

DEVOTIONAL | WEEK 5

unleashed  media

re-read

Let's review what we read Sunday. Read Acts 4.

reflect

Their Time

What especially strikes you from this story? Write a brief paraphrase in your own words of what is happening.

All Time

What principle(s) can you learn from this passage? Write out the timeless truth(s) from the section you paraphrased above.

My Time

What is the personal application of the all-time principle(s)?

challenge: empty to be filled

This week's theme is **media**. We all have ways we are connected to media, whether that's through our phone, TV, radio, social media, newspaper, etc. Our purposes vary from gathering information to finding entertainment. These motives can be very benign, yet in a world of immediate and excessive access, we can become innodated by noise and addicted to these connections. This week, take an intentional step away from media and toward silence and authentic connections with people around you and with Jesus.

Below are some suggestions on what you could do.

- Turn off the TV for the week.
- Commit to turn to your Bible before you turn on or read anything else.
- Take a break from Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or Snapchat (or all of them) for the entire week.
- Take in no news media for the week.
- Turn off all notification on your phone. This allows you to go find information, but not have the information interrupt you.
- As a family, watch a movie or TV show together and discuss what you watched through the lens of your faith.

These are merely suggestions. Your intentional step is your choice and can be something totally different.

What is your intentional step going to be?

How will this step create room for the Holy Spirit's move in your life?

learn from others

Take some time to watch or read (or both) about media and creating authentic connections with others.

Article by Author Phillip Holmes

Read this article by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/nmcmedia1>

Video from Professor Jerry Sittser

Watch this video by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/NMCMedia2>

reflect

As you read/watched, what did you learn or what especially struck you about the role media plays in your life?

words to remember

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This week's verse:

**Set your minds on things above,
not on earthly things.**
Colossians 3:2

reflect

As you read this verse, what immediately strikes you? How do you apply it to your life?

To gain context on this verse, read all of Colossians 3. What strikes you as you read this larger section?

To close your time today, write out a prayer of confession and/or commitment to God in light of what He's spoken to you through Colossians 3.

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reflect

Write out any impressions or takeaways from this week’s conversation below.

lessons from Scripture

Go back to Colossians 3:2 today and do the following:

1. Try to memorize it.
2. Make two lists and respond:

List 1: What are the “earthly things” you are tempted to set your mind on?

List 2: What are the “things above” that you need to set your mind on?

Respond: What do you need to do to make sure your mind is set on List 2?

3. Turn Colossians 3:2 it into a prayer.

pre-read

Take some time to prepare for week six of our study by reading and reflecting on the Scripture we will cover.

Read Acts 4:32-36.

reflect

! How do you see our *Unleashed* theme being carried out in this part of the story?

“ ” What is one verse or section that especially resonates with you?

? What is one question that comes up for you in this Scripture?

app

You can work through this devotional week-by-week on our app! Each day will save to your phone, even after you close the app. Just tap on **Sermon Resources** on the home page, and you'll find this devotional, each week's verse, and the *NMC Digging Deeper* podcast.



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weekly verses

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