



## Family Devotional: Trusting God with Your Tomorrow

**Theme:** How to trust God with the unknown.

**Focus Verse:** Jeremiah 29:11 - “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope.”

**Other Scriptures:** Matthew 6:34, Deuteronomy 31:8, Psalm 37:5, 1 Peter 5:7

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### Devotional Thought:

God doesn't promise us that tomorrow will be easy, but He promises He will be with us in it. Trusting Him with our tomorrow doesn't mean we stop planning or preparing. It means we surrender control and believe that His plans are better than ours. When fear starts whispering "What if...", faith answers, "Even if."

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### Scripture Focus:

- Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NIV) “This is what the Lord says: ‘When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,’ declares the Lord, ‘and will bring you back from captivity.’”
  - Matthew 6:25-34 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”
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## Talk About It:

1. What makes it hard to trust God with the future?
  2. Can you think of a time when you were afraid of what might happen, but God worked it out?
  3. What would help you trust Him more with your tomorrow?
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## Read Together:

### Numbers 13-14 - The Israelites at the edge of the Promised Land

**Story Summary:** After being rescued from slavery and seeing miracle after miracle, the Israelites arrive at the land God promised. But when they hear scary reports about the people living there, they freeze in fear and refuse to move forward. They forget God's faithfulness and choose fear over faith.

#### Numbers 13:1-2 (NIV)

The Lord said to Moses, "Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders."

#### Numbers 13:17-20 (NIV)

When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country.

See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwallled or fortified?

How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." (*It was the season for the first ripe grapes.*)

#### Numbers 13:25-33 (NIV) (*Select key verses*)

At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large.

We saw the descendants of Anak there.

Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are."

And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored.

They said, "We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."



### **Talk about it:**

- Why do you think the Israelites were scared, even after seeing all that God had done?
  - Have you ever let fear stop you from doing something you felt God was leading you to do?
  - What might have happened if they had trusted God and moved forward?
  - What "Promised Land" might God be calling our family into?
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### **Weekly Challenge:**

As a family, create a cross together.

- It could be made from sticks in your yard, scrap wood, or just drawn and decorated on paper.
  - Place the cross somewhere everyone can see throughout the week—like the kitchen table, living room, or family prayer space.
  - Each day, encourage everyone to write down one worry they're carrying. Fold it up and lay it at the foot of the cross.
  - At the end of the week, gather as a family and pray over each of those worries—giving them to God and trusting Him with your today.
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### **Memory Verse:**

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope."

Tip: Write it out and post it where your family will see it—on the fridge, mirror, or car dashboard.

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### **Family Prayer:**

God, thank You for knowing our tomorrow even when we don't. Help us to trust You when we feel afraid or uncertain. Teach us to listen for Your voice and move forward in faith. We surrender our plans and our fears to You. Thank You for being good, faithful, and always ahead of us. In Jesus' name, Amen.