger. Well, no, not really. HAHAHAHA. But seriously, I love you guys.

_____ 3. To those who inspired it and will not read it.

_____ 4. This is presented as a work of fiction and dedicated to nobody.

_____ 5. For my parents, even though they never bought me a robot.

_____ 6. This is not for you.

_____ 7. For Colin Firth—You’re a really great guy, but I am married, so I think we should just be friends.

My Dedication

Choose what you will dedicate to God today. Then finish the following sentences in your own words.

Today I dedicate to God . . . ______________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________

I want to honor him by . . . ______________________________________________________________

I will give him . . . ______________________________________________________________

I rejoice and give thanks to him for . . . ______________________________________________________
SECRET OF MY SUCCESS

___ 1. Success is a beast. And it actually puts the emphasis on the wrong thing. You get away with more instead of looking within.  
A. Maya Angelou

___ 2. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.  
B. Michael Jordan

___ 3. A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do.  
C. Joan Rivers

___ 4. Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.  
D. Marilyn Monroe

___ 5. Success at anything will always come down to this: focus and effort. And we control both.  
E. Bob Dylan

___ 6. I succeeded by saying what everyone else is thinking.  
F. Colin Powell

___ 7. Success leads to loneliness.  
G. Brad Pitt

___ 8. There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.  
H. Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson

___ 9. I live to succeed. Not to please you or anyone else!  
I. Nelson Mandela

___10. Do not judge me by my successes. Judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.  
J. Michael Jackson

SUM UP SUCCESS

Based on 2 Chronicles 7:12-22, what would be a formula for your success?

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Mystery Message

To uncover the message below, write in each blank the letter that comes after the letter given.

H S R Z K V Z X R C Z Q J D R S

I T R S A D E N Q D

S G D C Z V M

Scripture or Supposition?

Read the statements below. Determine which are based on Scripture and which are based on supposition. Circle your answer.

1. The women visited the tomb very early in the morning because they didn’t want to be seen.

   Scripture OR Supposition

2. The women hid their faces from the angels because they were afraid.

   Scripture OR Supposition

3. Peter went to the tomb because he didn’t believe the women’s story.

   Scripture OR Supposition

4. Jesus concealed his real identity from the men on the road to Emmaus because he wanted to test their faith.

   Scripture OR Supposition

5. Jesus disappeared from the men’s sight to prove he was who he claimed to be.

   Scripture OR Supposition
THE RISEN LORD APPEARS

Lesson 6, John 21:1-14, NIV

FAMOUS FAILURES

Match the well-known people with their less well-known failures.

____ 1. Turned down for an engineering job by Toyota Motor Corporation
____ 2. Fired from a job as a television reporter and labeled “unfit for TV”
____ 3. Dropped out of Harvard and started Traf-O-Data, a business that failed
____ 4. Fired by a newspaper editor who said that he lacked imagination
____ 5. Submitted his first children’s book nearly 30 times before finding a publisher
____ 6. Rejected from the University of Southern California School of Cinema three times
____ 7. Booed off the stage at his first appearance at a comedy club
____ 8. Cut from his high school basketball team
____ 9. Thought by his parents and teachers to have limited mental capacity

A. Theodore (Dr. Seuss) Geisel  D. Oprah Winfrey  G. Bill Gates
B. Steven Spielberg  E. Albert Einstein  H. Walt Disney
C. Jerry Seinfeld  F. Michael Jordan  I. Soichiro Honda

FOREVER FAITHFUL

Read the following Scriptures about God’s faithfulness. Underline words that speak strongly to you.

1. “Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies” (Psalm 36:5).

2. “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22, 23).

3. “The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (Deuteronomy 33:27).

4. “Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal” (Isaiah 26:4).

5. “In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:6).
Go Fund Whom?

GoFundMe is an Internet resource that allows people to donate money directly to causes of their choice. Circle the GoFundMe causes you would support.

1. Going bald. I need hats. Help!  YES  NO
2. Trying a stunt on my ex; I need 10 grand.  YES  NO
3. Help send Lucy to clown school.  YES  NO
4. Tired of being broke.  YES  NO
5. Take Boston girls out on $200 dates.  YES  NO
6. I need cash for my birthday.  YES  NO
7. Single dad in need of help.  YES  NO
8. Please clothe Aryn’s naked cat.  YES  NO
9. Help me buy a 20 piece McNugget meal.  YES  NO
10. Powerball reimbursement fund.  YES  NO
11. Bring quantum generators to the world!  YES  NO
12. Midlife crisis squirrel tattoo.  YES  NO
13. Two broke girls need to go to Vegas.  YES  NO
14. Rescue Matt Damon from Mars.  YES  NO
15. I’ve got kids.  YES  NO

Go Follow Him

Unscramble the words in the following sentences to complete some key ideas from our lesson text.

1. Jesus’ SINGOVERSEF is greater than our SIGNSRTREASONS (John 21:15-17).
3. No matter what the REFUTU holds, our life is ECRUSE in Jesus’ hands (John 21:18, 19).
4. The path of one Jesus ROLEFLOW is KINULE the path of any other Jesus follower (John 21:20-22).
5. What we know about Jesus is CACATURE, because it comes from WISETEENSEYS (John 21:24).
6. There is SWAYAL more to WONK about Jesus (John 21:25).
ONCE THE BEST

Much has been said about being number one. But how long does that fame last? Try to guess the best from exactly 50 years ago today.

1. Number one song on the Billboard charts
   a. “Honey” by Bobby Goldsboro
   b. “Night Fever” by the Bee Gees
   c. “Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree” by Tony Orlando and Dawn

2. Number one movie at the box office
   a. Yours, Mine, and Ours
   b. Coming Home
   c. Charlotte’s Web

   a. Airport by Arthur Hailey
   b. Bloodline by Sidney Sheldon
   c. The Odessa File by Frederick Forsyth

4. First place baseball team in the National League
   a. St. Louis Cardinals
   b. Cincinnati Reds
   c. Chicago Cubs

5. Richest family in America
   a. The Mellon family
   b. The Du Pont family
   c. The Ford family

IN OTHER WORDS

Read Revelation 4:1-6, 8-11. Then match the words below with their correct descriptions.


A. high renown or honor won by notable achievements
B. the sound produced in a person’s larynx and uttered through the mouth
C. high respect; esteem
D. the abode of God and the angels
E. device for giving light
F. brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone
G. circular ornamental headdress worn by a monarch as a symbol of authority
H. ceremonial chair for a sovereign, bishop, or similar figure
I. something created, such as an animal
J. the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity
HELP FOR HIRE

According to Business Insider, the following are real-life jobs in today’s world. Read all 10 and rank them in order, with 1 being the job you’d most like to have and 10 being the job you’d least like to have. Then think of three qualifications you’d list on a résumé for your top pick.

___ 1. Snake milkers extract venom from the world’s most dangerous snakes (think cobras and rattlesnakes). The venom is sold to hospitals and labs for up to $1,000 per gram.
___ 2. Professional bridesmaids are paid to assist brides on their big day. They can earn between $300 and $2,000 per wedding.
___ 3. Iceberg movers came on the scene after the sinking of the Titanic. They work for the U.S. Coast Guard to track locations of icebergs, towing them out of the area if necessary.
___ 4. Professional mourners attend funerals to grieve for the deceased. For two hours, they are paid around $70.
___ 5. Professional snugglers charge up to $80 an hour. To cuddle. With strangers.
___ 6. Dog food tasters do just that—taste dog food to evaluate quality and nutritional value.
___ 7. Chicken sexers determine whether a chick is male or female. Hired by commercial hatcheries, they make up to $60,000 per year!
___ 8. Professional line-standers may earn up to $1,000 per week to wait in line. They are busiest during big events such as Black Friday, movie releases, or product launches.
___ 9. Fortune cookie manufacturers hire writers to come up with clever fortunes. They earn around $40,000 per year.
___ 10. Face feelers use their hands to see how well products like lotions, razors, and facial cleansers work. They usually work part-time and earn around $25 per hour.

SAVIOR OF ALL

Revelation 5 gives us an incredible résumé for Jesus. Read the verses below each heading and be able to defend the titles in the headings.

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GIVING FROM A GENEROUS HEART
Lesson 10, Exodus 35:20-29; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, NIV

REALLY REAL OR REALLY NOT?
Read about each of the charities below. Draw a circle around those you think are real. Draw an X through those you think are not.

1. The Critter Connection rescues and rehabilitates abandoned or neglected guinea pigs.
2. Twinsies to Winsies offers training to twins who wish to compete in college arts and athletics.
3. The International Foundation for Unkempt Spaces promotes the appreciation of messy bedroom and bathroom closets.
4. The Institute of Noetic Sciences advances the science of consciousness and human experience.
5. Floss for Frogs raises money and awareness for the dental issues of amphibians.
7. The Naked Clowns raises money for MS research by selling calendars of unclothed circus performers.
8. Pigs Are People Too supports equal rights for the pork population in America’s farms.
9. Tall Clubs International Foundation funds scholarships for men and women who meet minimum height requirements.
10. Mermaids Matter employs post-op mermaids in the workforce in an effort to engage and assimilate them into the mainstream population.

CHEERFUL GIVERS?
Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. Then examine one of the texts below and answer the questions that follow.

Widow’s Coins (Luke 21:1-4)
What words describe her giving?
How will she be rewarded?

Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-23)
What words describe his attitude toward giving?
How will he be rewarded?

Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-6)
What words describe their giving?
How were they rewarded?
Firstfruits Fill-in

Read Leviticus 2:14; 23:9-14, 22. Fill in the blanks to complete the Scriptures.

1. If you bring a _________ offering of _________ to the Lord, offer crushed heads of _________ _________ roasted in the fire (2:14).

2. Speak to the Israelites and say to them: “When you enter the _________ I am going to give you and you _________ its harvest, bring to the _________ a _________ of the _________ _________ you harvest” (23:10).

3. Together with its grain offering of _________ of an _________ of the finest flour mixed with olive oil—a food offering presented to the Lord, a _________ _________ —and its drink offering of a _________ of a _________ of wine. (23:13)

4. You must not eat any _________, or roasted or _________ _________, until the _________ _________ you bring this offering to your God. This is to be a lasting _________ for the _________ to come, wherever you live (23:14).

5. When you _________ the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very _________ of your field or gather the _________ of your harvest. _________ them for the _________ and for the _________ residing among you. I am the Lord your God. (23:22).

My Giving to God

Complete the following sentences in your own words:
When I think about my giving to God, I feel . . .

God loves a cheerful giver. But sometimes it’s hard to be cheerful in my giving because . . .

My own firstfruits would be . . .

I want to give that to God because . . .
Remembering with Joy

Lesson 12, Leviticus 25:1-12, NIV

Who Would I Trust?
Read each statement below and write the name of the person you would most trust in each situation.

If I needed someone to give me driving directions, I’d trust _________________________________.
If I needed advice on which outfit to wear to a big event, I’d trust _________________________________.
If I needed someone to take care of my kids/grandchildren, I’d trust _________________________________.
If I needed financial advice, I’d trust _________________________________.
If I needed someone to keep a secret, I’d trust _________________________________.
If I needed help preparing for a job interview, I’d trust _________________________________.
If I needed a new hairstyle, I’d trust _________________________________.
If I needed an honest answer, I’d trust _________________________________.

Remember and Rest
Read each of the Scriptures listed below. What can they teach or remind you of as you apply today’s lesson to your life?

Philippians 4:19  _______________________________________________________________________

Psalm 100:4  _______________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Colossians 2:7  _______________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

1 Thessalonians 5:18  _______________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

2 Corinthians 9:10, 11  _______________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Psalm 16:11  _______________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

Isaiah 61:10  _______________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
Rejoicing in Restoration
Lesson 13, Psalm 34:1-10; Hebrews 2:17, 18, NIV

GET A FIX

Match each of the following FIX words with its definition.

1. SUFFIX  A. able to be repaired or mended
2. FIXATION  B. a person or thing that has been part of something or involved in something for a long time
3. FIXABLE  C. repairs or mends
4. CRUCIFIXION  D. an obsessive or unhealthy preoccupation or attachment
5. FIXTURE  E. to attach something to something else
6. AFFIX  F. to cause someone to sit or stand without moving
7. FIXES  G. a letter or a group of letters that is added to the end of a word to change its meaning or to form a different word
8. TRANSFIX  H. an act of killing someone by nailing or tying the hands and feet to a cross

You CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

Follow the instructions in each of the spaces provided.

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Use a word from each box to fill in the blanks below.

________________________ the __________________.

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Lesson 1

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Promises Made, Promises Broken: 1=B. 2=E. 3=D. 4=C. 5=A

Scripture Scramble: 1=temple. 2=Israel, fulfilled. 3=Heaven, earth, covenant. 4= servant. 5=supplications, people, hear.

Lesson 3
To the One I Love: They are all from real books! 1=An Introduction to Algebraic Topology by Joseph J. Rotman. 2=The House of Hades by Rick Riordan. 3=Makbara by Juan Goytisolo. 4=Post Office by Charles Bukowski. 5=Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong by Prudence Shen. 6=House of Leaves by Mark Z. Danielewski. 7=Austenland by Shannon Hale.

Lesson 4
Secret of My Success: 1=G. 2=B. 3=E. 4=A. 5=H. 6=C. 7=E. 8=F. 9=D. 10=I

Lesson 5
Mystery Message: It’s always darkest just before the dawn.

Lesson 6
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Lesson 7
Go Follow Him: 1=forgiveness, transgressions. 2=inadequate, incredible. 3=future, secure. 4=follower, unlike. 5=accurate, eyewitnesses. 6=always, know.

Lesson 8
Once the Best: All=A.

In Other Words: 1=D. 2=B. 3=F. 4=H. 5=E. 6=I. 7=A. 8=J. 9=G. 10=C.

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