



# MOTIVATION

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** Sharing your faith with friends and family members who don't know God takes effort - it takes prayer and patience and strategy. Why do we do it, then?  
We do it because someone's future and present depend on it.

## 2. DISCUSSION

Revelation 20:15 [ESV]

*"And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."*

If someone stands before God's judgment throne and their name isn't recorded in the Book of Life, they'll be thrown into hell. It's harsh and scary, but true. The first thing that should motivate us to share faith is the reality that someone's eternal destination depends on it.



Q. Did you consider the reality of hell when you decided to make Jesus Lord?

Q. When you think about the possibility of a friend or family member ending up there, how does that make you feel? Scared? Angry? Sad? Motivated?

## 3. CHALLENGE

John 10:10 [ESV]

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

Accepting Jesus as Lord will save someone from hell, but it's not just about eternity. A relationship with God brings peace, purpose, comfort, direction, and many other wonderful things in this life. When you share your faith with someone, you're inviting them to experience this mortal life to the fullest - making life better.

Q. What are some of the benefits of a relationship with God that you've experienced in this life?

Q. Which of those benefits would you most like your unsaved family and friends to experience?

Q. How can you weave those benefits into your testimony as you share your faith with people?



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for saving you from eternal destruction and for benefiting your mortal life in so many ways. Ask the Holy Spirit to motivate you like never before to share the good news of salvation with the people around you who need it.



# “CUT OFF YOUR HAND!”

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### 1. POWER VERSE: *“Stay away from every kind of evil.” 1 Thessalonians 5:22*

**Watts Up: “I’ll Do Whatever It Takes To STAY AWAY From Sin!”**

This week, we continue our series called, “Ouch!” In this series, we learn about powerful truths Jesus taught when he preached the Sermon on the Mount. In this lesson, we learn about Jesus’ teaching of “if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off!” Of course, Jesus didn’t mean this literally, but He was serious about each of us being willing to “cut off” and “cut out” of our lives every attitude, action, and habit that is sinful!

### 2. BIBLE VERSE:

*2 Kings 21:1-16 “Manasseh was 12 years old when he became king. He ruled in Jerusalem for 55 years...3 Manasseh also set up altars to the god named Baal. Manasseh even bowed down to all the stars. And he worshiped them...10 The Lord spoke through his servants the prophets. He said, 11 ‘Manasseh, the king of Judah, has committed terrible sins. I hate them.’ 16 And he [King Manasseh] caused Judah to commit sin. So they also did what was evil in the eyes of the Lord.”*

*2 Kings 22:1-2, 23:24-25 “Josiah was eight years old when he became king... Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord. He lived the way King David had lived. He didn’t turn away from it to the right or the left. 24He got rid of the statues of family gods and the statues of other gods. He got rid of everything else the Lord hates that was in Judah and Jerusalem. 25 He obeyed the Lord with all his heart and all his soul.”*

### 3. DISCUSSION:



Q. Who became king in the story?

Q. Who did King Josiah think the people should worship?

Q. Have you ever wanted something SO BAD that you were willing to do ANYTHING to get it?

Q. Have you had the attitude of “whatever it takes” - nothing was going to stop you?

Well, that is exactly the attitude that Jesus says we are supposed to have when it comes to staying away from sin. We are supposed to be willing to do whatever it takes to keep sin out of our lives.

Q. Do you have that kind of attitude about keeping sin out of your life?

Q. Do you have things that you need to “cut out” of your life?

Q. What are some of those things?



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Pray with your child about things in their life that they need to “cut off.” Pray for them for forgiveness of sin and God’s help to stay away from sin. Pray that they will not try to see how close they can get to sin, but rather how FAR AWAY they can stay from sin!