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COLLABORATION
COMMITMENT
COMMUNITY
DIVERSITY
DRIVE
EXCELLENCE
FOCUS
GROWTH
HONESTY
HONOUR
INCLUSION
INNOVATION
INTEGRITY
LEADERSHIP
PASSION
RESPECT
SERVICE
STEWARDSHIP
TEAMWORK
TOLERANCE
TRUST
UNDERSTANDING

A I M F N H L J F R P E Y S P I Y X L M
V E G A E O X A U A C J T U N E V R E J
Z S J H E A I O S I G A I B U G P P U A
W E P R O Y N S V H B E R E S P E C T X
J E C I I O J R U B O W G B S C Y N B F
G L C N H G E F Y L X K E D S T K O I O
I X O N A S H V D T C N T E I M Y I G X
P C M J E R D O C H I N N L K P T T V F
A V M E Y L E R B V B S I K I M E A Q H
L O I T T M L L A C I B R H G A E V C T
R E T Z I G V E O W A S S E M L V O R W
X N M B N G S X C T E R M W V A I N O O
M G E H U K U X N X E T O D A I R N T R
Y E N X M Z C U N D E R S T A N D I N G
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S B R P O C F E H R C R D P Z P M C C N
I W U J C O L L A B O R A T I O N P Y Z
A L S A O Q V K S Y U Q X X V Z Y J C O
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Teen Scene

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Weekly Development: Values

Read Psalm 15:1-5

Values are uncompromisable, undebatable truths that drive and direct behavior; a person will pursue what that person loves. Jesus said it best: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Values are motivational—they give us reasons why we do things; and they are restrictive—they place boundaries around behavior. Leadership literature is paying increased attention to the importance of consistent values to a leader's effectiveness over the long haul.

King David demonstrated value-driven behavior in Psalm 15. Notice that he said the person who enjoys the presence of God and lives a blameless life is the one who "speaks the truth from his heart" (v. 1-2). Because

this person values truth in his heart, his words express truth. Because he values kindness, he "does his neighbor no wrong" (v. 3). Because he values honesty, he "keeps his oath even when it hurts" (v. 4). Because he values justice, he "does not accept a bribe against the innocent" (v. 5).

Leaders who are value driven reap a great benefit from the Lord. David said they "will never be shaken." Regardless of what may happen around them, they can live with full confidence that the right principles have shaped their values and have guided their decisions. That confidence will give them emotional and spiritual stability. It will enable them to be leaders whom God can use for his glory.

As you reflect on this psalm,

consider what values drove the psalmist's behavior? As you examine your own life, what values do you see as driving your behavior? What values would you like to have drive your behavior? Make it your goal to more completely integrate Godly values into your professional and personal life.

Passage to memorize this week

—Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

The History of Father's Day

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards.

In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea

of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washing-

ton state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Upcoming Events

- **June 21st**—
TTYL
- **June 22nd**—
\$2 Tuesday @ Colorado Canyon
- **June 23rd**—
Early Birds @ 6:00 p.m.
- **June 25th**—
Houston Zoo (pre-teens, teens, and parents welcome)
Leave Church @ 8:00 a.m.
- **June 29th**—
Village Creek Canoe Trip

God Speaks

In 1998, an anonymous client gave the Smith advertising agency in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, \$150,000 to create an advertising campaign to reach people who used to be faithful to a religion but had drifted away. The result was a humorous, thought-provoking, non-denominational series of quotes from God, run on billboards. The campaign called "God Speaks" began running in September 1998, and the billboards were scheduled to be up for three months.

The campaign created such a positive response that the Outdoor Advertising Association of America picked it as its public-service campaign for the year and began running it in two hundred cities nationwide. The billboards have been featured on the *Today* show, *ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings*, and CNN and cov-

ered by more than two thousand newspapers and countless local radio and television stations.

Throughout the campaign more than one hundred lines were created and eighteen of those were chosen to run as ads in Fort Lauderdale. Due to the campaign's great success, Charles Robb decided to include all of the over one hundred lines in a book conveniently titled, "God Speaks." Each week a new quote from the book will be included in this section.

If I'm out of touch,
how come I know
what happens next?
-God

Did You Know?

1. Earth travels through space at 66,700 miles per hour.
2. Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest waterfall. The water of the Falls drops 3,212 feet (979 meters).
3. The gravity on Mars is 38% of that found on Earth. So a 100 pounds person on Earth would weigh 38 pounds on Mars.
4. The largest recorded snowflake was 15in wide and 8in thick. It fell in Montana in 1887.
5. Average 100 lightning strikes occur worldwide every second.
6. There are between 100,000,000,000 and 1,000,000,000,000 stars in a normal galaxy.
7. The total water supply of the world is 326 million cubic miles (1 cubic mile of water equals more than 1 trillion gallons).
8. Each winter there are about 1 septillion (1, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000 or a trillion trillion) snow crystals that drop from the sky.
9. Earth's oceans are an average of 2 Miles deep
10. Rain has never been recorded in some parts of the Atacama Desert in Chile.



Obstacles

In ancient times, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the big stone out of the way.



Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse

lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many others never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition.

Father

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day."

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's

Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

