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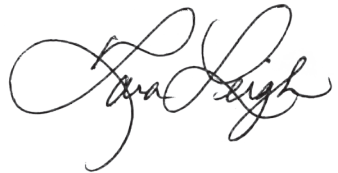
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About This Book

The God Shot devotional explores small, powerful sections from each book of the New Testament one day at a time. By reading the passages in context, you'll be able to see the meaning of each individual verse in new ways and how they tie together to weave a picture of God and His goodness.

Each day's reading points toward a name or attribute of God that the passage reveals, showing how God's character can be found throughout Scripture. In these quick and helpful "snapshots" directly focused on the Word of God, you'll not only be encouraged, but you'll learn more about who God is and how to find Him on every page of the Bible.

It's a Bible study in ninety seconds or less—but even in its brevity, my hope is that you'll find it dense with theological truth and encouragement.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tara Leigh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops and elegant curves.


THE GOD OF PEACE

MATTHEW 6:25–33

DAY 1

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

MATTHEW 6:25



These words fall in the middle of Jesus’s most famous sermon, the Sermon on the Mount. The verse opens with “therefore,” which means Jesus is making a connection between the specific truth He mentioned in the previous verses and why it’s important for us not to be anxious about our life. In the verses prior to this, He says it’s because this life isn’t where our focus should be. And you can’t worry about something you aren’t focused on.

Instead, Jesus says we should aim to focus on our true home, which is in the next life—in God’s kingdom. The things that cause us anxiety are often things that are “passing away” (1 John 2:17), but Jesus wants us to focus on the things that will last.


Are you anxious over temporary things? What is disrupting your peace today? Where do you feel like God has forgotten you? Talk to Him about it. He can be trusted, and His trustworthiness is the only thing that can truly set your heart at peace. He’s where the joy is!



DAY 2

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?

MATTHEW 6:26–27



When Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount, His audience is probably filled with farmers and fishermen and shepherds, so He uses imagery they can easily understand. For instance, He references birds. He says they live a good life off what God provides for them. And if God is attentive even to birds, how much more attention does He pay to His kids?

We're given to anxiety when we forget that God is attentive and active in our lives, so Jesus reminds them. He doesn't want them to be anxious. This is a common theme throughout Scripture. In fact, 366 times in Scripture God tells His kids not to be afraid—once for every day of the year, including leap years. I think it's interesting that God never gives that counsel to His enemies; He only gives it to His kids. Why? Because fathers provide for their own children. God your Father is providing for *you* today.


Is your heart at peace right now? Or does it need to remember the goodness of your Father's attentive love? If you're feeling anxious, be on the lookout today for all the ways your Father has provided and is providing for you. He's where the joy is!



DAY 3

Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

MATTHEW 6:28–29



Today, Jesus continues speaking in the Sermon on the Mount. He's talking to His followers, many of whom are everyday people living in an agrarian society. The poorer people in the crowd probably have legitimate concerns about how they'll put food on the table or clothes on their kids' backs. Whereas the wealthier disciples may be concerned not with *having* clothes, but with having *the best* clothes.

Like them, some of us may be concerned about being clothed, but the majority of us are probably more concerned about having the kinds of clothes that will help us feel admired or desired. Either way, Jesus says it's foolish to put our focus on clothes to this degree. One of the sad things about the human heart is that we like to carve out new pits to fill with anxiety even when there's no legitimate need.

God is your provider. He knows all your needs. He is attentive to them. That means you have enough for this moment. And the next. And the next. Are there places where you've forgotten this? Thank Him for meeting your needs in the past. Ask Him to meet your needs in the present. Trust Him to meet your needs in the future. Rest in the peace of His provision. He's where the joy is!