

Sample Talking Points
for Personal & Group Study
for use in conjunction with the book:

BORN TO DIE ...
that we may live
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OVERVIEW OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

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After *Born to Die* was already being published, God gave me a revelation that in the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-15), Jesus was teaching us how to be "living sacrifices" by using each of the five Levitical sacrifices! As you continue through this book and examine each sacrifice in the light of God's love, I encourage you to meditate upon them in light of this prayer, as well:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

This is the Burnt Offering: Total and Holy Surrender to the Father's Will. Jesus is teaching us to say, "Not my will but Yours be done."

Give us this day our daily bread...

This is The Grain Offering: Jesus' Sinless Service, representing our commitment to the covenant through communion.

And forgive us our debts [trespasses] as we forgive our debtors...

This is The Trespass Offering: Payment for the Damages of Our Sins. As the old song says, "We owed a debt we could not pay, He paid a debt He did not owe."

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

This is The Sin Offering: Purging the Guilt of Our Sins. By being the guilt-bearer of our sins, Jesus delivered us from the evil one so we could live eternally with God in heaven!

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

This is The Peace Offering: Spontaneous Fellowship and Worship, also called the Fellowship Offering, characterized by spontaneous worship and adoration of our Lord!

My desire is for *Born to Die* to awaken in you a deep desire to discover more and more of these hidden treasures of the Scripture, as you fall more deeply in love with the Savior!

Chapter 1: Born to Die

- What significance do the Christmas and Easter holidays have for you?
- In light of this chapter, will your next Christmas be different? Your next Easter? How and why?
- Read Luke 23 and Psalm 22.
- How did the account of Christ's death by Dr. C. Truman Davis impact you?
- Hebrews 12:2-3 speaks of a "joy" in this brutal event. What is that joy?
- Have you ever considered that God initiates "pain, suffering, and problems" for redemptive purposes?
- Ask the Father to show you how, in the midst of your own pain and trials, you can shine with the same joy He did.

Chapter 2: The Perfect Sacrifice

- What is the sin nature comprised of?
- What is the ultimate fruit of the sin nature?
- How do we rid ourselves of this sin nature if we are all born with it?
- Read Joshua 3. What is the “river” in your life that is keeping you from continuing on your journey to the Promised Land?
- Have you accepted and appropriated the “pardon” of the Father and its results in your life?
- Does Romans 12:1-2 now have a deeper meaning to you? Explain.

Chapter 2: The Perfect Sacrifice (continued)

- What does being “in covenant with Jesus” mean to you? How is this new understanding going to change the way you live?

- What new meaning does Romans 8:28-39 have for you now?

- Read Ephesians 3:20 and ask the Father to reveal to you the “extravagant blessings” He has for you. Write them down.

Chapter 3: Levitical Overview

- What is the purpose of studying the Bible?
- What were the five Levitical sacrifices that Jesus fulfilled?
- What is the first step in the discipleship process? Which sacrifice does this relate to?
- Mathew 5:13 and salt are linked to which sacrifice?
- What is the major significance of the *peace offering*, and how does it apply to you?
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 reveals that we, as Christians, have received what?
- How are *accountability* and the *trespass offering* linked together?
- How should you respond to such a great sacrifice and such amazing love? Spend some time telling the Father your thoughts on this matter. Then ask Him for clarification.

Chapter 4: Total Surrender to the Father's Will

- Has there come a time in your life when the revelation of Jesus and His work on the cross became so real that you desired to yield yourself fully to His will?
- In light of the *burnt* sacrifice, how has your understanding of "all" changed? What must happen before *all* can be given?
- How were the Levitical offerings different from other religious offerings?
- Religious duty makes us _____, but true worship
_____.
- Have you been *flayed* by the Father? How? How has your view of the *flaying* process changed?
- Do you want to be all that the Father has created and empowered you to be? If so I encourage you to pray this prayer: "Consume me with Your fire, and never let the fire of Your presence go out in my life. I desire my daily walk with You to be an act of continual worship. Oh, Lord, give me a clean heart, a right spirit, and a renewed mind. Show me, lead me, and teach me Your ways."

Chapter 5: Obedience to the Father's Will

- Do you remember when you were baptized? What new revelation of this process do you now have that you did not have before?
- What is the benefit of the *ripping of the veil* as explained in Matthew 27:51, Hebrews 4:16; 10:19 – 22?
- Prayer is what type of offering to God?
- How has this lesson deepened your love for God?
- Would you say that you are now *bolder* in your approach to God? Why?
- Pause now and break forth in thanksgiving and joy for Jesus your salvation.

Chapter 6: Jesus Sinless' Service

- What is the purpose of the *fine flour* illustration?
- Leaven was not allowed in the grain offering, just as it is not to be a part of our lives (our living offering). Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any leaven in your life that needs to be removed.
- _____ to _____ _____ is to be our daily bread.
- This revelation of the awesome work that Christ did on the cross gives us no alternative but to praise Him. Take some time now with the Father and express to Him why you are thankful for Him and His work.

Chapter 7: Salty Christians

- What is a *Dead Sea Christian*?
- What are some of the benefits and uses of salt?
- How can grace, mercy, law, and truth be a poison?
- When we season ourselves with salt what are we doing?
- How is the *covenant of salt* relevant to us today?
- How is Jesus the true salt of the covenant?
- Reaffirm your covenant with Christ and thank Him for all He has done.

Chapter 8: It Is Well With My Soul

- What does personal “peace” look like to you?
- What does the *peace offering* represent?
- What personal implications do you see of the word *shalom*?
- What were the three types of *peace offerings*?
- Take time now to present a personal *peace offering* to the Lord. Write down some things that you are thankful for. Make a joyful noise, be an unashamed worshiper!

Chapter 9: Sweet Communion

- List some of the benefits granted to us through our *peace offering* – Jesus Christ.

- Lasting peace and well-being will come only from _____ with the _____. Do you truly believe this? Why or why not?

- What was the significance in Lev. 3:1-5 of the *peace offering* coming after the *burnt offering*?

- Take time to renew your vow to covenant relationship with Him and with one another, so that you may enjoy the full extent of fellowship and sweet communion with your Lord.

Chapter 10: Jesus, Our Expunger, Our Purifier, and Our Guilt-Bearer

- What does the *sin offering* depict?
- What is an “unintentional” sin, and how and why can God hold us responsible for these “unintentional” sins?
- Hebrews 10:29 speaks of intentional sin. Have you ever had times that you trampled the grace of God underfoot?
- Hebrews lists six hindrances to personal and corporate transformation. List them below:
 - o Heb. 2:1-3
 - o Heb. 3:7-10
 - o Heb. 3:11-12
 - o Heb. 5:11-14
 - o Heb. 10:26-29
 - o Heb. 12:25-27
- Take time to pause and ask yourself if you have truly appropriated the marvelous provisions illustrated in the sin offering.

Chapter 11: Purity, Passion, and Purpose

- Why was the priest required to bring the most valuable and expensive type of animal before the Lord for his sin offering?
- I Peter 2:9 and 2 Cor. 5:20 teach us that we, as Christians, are what?
- Lev. 4: 4-12 gives us numerous pictures of Christ in this offering. What picture has the most meaning to you? Why?
- Corporate Sin: Is the Church guilty of this today? How?
- What does David illustrate to us?
- *"One word from God, received at the appropriate time, can transform our lives."* What word has the Father given you in this chapter?

Chapter 12: Payment for the Damages of Sin

- The *trespass offering* is the first offering to introduce what three concepts?
- The payment of restoration exhibits the _____ of the _____ and is an _____ to bring about tangible _____ of any _____ or _____ caused by the trespass.
- What is one of the key features of the trespass offering, and why is this important?
- Jesus has “broken down the middle wall of separation.” What is our responsibility?
- Are you still suffering from the ravages of sin? Come and allow the Holy Spirit to apply the healing balm of Christ.

Chapter 13: A Living Sacrifice, Holy and Acceptable

- It is only through _____ that we can live the kind of life that Paul describes in Romans 12:1.
- Why is “radical devotion” to Christ a “reasonable” way of life for us?
- What is true “holiness” as defined by God?
- Christ-likeness is _____ from that _____, when our _____ for Him is _____ than our _____ for anything else.
- How do we know that our lifestyle is truly “acceptable” to God?
- How does the “New Covenant” surpass the “Old Covenant?”
- Ask the Father to show you if you are “clinging to the shadow of things to come,” or if you are living in relationship with the “real thing” – Jesus Christ.

Chapter 14: The Great Exchange

- What was the first exchange that Jesus made on our behalf?
- As a Christian what should our *quest* be?
- How do we avoid deception?
- What does Hebrews 10:29 teach us if we identify with the old man?
- The Holy Spirit has not only come to _____ and _____ us, but He also came to _____ us for the _____ God has _____ us to do
- As the late Leonard Ravenhill would ask, "*Are the thing you are living for worth Christ dying for?*"
- Take time to pray this prayer, "*Not my will, Lord, but Your will be done. Transform my life and help me be disciplined as to what I allow into my mind and my heart. Let me honor You in all my ways, so I can hold my head high and say, 'I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!'*"

Chapter 15: Mission Accomplished!

- Why was the tearing of the temple veil at Christ's death supernatural event?
- What was the significance and benefit to us of the "ripping of the veil?"
- What does "T-E-T-E-L-E-S-T-A-I" mean?
- Hebrews 10:19-25 teaches us what?
- Is Jesus presently accomplishing His mission in your life?
- Are you allowing unbelief, guilt, frustration, or fear to choke out His purposes for you?
- Thank the Father for the promise of 2 Chron. 16:9a and claim it for yourself today.

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