

CONFIRMATION JOURNAL

**YOUR
JOURNEY
OF FAITH**



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INTRODUCTION

You have been confirmed in the faith in your church. So now you are a confirmand. But you are more than that. You are a redeemed child of God who has been gifted and called to live and serve in many different roles. As Christians, we believe that everyone is on a journey to fulfill their God-appointed tasks in everyday life in response to God's love in Jesus. This book is a collection of callings that you may have in your journey of faith along with words of encouragement for you as you serve your Savior in those roles.

STUDENT

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

Reflection

One of the biggest roles you have right now in your journey of faith is the role of student. For at least twelve years of your life, it is your “full-time job” to sit in a classroom, lab or learning center, or on an iPad or laptop, gathering information from those who teach. And that is just the formal education; it doesn't even include the amount of time you are learning from band instructors, dance teachers, quiz-bowl coaches, robotics team leaders or other extracurricular instructors who influence you as you live out your calling as a student. Albert Einstein said, “Once you stop learning, you start dying.” We are called to be learners throughout our lives. God has placed intelligent and experienced people in our lives to help us learn. Proverbs reminds us that only foolish people despise the learning process. You should not take for granted the people who can help you gain new wisdom about growing in your relationship with God, navigating tricky situations in society and relationships, taking care of the world God has given you, expanding your mind to gain necessary skills to serve God on your occupational journey and discovering your worth in Christ.

Questions to Consider

What has been the most important thing you learned this week?

When do you get the most excited about learning something new?

Who has been an influential teacher in your life? Why?

SIBLING

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

Reflection

“...[You] can choose your friends, but you sho’ can’t choose your family, and, they’re still kin to you no matter whether you acknowledge ‘em or not, and it makes you look right silly when you don’t.”

—Jem paraphrasing Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

We can't pick who our family members are, but we can choose how we will treat them. I'm sorry to say that there were times growing up when I got so mad at my brother, or he with me, over the most insignificant things. In those moments, I am sure that we both said and did things that were pretty foolish. But I'm thankful that throughout my life, those moments of frustration and anger took a backseat to the fun, respect, mutual care and support that we shared with each other.

Our brothers and sisters are God's precious gifts to us in our journey of faith, and we are called to love, honor, cherish and respect them just as we do our parents and those in authority. May you live out your calling as a sibling in such a way that exemplifies Ephesians 4: being kind, being tenderhearted and forgiving one another!

By the way, if you are an only child, apply these principles to your relationships with your brothers and sisters in Christ. They are your family too!

Questions to Consider

Was there a time when your sibling(s) showed you forgiveness?

What is something you admire in your sibling(s)?

What is one of your favorite memories with a brother or sister?

CHILD/GRANDCHILD

Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 5:16

Reflection

There was a time when I was a teenager that I thought my parents knew very little about life, who I was or how I should live. Strangely enough, as I got a few years older, my parents, all of a sudden, became very wise. As I look back on my journey of faith, I understand it was my perspective, and not my parents, that changed. Even though our earthly parents are not perfect, our calling as children and grandchildren is made clear in the Bible. It even devotes one of the Ten Commandments to the subject: Honor your father and mother! In confirmation class, we learned that we get to honor, cherish, serve and obey our parents, grandparents and others in authority. Learning how to balance new freedom and responsibilities as you grow up with respect and honor for those who still teach, provide and care for your well-being is part of living out your calling as a child.

Questions to Consider

What are the ways you live out Deuteronomy 5:16 on a daily basis?

When do you find it hard to honor, cherish, serve and obey your parents and those in authority?

What are some things you need to work on in your relationship with your parents, grandparents or guardians?

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Confirmation is a special time in a young person's faith journey. Give each of them this journal as a gift to chronicle their personal story of receiving faith in Jesus and watching it grow in their own unique life experiences that draw them closer to Christ and deepen their relationship with him.

**INCLUDES JOURNALING
PROMPTS FOR READERS
TO WRITE ON.**

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