

**FAMILY FILM DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
TO THE FILM**

**BEYOND
THE NIGHT**

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Beyond the Night tells the story of two medical missionaries, John and Bettie Dreisbach. Their story is one of true commitment to the cause of Christ and of steadfast commitment to evangelism in light of strong persecution. This devotional time will highlight important elements of faith and commitment as seen in the lives of these missionaries which are required for unyielding service to Christ.

1 Preach the Gospel

The doctor and his wife state very clearly their intent for the medical mission work. They are to preach the gospel to every patient they treat. They are persecuted by the civil authorities because of the apparent success of their ministry. Consider the lives of the following characters and their responses to the gospel:

Isa

Cedeti

Suliman

Reflection: What role does evangelism currently take in your life? Are you actively seeking to preach the gospel to the unsaved people around you? Take a few moments to think about people that come to mind who need to hear about salvation. Ask the Lord to grant you the courage and the opportunity to share Christ with them. Consider the following verses: Matt. 28:19, 20; Rom. 10:13-15; 1 Cor. 9:16; 2 Tim. 4:2.

BREAK IT UP

We recommend looking over the guide and watching the film as a family the first night. Then take one section of this guide for each consecutive night for your family devotions. This will be more enriching than discussing the entire guide on one evening. Remember to plan another family movie night sometime during the year to refresh your memory of what you've learned!

2 Trust in Him

Almasihu and his team are dependent on God's provision. He makes it clear to Yusefu and Dr. Achbar that they do not accept financial help from any government but only from the giving of God's people. In what other ways do the missionaries trust in the Lord? Discuss specific examples from the film.

Reflection: Discuss what it means to you to trust in the Lord. Are there specific areas in your life that you are trusting God to work in? Share moments when the Lord has worked in a mighty way in your life when you trusted in Him.

Has the Lord prompted you to consider mission work someday? If so, discuss how trusting in His care and provision is important when considering the mission field. Pray the Lord will grant you courage and a willingness to go forth if He calls you to be a missionary. Consider the following verses: Ps. 9:10; 33:21; 46:1; 56:3; Matt. 6:25-34; Phil. 4:19.

3 No Compromise

The doctor is tempted to compromise his mission when the officials threaten to close the clinic if he continues mixing religion with medicine. His wife, Ruth, kindly reminds him of their mission. They choose to remain faithful to their conviction to preach the gospel with every patient. It costs them the clinic and their ministry. Even Cedeti, an unbelieving Muslim, encourages him to remain fixed to his cause. Discuss how Almasihu stands true to his calling. How does this affect you? Describe how his team loves and supports him.

Reflection: Have you ever shied away from sharing the gospel with someone due to fear of what others thought or some other form of persecution? Discuss ways in which you can encourage each other to be bold in sharing your faith with others. Ask God to give you courage to live out your calling despite severe consequences. Discuss moments that you have exhibited courage and stood up for your beliefs. What were the results, and how did God bless you for it? Consider the following verses: Matt. 10:28; 1 Cor. 9:16; 2 Tim. 1:7.

4 Scripture

The following verses are quoted in *Beyond the Night*. As a fun Bible drill, see if you can find the references for them and discuss. Try to recall the scenes in the film in which they are mentioned. Can you think of other verses referred to in the film? Which verses come to your mind as you think of situations the characters face that are not mentioned in the film?

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

5 A Physical Need

Christ taught His followers to show compassion to the poor and needy. The doctor and his wife are committed to helping the needy on a physical level. They use their medical talents to accomplish this goal. Helping others through mission work should not only focus on spiritual matters, but it should also focus on helping the poor's physical needs as well. Discuss how the missionaries provided physical help to those they ministered to in the film. How does being compassionate as Christ taught, then, open up opportunities to assist others on a spiritual level?

Reflection: Can you think of ways you can be a help to those in need? Discuss ways in which you believe Christians can serve those who are less fortunate. Discuss the following verses: Matt. 25:31-46; Jn. 2:14-17.

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