



## **D-LEADER BOOK**

*"He is before all things and  
in Him all things hold together."*

*Colossians 1:17*

*June 7-11, 2021  
Laguna Beach Christian Retreat  
Panama City Beach, Florida*

This booklet belongs to:

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## ~ SCHEDULE ~

**NOTE: All times listed in CENTRAL time zone**

### Day 1

2:30 -5:30 PM Registration (Promised Land)  
 5:00 PM Dinner Group 1  
 5:30 PM Dinner Group 2  
 6:30 PM Meet for Introductions  
 (Promised Land)  
 7:00-7:30 PM D-Groups  
 7:45 PM WORSHIP (Promised Land)  
 9-9:40 PM D-Group Night Breakdowns  
 11:30 PM Lights Out

### Day 2

6:45 AM 5Kish  
 8:00 AM Breakfast Group 1  
 8:30 AM Breakfast Group 2  
 9:00 AM Prayer meeting (Promised Land)  
 Staff and all D-Leaders  
 9:50 AM Gather for First Fruits send  
 off (Promised Land)  
 D-Group FF Breakdowns  
 10:45 AM Morning Celebration  
 (Worship Ctr.)  
 12 Noon Lunch Group 1  
 12:30 PM Lunch Group 2  
 1:00 PM Free Time, S.O. Tournaments  
 6:00 PM Dinner Group 1  
 6:30 PM Dinner Group 2  
 7:30-9 PM WORSHIP (Promised Land)  
 9:20-10 PM D-Group Night Breakdowns  
 10:15 PM Big Lee  
 12 PM To Cabins, Lights Out

### Day 3

8:00 AM Breakfast Group 1  
 8:30 AM Breakfast Group 2  
 9:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Promise Land)  
 Staff and all D-Leaders  
 9:50 AM Gather for First Fruit send off  
 (Promised Land)  
 D-Group Breakdowns  
 10:45 AM Morning Celebration  
 (Promised Land)  
 12 Noon Lunch Group 1  
 12:30 PM Lunch Group 2  
 1:00 PM Free Time, S.O. Tournaments  
 6:00 PM Dinner Group 1  
 6:30 PM Dinner Group 2  
 7:30-9 PM WORSHIP (Promised Land)  
 9:20-10 PM D-Group Night Breakdowns  
 10:15 PM Communion  
 11:30 PM To Cabins  
 12:00 PM Lights Out

### Day 4

8:00 AM Breakfast Group 1  
 8:30 AM Breakfast Group 2  
 9:00 AM Prayer Meeting (Promise Land)  
 Staff and all D-Leaders  
 9:50 AM Gather for First Fruit send off  
 (Promised Land)  
 D-Group FF Breakdowns  
 10:45 AM Morning Celebration  
 (Promised Land)  
 12 Noon Lunch Group 1  
 12:30 PM Lunch Group 2  
 1:00 PM Free Time, S.O. Tournaments  
 6:00 PM Dinner Group 1  
 6:30 PM Dinner Group 2  
 7:30-9 PM WORSHIP (Promised Land)  
 9:20-10:05 PM D-Group Night Breakdowns  
 11:30 PM To Cabins  
 12:00 PM Lights Out

### Day 5 - Up and Out Early

8:00 AM Breakfast Group 1  
 8:30 AM Breakfast Group 2  
 9:00 AM Hugs & Good-byes!

We really want you to enjoy your experience with God here at Souled Out. To get the most out of the entire conference, please pay special attention to the following

## Camp Covenant:

1. Have a great time!
2. Be on time to all scheduled events.
3. No guys in girls' cabins, no girls in guys' cabins.
4. Modest dress.

Girls: One piece swimsuits. Tankinis are okay if they cover your bellybutton. If an adult asks you to put on a dark t-shirt, please do so.

Guys: Nobody wants to see what brand of underwear you have!

5. Bring a Bible, pen and this book to all worship and D-group sessions.
6. Bathe once a day whether you think you need to or not.
7. Please - no secular music. God wants to fill your thoughts.
8. No phone calls or texting during worship and D-group sessions. They distract you and those around you.
9. No drugs, alcohol, tobacco products to include vapes, jewels and other synthetic devices or knives or weapons of any kind.
10. Keep cabins clean.
11. Do not go anywhere alone! Always have a buddy or an adult with you. Make sure an adult knows where you are going.
12. Get involved. God wants to touch your life this week!

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## ~ CHURCHES ~

### *Souled Out Summer 2021*

Christ Community ..... Columbus, GA  
Church on the Trail..... Columbus, GA  
First Methodist Sevierville ..... Sevierville, TN  
Heritage Baptist..... Montgomery, AL  
Midway Baptist..... Hamilton, GA  
Pierce Chapel UMC ..... Columbus, GA  
St. Luke UMC..... Columbus, GA  
St. Mark UMC..... Columbus, GA  
The Grove Baptist .....Madison, AL  
The Ridge UMC ..... Columbus, GA  
Troy First Baptist ..... Troy, TN

~ CAMP STAFF ~

Evening Speaker ..... Jordan Easley

*Special AM Guest Leaders* Mallory Wood & Mike Marshall

Souled Out Executive Directors.....Jonathan & Lisa Moore

Praise God for the amazing staff  
He has assembled for  
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## ~ FIRST FRUITS ~ MORNING 1 ~

### TUESDAY AM *together*

Colossians 1:17 - "He is before all things and in Him all things hold together."

#### *He is Before All Things-*

READ the verses below that lead up to and follow our theme verse for the week-

#### **"The Supremacy of the Son of God**

<sup>15</sup> The Son (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross."

Did you know that Jesus has always been around, with God, even before He came as a baby in a manger? That surprises a lot of people, but it's true!

Try to picture God in an empty void- without even the sky! Picture Him creating the heavens and earth, the animals, birds, trees, spinning planets and stars. Now picture Him holding it ALL together!

In Genesis 1 God says, "let us make man in our own image",

And also talked about "the Spirit hovering over the waters", so we know the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we're all there at the creation of the world. John 1:1-3 says, talking about Jesus ("the Word"), <sup>1</sup> "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made."

1. So, because we know God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) was around before anything else was created, what does that say about how important God is? \_\_\_\_\_

Colossians 1:17, says He IS before all things and in Him all things hold together.

2. Name some things in the universe that are held together by Jesus, who created it all. \_\_\_\_\_

If Jesus was before all things, He should also come “before all things” in our lives. He’s the one that holds together even our salvation and the fact that we will go to heaven one day if we know him!

READ this part of verse 20 again, below-

“and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

Jesus made peace with God for us, and The Bible says in \_\_\_\_\_ that “while we were still sinners Christ died for the ungodly”! There Jesus is, BEFORE all things! Before we could even think about coming to Him and while we were stuck deep in our sin, Jesus took the punishment we deserved for our sin on the cross and became the willing sacrifice for our sin! If you’re not sure you know Jesus, or what it really means that Jesus died for you; if you’ve never asked Him to save you but want a relationship with Him which opens heaven to you, read the starred section at the end of this lesson right now.

If you’ve already “come to Christ”, pray right now and thank Jesus that before you even knew you needed Him- while you were stuck in sin (small or big)- Christ died for you!

3. Because Jesus was willing to go through torture and death for us, so we could have a relationship with Him, what things have you put before Jesus in your life (made more important than Him)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you say you have made Jesus first in your life- truly Lord of every moment- in control of your thoughts, what you say, what you do? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus put you before everything else when He didn’t even have to. Are you willing to put him before everything in your life? Pray about this, and right out your prayer, and anything God speaks to your heart about how you can do this more in your life.

In order to not be tempted to drink, where should you not go? (**Parties, bars**)

In order to not be tempted to go to far with your boyfriend or girlfriend, what kind of situation should you avoid? (**being completely alone with that person, like in a room alone, bedroom or not, or with the lights out in the living room watching a movie, parked somewhere in a car together...**)

If you’re tempted to gossip, what can you do? (**walk away from gossip conversations, say some thing like, “hey, let’s not talk bad about her. I feel kind of bad”, or change the subject**)

How can you see that God is holding you together, today?

Did God speak anything to your heart in tour first fruits time you’d like to share?

Around the circle, everyone pray and fill in this blank with whatever you need from God, “God thank You that You will hold me together in (**my faith, my temptations, worry some things...**)

If anyone needs to talk afterwards about how to come to know Jesus, or needing God to hold you together in certain areas, I’ll be here.



~ FIRST FRUITS ~ MORNING 3 ~  
~ BREAKDOWN ~

**THURSDAY AM**  
*together*

## Who will open us in prayer?

Can anyone say the theme verse our lesson had us memorize today? If you didn't have time, try to memorize it sometime today, and you can try to quote it to us tonight!

Someone read number 4 in your first fruits lesson today. What did you all put for your answer to that?

Someone read number 7 from your lesson today. What hard things have you gone through this year?

How has or can God hold you together in these areas?

Look at your answer to number 13. What were some of your temptations that you submitted to God today?

Get with a partner and pray for each other that God would protect you from these temptations and help you to continually submit to him.

Someone READ 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)-

13 “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

What does that verse tell you God will do, when you're tempted?

**(Provide a way out)**

We talked about sins we want to avoid yesterday morning. There are some specific ways out for those temptations!

Have you ever been in a situation where you were tempted, and God provided a way out?

Someone SHARE about that

-God can also provide a way out before we are even tempted. He can do this by giving you wisdom about what situations to avoid, where temptation literally lives!

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John 1:12- “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—”

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### Matthew 6:31-33 NIV-

<sup>31</sup> “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

### Matthew 10:38-39-

“And anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

The next verses are the ones that are Souled Out’s overall theme, as a camp. They were our theme verses our very first two years, in 1999 and 2000!

### Matthew 2:37-40-

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

8. Everyone answer this, around the circle- What do you feel like God is speaking into your life right now?
9. Write down and share your one main goal after this first fruits time this morning.

D-leader offer for anyone to talk with you about coming to Christ or anything else after the prayer

Everyone pray around the circle that God will help them reach their specific goal, and anything else you want to pray.

10. Do you ever feel like you’re falling apart, spiritually, like you just can’t “be good enough”? \_\_\_\_\_

\*If you don’t know Jesus, please know that you can’t be “good enough” to get to heaven. But Jesus did that for you. Read the explanation of salvation at the bottom of this lesson, if you’d like to know Jesus and experience heaven with him forever.

READ verses 8-9 from the 1 Peter verses we read earlier again, below-

<sup>8</sup> “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith”

Also, READ this verse, James 4:7 that says

“Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

11. According to the verses you just read above, while God is holding you together, who is trying to tear you apart, or “devour” your spiritual life? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What do those verses say we need to do when we are alert enough to notice we are being torn apart, little by little, or a lot, by the devil? **(verse 9—Resist him, standing firm in the faith)**
13. WRITE down all of the things the devil tries to use to tear apart your, what could be thriving, spiritual life. It could be temptation to hate someone, to gossip, to be rude or disobedient to your parent’s, to decide maybe some of the Bible should be ignored because you don’t like what it says, to go to parties where there will be alcohol or drugs/vaping... even just the temptation to be embarrassed about your faith or being “good” in front of people who “aren’t”! WRITE anything you can think of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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The first part in the verses we read about resisting tell us specifically how to do this. To resist the devil, we submit to God!

Spend a few minutes submitting your heart and life to God. Read over all of your Temptations above, and hand them over to God. Tell God, “I pray that you will help me with my temptation to \_\_\_\_\_”. Just like all of your other cares, He also cares for these cares.

If you have any time left, take a minute and memorize our theme verse for the week above, Colossians 1:17. “Hide” it in your heart! You will try to say it to your D-group in a few minutes!

7. What hard things have you gone through this year?
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8. Read verse 7 in the 1 Peter verses above. What does it say Jesus does for us when our cares are too heavy and we “unload” on Jesus? **(He cares FOR us!)**

Just like God keeps our hearts beating, The sun close enough that we won't freeze, and the planets up in the sky, because we can't, He also holds us together! When we cast all our cares on the one who cares FOR us, we can let go of our worries, and let HIM work it out.

9. WRITE down every worry, even small ones, in your heart or life right now: \_\_\_\_\_

READ Philippians 4:6-7 (New Living Translation), below-

“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

Right now look back at your answers for #9. Apply the verses we just read to those worries by reading each worry, telling God you give it to Him, and thanking him in advance for taking care of it!

Do you feel more peace after giving those cares to God? Now that you've put those cares on God, don't take them back. When you're tempted to worry about these things, repeat the process above! You WILL be tempted to worry about these things again, maybe even daily, or hourly! But anytime they come up in your heart, cast those cares on Jesus, and thank him for taking care of them!

\*Sometimes our worries are things we need wisdom about. If that is the case with you, take a minute right now and READ James 1:5, below if not, skip to below the dotted line-

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

If you read the above verse, now you know God Will give you wisdom when you ask, every time, without finding fault! Pray for wisdom in the areas you need it, right now. WRITE about it below, if you'd like:

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~ FIRST FRUITS ~ MORNING 2 ~

WEDNESDAY AM  
*together*

Colossians 1:17 - “He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.”

*In Him -*

There once was a little fruit tree in a beautiful grove. This tree had been tough and strong. It had long, thick branches. One day, the tree decided it was tired of just being looked at. It wanted to provide! It took a deep breath, pushed really hard, and watched the ends of its branches, but nothing happened. It also noticed that it's leaves looked withered. But no matter, the tree decided if it thought really hard about fruit, maybe the fruit would pop out, but to no avail. There was no fruit. Just then, the gardener walked by and noticed that the little tree was starting to wither. The gardener dug and dug, and moved the tree right over next to the water, and even gave it a little extra water on top. Immediately, the tree started to feel the water flowing through its roots and out to its branches. Eventually, that little tree started to bear fruit! All it needed was to be connected to its source of strength!

READ John 15:5, below-

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (New King James version)

To abide means to dwell or “live in” something, or in this case, someone. To abide in Christ means to LIVE in Him.

1. Put the word “lives” in the blanks below, replacing the word “abides”: “He who \_\_\_\_\_ in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit”
2. Describe what you think it means to live in Jesus- \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why do you think the verse tells us that Jesus is the vine and we're the branches before the verse tells us to live in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Can a branch that's not constantly connected with its tree bear fruit, like an apple or a pear? \_
5. Do you sometimes feel like you try and try to not sin and to do good things like God would want you to do, but you keep failing, over and over? \_
6. Well, how connected are you to Jesus- how much time are you spending praying and reading your Bible each day? \_\_\_\_

Remember the part of the verse above that says. "apart from me you can do nothing". In order to bear the fruit God wants us to bear each day, we have to connect with Him each day, and even try to pray in moments throughout the day- listening for His still small voice to give us directions like, "Go sit by that girl that's all alone" or, "tell Him about what a relationship with me means to you". Or even, "Remember to act in love instead of saying what you want to say right now!"

7. Just like the branch of a tree, in order to do the things God has planned for us to do, we have to stay constantly connected to Him to hear His voice; to feel His Spirit; to actually truly know and follow Him! What are some ways that you could stay better connected to Jesus than you have been?  
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8. Write out a plan to spend time daily with Jesus once you get home. If you are already spending time daily with Jesus, write some ways that you could dive even deeper into your time with him each day, or write about the awesome things God has been teaching you in your "quiet times" with Him lately. \_\_\_\_\_  
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NOTE- If you're not sure if you're saved, or know you're not, read the plan of salvation at the end of today's first fruits lesson.

The Bible says people will know we are Christians by our love for one another. Love we show to others is the fruit that is the mark of being a Christian.

READ 1 John 4: 7-8 and 19, and 20, below-

<sup>7</sup> "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love... <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen."

## ~ FIRST FRUITS ~ MORNING 3 ~

### THURSDAY AM *together*

Colossians 1:17 - "He is before all things and in Him all things hold together."

### *In Him All Things Hold Together-*

Have you ever felt like you were falling apart? When a girlfriend or boyfriend breaks up with you, when you aren't getting along with your family, when a friend "stabs you in the back", when your grades go down the tubes... at times like these does it feel like it's hard to hold it together?

The good news is, you don't have to! As you just read in the verse above, "in him all things hold together".

1. Does God keep the planets up in the sky? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Does God keep the sun from floating away so we don't freeze?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Does your heart "somehow keep pumping, even though YOU'RE not making it happen? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How does your heart keep beating? \_\_\_\_\_

READ 1 Peter 5:7-10, below-

<sup>7</sup> "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."

5. Do the verses above make it sound like God promises that life will be easy for Christians? \_\_\_\_\_
6. In verse 10, above, who does it say will restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast, after you've gone through a hard time?  
(God)



## SHARE

1. Get with 1-2 other people and pray for each other, that God would help you out of this sin, and help you memorize a verse that you can think of when you're wanting to do it! THEN, pray for each other to set aside time each day to have a quiet time!
2. Our theme this week is "together". In the book of Acts, it talks about how all the first believers in Jesus were together in everything and shared with each other when anyone needed anything! Together they reached out to the lost, ate meals together, worshipped together, and took care of each other! This made them so different from the world around them! Our lesson, also, talked about how love and togetherness is the distinguishing mark that makes Christians look different from non-Christians. Have you ever had a hard time with someone, and then forgiven them? If so, did you feel a sense of relief in your heart? **(D-leader- if time or if needed, share a time you had a hard time forgiving someone but did, and how it helped you spiritually)**
3. Why is forgiveness and love so important as a Christian?

READ Matt. 6:15, below-

"But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

4. God has forgiven us of more stuff than we even know we've done! So if we decide something is too bad to forgive someone of, we're saying we're more important than God. It means we think WE can hold a grudge against someone, but GOD should forgive US. Well, the truth is, if anyone should be able to hold on to a sin and make someone owe something for it, it would be God, because He is perfect. And we are not better than God, so that we should be able to hold onto someone's sin and make them pay for it. If anyone needs to talk afterwards or pray to help you forgive someone, I would be glad to do that with you afterwards today!
5. Who do you know that displays the extraordinary love and forgiveness of God, and makes them look like a "God treat"?
6. Prayer requests **(and you can have different students pray for each one, right after they are said, or different students volunteer to pray for each one as they are said, and then they can pray for them all after all are said.)**

If anyone asked Jesus to save them or wants to talk more about that, please come talk to me after we pray. Will someone pray to finish up our time?

Think about the unkind words you have said about the people who annoy you the most. Are they true? It doesn't matter. The Bible says to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. We are called to love, which makes us look like a different "tree" than the ones around us- with beautiful, world changing fruit!

WRITE the first letter of the people's names you haven't forgiven, or that you've gossiped about, or even that you hate. Ask God to help you forgive these people so that you can move on and be close to Christ, without the barrier of Unforgiveness that separates us from a close walk with God. \_\_\_\_\_

Loving hateful people, or even thinking of nice people before ourselves, doesn't come naturally! It comes supernaturally from God, because God IS love! Remember, without being connected to Him we can do nothing!

Now is always a good time to connect with Jesus. Spend the rest of this time seeking God. Tell Him the things you think are good about Him, tell Him the sins you've done lately or areas you seem to keep messing up and ask Him to forgive you and He WILL. (1 John 1:9) Thank Him for each blessing you can think of in your life, and talk to Him about the hard things in your life you need help with. God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble, Psalm 46:1 says! After all of this, you can also pray for others. WRITE down anything God speaks to your heart, or you can write any part of what you pray, if it helps you concentrate- \_\_\_\_\_

If you have extra time, and want to read more, READ Psalm 1 and pray anything that comes to your heart.

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~ FIRST FRUITS ~ MORNING 2 ~  
~ BREAKDOWN ~

WEDNESDAY AM  
*together*

Will someone pray that God will bless our time together today?

1A. What was one thing you got out of today's lesson?

1B. Do you feel like you were able to connect with God when you prayed?

READ question 7. What were your answers? (Talk about daily quiet times- prayer, reading the Bible, maybe reading a devotional for that if you want)

Have any of you ever had a “quiet time”? If so, what did you do?  
**(D-leader also share what you do in your own quiet times, and how important it is to seek God this way every day)**

READ the question and your answer to number 8.

Someone READ Psalm 119:9-11 below-

<sup>9</sup> “How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. <sup>10</sup> I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. <sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

Part of living in Christ is staying on His path of purity. What are some things that can mess up the “purity” of a beautiful plant?

**(Bugs, animals, bad soil, too much sun...)**

Sin does to our lives what a pest does to a plant- it eats it up!

According to the verses in psalms above, how can you stay out of sin?  
**(Reading God's word and living by it.)**

How can you “hide” God’s Word in your heart, and how can it help you stay out of sin?

Can you think of a particular verse, and what kind of sin it might help you stay out of (if you need to look one up, you can)?

WRITE down a sin you struggle with that may be holding you back from being exactly who God means for you to be in Christ (in this blank)-