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UNLEASHING THE GOSPEL

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# #Devotion by the Youth: Zephaniah 1

### SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 1:12

"At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'"



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## OBSERVATION

This was the judgment against Judah, that the Lord will search their hearts but instead of just punishing those who are obviously sinning against the Lord by idolatry, the Lord will also punish those who are complacent, lukewarm, and indifferent.

## APPLICATION

Today, I have friends who are indifferent towards the Lord, and the rationale behind this is as mentioned in v12 'God would do nothing, nothing good, nothing bad', the current generation has this notion of 'you-do-you' or 'as-long it doesn't hurt anyone, I'm doing the right thing'.

How selfish are we to think that way? Do we not know the biggest offense to the Lord is not acknowledging God? To simply deny Him, live our own lives, and to think that all is 'fine'.

This is a wake-up call, that I should not sit well with my friends who simply don't care about God. Instead, I should have more intentional conversations and invite them to a conversation that centers around God.

## PRAYER

O Lord, do not let me sit in comfort while there are still friends who are close to me who do not acknowledge You, who don't care about You nor take notice of You. Do not let me shy away from conversations that center around You but give me a heart that burns for intentional conversations, that seek to invite the indifferent to speak more of You. Grant me the wisdom, the heart, and the compassion to care for my friends who have yet to accept You. In Jesus name, Amen.



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## SCRIPTURE

### Zephaniah 1:2-3

"I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth," declares the Lord. "I will sweep away both man and beast; I will sweep away the birds in the sky and the fish in the sea - and the idols that cause the wicked to stumble. When I destroy all mankind on the face of the earth," declares the Lord.

## OBSERVATION

God is talking about judgment day, where those who have repented will be with Him in heaven while the un-repented ones will face God's wrath.

## APPLICATION

We know judgment day will come, but we forget the actual severity/implication of judgment day where all things on earth will end. It made me think of close friends and relatives around me who have strayed away from God or don't believe in Him. It is difficult to initiate conversations relating to the gospel or continue conversations without their negative perceptions. So, what can we do for them?

## PRAYER

Dear God, You are good and gracious, and a forgiving God. I uphold the people around me who have strayed away from You. I pray You will soften their hearts & call them back to You. If it's Your will, I pray You will use me as Your vessel to spread the gospel and that I'll find courage in You to speak about it too. Amen



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## PrayerSpotlight

### A Prayer for Christmas Eve

O God, You have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven; where with You and the Holy Spirit He lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

