



LET'S ~~NOT~~ COME TOGETHER!!

THIS MESSAGE IS PANDEMIC RESPONSE APPROVED

Dear Parents and Youth!

Hello Everyone! I hope you are all surviving these rainy days and quarantine. First off, let me send a big congratulations to our graduating seniors – especially our favorite, Mr. Dakota Yates! Congratulations on finishing school, and a big thank you to him for deciding to serve the country in the Navy. It's unfortunate that we didn't get to have the big parties and send-offs that normally come at this time of the year, but I want them to know that we are still super-excited for them. And are they going to have a big story to tell in the years to come.

Let's go into another devotional today. This one comes from Miss Lauren – I hope you enjoy it!

Remember the website! We have a new activity on it. And we'll see you on Wednesday (on Zoom!)

Everyone stay well and safe – The Youth Leadership

DEVOTIONAL FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11

If you've turned on the TV lately or even been on the internet you have probably heard the phrase "we're living in uncertain times," which may sound pretty alarming to some, but should it? Many of us even before the outbreak of COVID-19 had a lot going on in our lives, whether they be joyous things, struggles, or maybe a little bit of both. No matter what life throws at us, whether it be the pandemic, canceled sporting events, missed graduations, loss of loved ones, or even some positive things, such as spending more time with loved ones, getting your first job, passing your driver's license test, or graduating: God is there for it all. In Deuteronomy it says

Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

I think sometimes when life gets crazy, we forget that God is with us through the ups and downs. He's with us through it all.

I think sometimes we remember to pray when things are going bad, but forget to praise Him in all circumstances, but in 1 Thessalonians God reminds us to

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

So I ask as you reflect on this that you remember to pray without ceasing and to praise God no matter the circumstances.

Have a wonderful week and we miss all of you! Stay safe and stay healthy,

-- Lauren Foster

See, they used to wear these funny robes and hats, and walk down a long, scary aisle in front of hundreds of people. And some of them had to give speeches, and they took so long.....

