

BONJOUR

French for “hello and good morning,” Bonjour is a guided time with the Lord. We encourage you to prioritize this devotional each morning for this personal refreshment. Each section begins with a message for your reflection, followed by several readings from Scripture that help you study who God is and what He has done for you. Get comfortable with your own Bible as you consider the context of each passage, and leave plenty of time to think through the questions at the bottom and write down your responses. Conclude Bonjour by praying for God’s guidance and gracious help.

May the Word of God continue to shape your heart and mind as you further understand, respond to, and delight in His steadfast love.

Hello there!

Heading into my first NatCon, I knew it would be a hectic week, but one thing I didn’t foresee was this Bonjour being one of the highlights of it. Through all of the happy chaos, it was amazing to be able to wake up and spend time in God’s word, digging deeper into the topic of steadfastness.

Steadfastness had already been a recurring theme in my life, but being able to read a devotional focused on it really helped me to understand how God is steadfast, and how we can always hold fast to Him in our times of need. This Bonjour, paired with the sessions and small groups, allowed me to take away so much more from the week than just friendships and a t-shirt. Whether you’re a youngling in middle school, heading into college, or struggling through high-school like I was, God will always be steadfast, and being reminded of this truth is invaluable. I hope and pray that in reading this Bonjour, God reveals Himself and His steadfastness to you as He did to me!

Your Friend and Brother in Christ,
Zeke Harper

TUESDAY BONJOUR

KNOW THE TRUTH

In your Small Group or Rendezvous, consider how the character and promises of God are fully revealed through the steadfast hope we have in Christ. Encourage one another with Scripture and with your own testimonies of God's steadfastness in your life.

RECOGNIZE

Jesus says “If you abide in my word, you are my disciples, and the truth will set you free.” Rightly defining truth is foundational to remaining steadfast. If our footing is stable and sure, we will not be moved when the winds and the waves come.

Furthermore, truth requires action. Knowing truth is not just an activity of the mind. It is something you believe to your core, it’s what you put your hope in. When you put your hope in Jesus, you lean the weight of your life on Him. There is nothing held back.

READ

- Isaiah 40:3-8
- Proverbs 3:5-8
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Colossians 1:21-23
- Psalm 19:7-14

RESPOND

Do you believe the truth that Jesus Christ lived, died, rose to new life, and reigns for your salvation and joy? Do you know He is your only hope to know the truth and be set free? Have you leaned the weight of your life on Him as your only Lord and Savior? Are you willing to build your life on the gracious authority of His Word? Where have you sought to do it your own way? Where do you look for your strength and source of steadfastness?

