

The Edge of Everywhen

This Journal Belongs To:

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How do we face fear?

At the beginning of *The Edge of Everywhen*, we meet Piper and Phoenix, a brother and sister who are going through a really rough time in their lives. As Piper travels to her new home with a broken heart, she lets us know she's afraid of the unknown.

The Bible has plenty to say about fear! Read these verses, and write what each verse is saying, in your own words:

Luke 12:24-26

Hebrews 13:6-8

Deuteronomy 31:8

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Can I really meet with God?

Mr. Greene has explained a little about *Thin Places*, where people can feel closer to God. Do you have a special place like that? Write about it here, and about what makes it so special.

The Bible tells about how Jesus often had to get away from it all to meet with God.

Read Luke 5:16, Isaiah 2:2, and Mark 1:35.

How would you describe the perfect *Thin Place*?

Set aside some time this week, just by yourself, to spend with God in a place that is especially peaceful, quiet, beautiful, or holy. Write about it below, and share with the group next week if you want to.

Your prayers change things!

Gordon Guthrie is going through the worst experience of his life. But even after he's been treated so badly, he prays and asks Jesus to meet his need. He also prays for his captors.

Read Matthew 5:43-48.

Praying for our enemies isn't easy! What makes it hard sometimes?

Has there ever been a time where you've prayed for an enemy? What happened?

Ask God to show you an "enemy" or to pray for this week, and ask God to bless them, to show them mercy, and to move in their life. What do you hope God will do?

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The Power of Stories

Don't you just LOVE a really good story? When Jesus was teaching the people something new, He often started out by telling a story, also known as a parable.

These are three of the stories Jesus told. What do you think He was trying to say in each one?

Matthew 13:3-8 *The Parable of the Sower*

Matthew 13:44 *The Parable of the Hidden Treasure*

Matthew 13:45-46 *The Parable of the Priceless Pearl*

Write a parable to teach someone about the love of Jesus.

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Thankfulness—in All Things?

It's pretty easy to be thankful for the awesome things in your life. What are some things you're most thankful for?

In *The Edge of Everywhen*, Gordon has an encounter with a guard and is suddenly thankful that he hasn't had a shower in many months. Your group leader will read a section of *The Hiding Place* aloud, a true story about how Corrie and Betsie learned to be thankful in a truly horrible situation.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15–18, and jot down your thoughts about these verses here:

How do you think it's possible for us to really give thanks in ALL things, even the really, really hard times?

Sophia's Snickerdoodles

Dear Reader, I've stumbled upon this note Piper left. These cookies sound delicious. Maybe you should try making them, too!

Gabriella,

What's up? I just had to tell you about these cookies that I just learned how to make. They're super easy and so, so good thought you may want to make some for your older sister and yourself. Send me pix when you're done! - Piper

Snickerdoodles

1 cup shortening
1 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon of salt
2 tablespoons of sugar
2 teaspoons cinnamon
baking sheet
parchment paper or
other non-stick liner

Turn on the oven to 400 degrees.

Crack eggs into a bowl. Add shortening and 1 1/2 cups of sugar to eggs, and mix thoroughly.

Sift flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt into creamed mixture.

Roll the dough into balls, a little smaller than the size of a golf ball.

Mix two tablespoons of sugar and cinnamon and coat the "golf" balls evenly.

Place the balls of dough two inches apart on baking sheet lined with parchment paper or other non-stick liner, and press them down.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes.

These cookies puff up at first, then flatten. Makes 6 dozen for you to share and enjoy!

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Becoming Friends Again

In *The Edge of Everywhen*, Aunt Beryl didn't have anything to do with Gordon or the children for many years because of her past anger. What does the word reconcile mean to you?

Read Matthew 5:23-24 and jot down your thoughts about these verses here:

To reconcile: To come into harmony, to forgive and be forgiven, to trust again, to bury the hatchet, to be reunited.

Ask God to show you who He would like for you to reconcile with. What would your prayers be for that person?

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Now What?

You made it all the way to the end!

What verse or question in the last seven weeks surprised you? Hit you hard? Made you cry?
Made you angry? Inspired you?

What do you think God is asking you to do differently going forward?

Remember that you don't have to face anything alone! No matter what it is—lean on each other!
Consider how you might pray for each other, encourage each other, and live the Christian faith
together in the weeks and months to come.

*May the Lord bless you and protect you; may the Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you; may the Lord look with favor on you and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6:24-26