



**MONTHLY**  
DEVOTIONAL



## DAY ONE

## THE LOST WORLD

*“Dry bones, listen to the Lord’s message. The Lord and King speaks to you. He says, ‘I will put breath in you. Then you will come to life again.’” Ezekiel 37:5 NIRV*

It’s just amazing to see a complete dinosaur skeleton standing upright in a museum. It could be a massively tall sauropod, or a huge triceratops ready to charge, or a menacing allosaurus, jaws filled with razor sharp teeth. These things are set up, standing upright in front of everyone in an amazing display. Sure, I’m no expert, but my thoughts are that a museum isn’t that great of a museum unless it has a lot of huge dinosaur skeletons roaming about. Those things are awesome!

Can you imagine putting all those bones together? They’re never found in the ground all lined up in an easy way to assemble. Sure, that would be super convenient. But paleontologists have to dig up all these bones and then put them together afterwards, like a great big, very complicated puzzle.

In fact, sometimes they mess up with the pieces. I remember when I was growing up, one of my favorite dinosaurs was a brontosaurus. It turns out a brontosaurus isn’t real anymore. That was a mistake by a paleontologist, who put the wrong skull on the wrong body. Oops! Everyone makes mistakes, and one thing dinosaur diggers have learned over time is how to put the bones back together again in the right place. It takes time and effort.

Unless, of course, we’re talking about God putting things back together. In our Bibles, there’s an amazing vision seen by the prophet Ezekiel. He saw a paleontologist’s dream, a valley filled with dry bones! But the greatest part is this: no one had to do all that hard work of assembling the bones back together. That’s because in this vision, God did it all, and even brought everything back to life!

That’s something only God can do, of course. With Him, nothing is dead forever, because with Him, there is always hope. Always! God can bring back those dreams that died, and He can bring back any happiness that got buried deep. We should trust in Him, because He can put all the pieces together again.

If you’ve gotten scrambled up, walked all over, buried and forgotten, don’t give up. Trust in the Lord to put your pieces back together again. He’s been doing this for centuries, so He knows what He’s doing! Just like with that vision of Ezekiel, He will put things back together for you, and then get you back up on your feet, standing tall in an amazing display that will impress everyone!



## DAY TWO

## THE LOST WORLD

*"In six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea and everything in them. But He rested on the seventh day. So the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy." Exodus 20:11 NIRV*

The first time I saw a dimetrodon, it was in the 1959 movie, *"Journey to the Center of the Earth."* The main characters of this movie were on a sandy beach when suddenly these massive dimetrodons came tumbling out of their cave dwellings. It was wise to avoid them! For the movie, the special effects guys just put some little sails on top of a few lizards and had them tromp around in the sand, but as a kid, I thought they were ginormous, fearsome dinosaurs!

The dimetrodon has a sail on its back, a large one that paleontologists have been debating about for years. The most popular idea is that this large, flat sail on its back was actually used to collect heat from the sun. You see, all reptiles are cold-blooded creatures that depend on the world around them to control their body temperature. The colder they are, the less they can do. That's why lizards and alligators like to bask out in the sun, collecting heat so they can raise their body's temperature.

The thinking behind a dimetrodon is that it has this sail on its back in order to collect even more sunlight, and basically charge up while resting there, lying in the sun.

Cold-blooded creatures need to soak up the sun, but we like to do that too, don't we? Sometimes it's just great to lie out there in the sun and catch some rays, relaxing and recharging.

Resting and recharging is good for our spirits also. We spend a lot of time working and running around doing things that use up a lot of our energy. But God had an idea to help us, and it's the fourth commandment. After creating the earth, He rested on the seventh day. And His commandment for us is quite simple: honor the Sabbath. What that means is simply this: stop all the working and go to church, where you can recharge your spirit.

It's been said that seven days without church makes one *weak*. And it's true. We all need to plug into church and soak in God's Word, worshipping with other believers, and spending time with His Son.

If you find yourself a little slow, tired, or even more cold-blooded, then perhaps it's time for a recharge. Honor the Sabbath, and spend some time in prayer, in God's Word, and with worship. It'll heat things up in your life, and do you a world of good!



## DAY THREE

## THE LOST WORLD

*“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6 NIRV*

Dinosaur National Monument is a special place in Utah, a spot where over 1,500 dinosaur fossils stand out, exposed along a cliff wall. It’s a unique and amazing experience looking back at history. The fossils are a record of the past, printed right there in stone for all to see.

This brings to mind a dinosaur-sized question: if your life were fossilized, what would it look like? Are you a perfect specimen? Hardly! For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Blame Mr. DNA. It’s in our blood. We have a history of sin. We became a Lost World when Adam sinned. Disobeying God brought the chaos theory to life, but that’s how it always starts. Then later there’s running and um, screaming. You see, sin has some very big consequences. Trouble came thundering in with Jurassic-sized judgment.

But life found a way. Jesus said He is the way, the truth and the Life. And if you’re struggling to make it through life with the weight of sin chasing you down and wanting to gobble you up, that’s an escape you’ll want to make.

God doesn’t want to see you extinct. If you’re a part of His family, you’re a part of His bloodline. You’re part of a royal priesthood, with the cross now a part of your very DNA. No, He doesn’t want to see anyone perish. That’s how much He loves you. He sent His only Son to rescue us all from the jaws of death. He sent Jesus to save this Lost World.

# KIDPAK ADVENTURES

## DAY FOUR

## THE LOST WORLD

*“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23:4 NKJV*

There seems to be a common theme in many early dinosaur movies. To begin with, all is well, of course. But then trouble shakes the earth, literally! Sometimes it's a comet that is seen falling from the heavens, and the impact is devastating! At other times it's an earthquake or volcano that makes it perfectly clear: it's time to move!

Fortunately, these sorts of catastrophic events are more rare in our lives. Yet as Christians, we're pretty familiar with the idea of moving. It's a way of life for us. We stick together, moving forward in life as Christians in this great walk of life. In our Bibles, it's frequently called a “walk of faith.” Together, we keep moving forward, because we know there's something wonderful we're moving towards.

Those movies would be more boring if they never went anywhere. And in a similar way, life for us can be a wonderful journey of faith as we keep moving forward. But keep this in mind: you aren't going anywhere until you take that first step. And those steps might seem small at first, but over time, they will add up to one big adventure!

So march on with faith, and don't be tempted to spend time where it could be dangerous for you. Temptation lurks and sin wants to eat you up, but you can avoid all that if you keep marching on, and stay with the herd.

In some of these old movies, a great herd of many different dinosaurs walks together, led by the largest ones that know just where to go and how to get there. Like those in the herd, we should follow the huge footsteps of those great Christian leaders before us who march in the right direction. They help lead the way, because they are put in place by God to help guide us through life.

But look also to your left and right, because you are surrounded by friends and family in the herd. We are all made by God, different, but with the same happy destination, walking together, encouraging one another forward, and keeping safe as one body not easily led astray.

Just remember where we're going. Like a star that fell from heaven, the impact of sin has been devastating to all creation. And since then, it seems nowhere is safe from the eruptions of trouble and frightening events that shake us to our core. Yet more wonderful than any Great Valley or Nesting Grounds, we are heading towards a place where pain and sadness exist no more: heaven.

You're on your way there right now. Just keep moving forward together in this great walk of faith.



**BEHEMOTH**

“Look at the land beast, Behemoth. I created him as well as you.

    Grazing on grass, docile as a cow—  
Just look at the strength of his back,  
    the powerful muscles of his belly.  
His tail sways like a cedar in the wind;  
    his huge legs are like beech trees.  
His skeleton is made of steel,  
    every bone in his body hard as steel.  
Most magnificent of all my creatures,  
    but I still lead him around like a lamb!  
The grass-covered hills serve him meals,  
    while field mice frolic in his shadow.  
He takes afternoon naps under shade trees,  
    cools himself in the reedy swamps,  
Lazily cool in the leafy shadows  
    as the breeze moves through the willows.  
And when the river rages he doesn't budge,  
    stolid and unperturbed even when the Jordan goes wild.  
But you'd never want him for a pet—  
    you'd never be able to housebreak him!”

Job 40:15-23 MSG



## DAY FIVE

## THE LOST WORLD

In the book of Job, God tells us the behemoth is “most magnificent of all My creatures.” This enormous animal had a long tail swaying like a tree, huge and sturdy legs, plus a skeleton made strong as steel. It was so large, it could stand in a raging river completely unbothered by wild waves crashing against it. This creature was ginormous, strong and powerful – and yet it was a peaceful presence too, as “docile as a cow.” It let field mice frolic in his shadow, taking lazy afternoon naps under shade trees, grazing on grass and cooling himself in reedy swamps.

Now there is nothing alive today that matches the description of this remarkable animal, so it’s difficult to identify exactly what it may have been. But if you think of the massive size, and the large tail swaying like a cedar in the wind, one image that springs to mind is that of a sauropod, the largest dinosaur to ever walk the earth.

God created all life, from every last person today to the dinosaurs that roamed the earth. And like these dinosaurs, especially the behemoths, we’re created with an incredible strength and power. The Lord spoke of this creature being unperturbed by a raging river crashing against it. But we too can stand strong and in peace when the out-of-control things of this world try to come against us. Furthermore, as we walk the earth, each one of us has a mighty presence, leaving huge footprints that others can follow.

The key is not forgetting who is God. Hint: it’s not *you*. As great as we are, and as great as we can become, never forget that our Creator God is even greater, the very source of all our strength. We are nothing without Him, and only find our true power when we follow Him.

As we read from Job, chapter 40, the behemoth was a creature with astounding strength and power, but also one with a very peaceful nature. This is how God designed it. But this is how God designed us as well. Not long ago, Jesus walked upon this earth with more power and might than any before or since. Yet consider this: his walk was one filled with love and service to others. He is rightfully known as the Prince of Peace.

The lesson is hopefully clear: Our Creator has made us each very strong, and yes, a most magnificent presence! Each day, let our mighty footsteps walk in peace, and lead others in the right direction: to Him.



*“I knew you were stubborn and hardheaded.” Isaiah 48:4 CEV*

The Stygimoloch is a complete bone-head. Seriously, this dinosaur has a skull that is ten inches thick! It’s so thick that paleontologists first thought these dinosaur skulls they discovered were actually knee caps!

These dinosaurs are also called pachycephalosaur, and here’s another fun fact: *that is a really long name!* So let’s just stick with the name stygimoloch, or even better, how about the nick-name “Stiggy”?

Stiggy likes to charge into things headfirst, and yes, sometimes those things are other dinosaurs. Or perhaps even people. As you can imagine, this can cause a lot of damage.

But don’t be too hard on our friend Stiggy. We all can be bone-headed from time to time. Even some of the greatest people in the Bible acted that way. Remember Peter? He had a boldness that enabled him to go charging into any situation. But sometimes he would say or do things before really using his head. And sometimes that would cause damage.

Jesus helped him with that, of course. On more than once occasion, Jesus showed Peter – and us – that it is more important to show love and reach out to the lost. Jesus is always right, and no doubt there are things worth standing up for. But he used his head, and so should we.

So be careful butting heads. There are always things worth battling over, and there are other fights that are just a waste of everyone’s time. God wants us to show love and reach out to the lost, not obliterate them. Sometimes our emotions get the best of us, and we feel tempted to respond to an argument, or even worse do something about it.

Stiggy does that from time to time. And if we’re honest about it, we do too! Pride can send us charging off the wrong way. In fact, all sin does that. We can cause a lot of damage if we go crashing into situations we’re not supposed to. Don’t be so thick-skulled. Because if you are, it could take a very long time for everyone to recover, including yourself!

Before you start storming into any situation, the best thing to do is remember what God says about you: You are the head and not the tail. People are watching and following you! So be careful that you don’t act in a way that is beneath you. God created you to be the top and not the bottom, a part of something much bigger than just yourself.

You’re at the front, leading the way, and like Stiggy, you’re charging forward! Just don’t be too thick-skulled about it. In other words, use your head!



## DAY SEVEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“Put on all of God’s armor. Then you can remain strong against the devil’s evil plans.”  
Ephesians 6:11 NIRV*

If a Tyrannosaurus Rex actually *used* its brain, the one dinosaur it would be *very* reluctant to tangle with was an ankylosaur. Have you ever seen a picture of an ankylosaur? It’s a dinosaur covered with armor, with a tail that had something like a wrecking ball at the end. That swinging tail could knock you down, knock you out, and knock you all the way from here to Montana!

The Tyrannosaurus Rex was king of the dinosaurs, known to prowl and search for something to devour. But it would have a very hard time going against a dinosaur wearing that full armor.

We’ve got quite a bit in common with that ankylosaur, believe it or not. In our Bibles, Peter tells us that the devil is out there, looking for someone to swallow up. That might be a scary thought, but there are two easy things we can do that will help us stand firm.

The first is simple: The Bible tells us to “put on the full armor of God, then we can remain strong against the devil’s evil plans.” A Tyrannosaurus Rex is less likely to win against a dinosaur covered in armored plates and spikes. Similarly, the devil doesn’t stand a chance against you when you’re wearing the full armor of God! When temptation and attacks of the enemy come, you can remain strong in faith when you have on your breastplate of righteousness, your helmet of salvation, your shield of faith and all the other important parts of the full armor of God. With these on, you can stand firm, and stand strong.

The second thing you have is this: a powerful tale! The story of who you are and what you have been through is amazingly powerful. It is such a formidable weapon against the enemy, something that follows you wherever you go. We can use that testimony to knock down those thoughts of fear, because if God has gotten us through troubles before, we know He can do it again. And even greater than that, we can use our stories to help others get by as well. God has given us each a testimony and a story to tell about how He is our Shield, our Deliverer, and our Salvation. Sure, those temptations, troubles and trials may look like they have you trapped in their jaws. But God gave you something powerful, and you can knock out all their teeth!

Yes, Peter told us there’s a devil out there that wants to devour us all like a Tyrannosaurus Rex. But when we put on that full armor, and when we start telling ourselves and others all that God has brought us through... we can knock that devil clear into the Cretaceous Period!



## DAY EIGHT

## THE LOST WORLD

*"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord." Psalm 31:24 NIV*

In the movie, "The Good Dinosaur," somehow Arlo wants to make his mark. But he's not alone: we are all here to make our mark in life. God has us each marked for greatness, and we're all designed by Him to do something big with our lives. In every case, it's something different. But that doesn't mean it isn't going to change the world.

Here's the problem. Arlo is scared. And yes, we get scared of doing new things too. Maybe it's a new school. A lot of people are scared right now of where our country could be heading to. Whatever it is, we need to remember this: fear is the opposite of faith. When you fear anything but God, you're saying you don't trust in Him enough to handle it.

And that's not true. He has a mark on us, a mark for something great. And if God is on our side, what do we have to fear? Fear just holds us back from all the promises of God. Sometimes you just have to get through your fear to see the beauty ...*on the other side.*

It's not that far away. All you have to do to get there is stand up and stand out. When people are in danger, we don't just sit on the sidelines in fear. You're destined to make your mark in life. But there's only one way you'll do it right: by helping others. You see, there are many out there that are being dragged down by all kinds of problems. And look at you there. You're able to charge in and save the day, you know that? The question is... *will you do it?*

Don't forget you've got help. Remember how Arlo was sitting out there, and it looked like he was all alone? You just knew he was going to be okay – and why's that? Because there were three very big friends nearby. He had three great big T-Rex there behind him, just out of sight, ready to step up and help!

You've got a secret weapon too. It's God Himself, right there with you. Our Heavenly Father is *not* a T-Rex, of course. He's something even greater. Much, much greater! And when we stand up for Him, even if it appears we're all on our own... we're not. We never are.

You're marked for greatness, and God is right there behind you. It's time to show 'em what you're made of!



## DAY NINE

## THE LOST WORLD

*“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him.”  
Romans 8:28 NIRV*

Flat tire? Yeah, that’s no fun. In 1990, a group of workers were spending the summer digging up dinosaur bones, and having a little success. But they had no idea at all the success they’d discover when they saw their truck had a flat tire.

They were literally about to leave, done with digging at that site. The flat tire was sitting there, taunting them, as if saying, “You’re not leaving yet!”

And that was very much true. The rest of the group went to town to see about fixing the truck, but one worker, Sue Hendrickson, decided to stay back and explore some of the cliffs nearby that hadn’t been looked at yet.

What she found - because of that flat tire - was the greatest dinosaur fossil discovery of all time. In fact, it was named after her! Right there in the cliff side, she saw the bones of a Tyrannosaurus rex. This is the largest, most complete, and best preserved T- rex ever discovered, one the world now calls “Sue.”

When setbacks occur in your life, don’t be so quick to call them bad luck.

Everything works together for the good of those that love the Lord, and that includes those annoying things - like flat tires. If it wasn’t for the flat tire, this team wouldn’t have made the greatest T-rex discovery of all time. And who knows? Maybe that irritating thing in your life is the very one that will lead to some of your greatest discoveries!



*"Your word is like a lamp that shows me the way. It is like a light that guides me."  
Psalm 119:105 NIRV*

In "Toy Story 2," we meet a toy dinosaur with some serious issues. He's a dinosaur named Rex, and no, he doesn't have issues with terrorizing everyone or stomping around destroying things. No, instead his challenge is with playing a certain video game called "Buzz Lightyear: Attack on Zurg." He can't figure out how to defeat the villain Zurg!

Fortunately, over the course of the movie he finds something incredible: a Buzz Lightyear video game strategy guide. This is the thing he was looking for, a book that explains all the answers how to win! As you can imagine, this is pretty exciting to Rex!

In life, we face all sorts of challenges, and some of them are even bigger than defeating a video game Zurg. But God has given you something you can get excited about, a strategy guide that can show us all how to win. This book is a gift from our Heavenly Father. This book is the Bible!

Are you struggling with something? It can be exasperating when we face certain obstacles. You could be like Rex, throwing your hands up in the air in frustration - even if they are smaller hands! But God is letting you know He's got a strategy guide that can help you.

Spend more time in His word. The more you do that, the more you'll enjoy playing at this game called life. And of course, the more time you spend reading God's strategy guide, the more you'll find yourself a winner - just like Rex.



## DAY ELEVEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own. He will speak only what He hears. And He will tell you what is still going to happen.” John 16:13 NIRV*

Dinosaur movies today feature a lot of science that may be complex to explain. The end result is clearly *not* that difficult to understand though! There are usually dinosaurs loose and running everywhere. In other words, there’s complete chaos.

Dr. Ian Malcom knows about chaos. He turned to the guy making dinosaurs, and told him, “Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, they didn’t stop to think if *they should*.”

He was exactly right. God has given us each tremendous intelligence, and the ability to do incredible things. People have done great things before us, and when we build on that, we can do something even more amazing! When we put our minds together, we can do anything we can dream.

But before we do anything at all, we need to first ask the question that Ian Malcolm asked: “Should we?” Sometimes that’s a pretty simple answer. God’s word is pretty clear about quite a lot of what we see in life. But if you’re not sure about anything, pray first, read His Word, or talk to others you trust.

Ian Malcom had some good advice: Just don’t do something simply because you can. Be sure you’re doing the right thing. Otherwise you can create a whole lot of chaos!



*“Don’t worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him.” Philippians 4:6 NIRV*

Are there dinosaurs alive even today? Possibly. And just possibly, there’s one that lives nearby you! Before you laugh, consider the story of Altamaha-ha, or “Altie” for short. Sightings of this creature go back hundreds of years, and if you’re patient enough, it *could be* that you can spot him if you take a trip to south Georgia. That’s where the Altamaha River empties out into the Atlantic Ocean. It’s one of the largest river basins in the country – only the Mississippi River’s is bigger.

Somewhere in these marshes and winding channels possibly lurks what could be best described as a dinosaur! The Native Indians had been seeing him for years before the first official sighting recorded on April 18, 1830. That’s when witnesses saw a creature off of St. Simons Island that was about seventy feet long! Since then, it has been seen multiple times by timbermen riding the river in the 1920’s, by hunters in 1935, by boy scouts in the 1940’s, prison guards in the 1950’s, fishermen in the 1960’s, and so on. As recently as 2010, an amateur photographer captured footage of something strange and large swimming right there not far from him in the murky waters.

No one knows the truth about Altie, of course. There are plenty of doubters, with plenty of reasons to doubt the story. But there are also plenty of believers, mostly local residents and fishermen. So what’s the deal with Altie? Is it real or not?

We might never know. In fact, there are some mysteries we may never know the answer to. For example, why does a matching sock seem to always disappear in the laundry? Or why do we park on a driveway and drive on a parkway?

But more seriously, why do people get sick? Why do accidents happen? Why do bad things happen to good people?

Eventually, we may find the answers to these mysteries. But as frustrating as it may seem, perhaps we may not. Through it all our job is not to fully understand everything that happens in life. In fact, we just physically can’t. No, our job is not to lean on our own understanding so much at all. Our job is much simpler: all we need to do is trust in the Lord with all our hearts.

Don’t stress out or worry if you can’t figure something out. Trust in the Lord, because He knows all the answers. In fact, it’s safe to say He even knows what’s up with Altie.



## DAY THIRTEEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.” Psalm 139:14 NIRV*

For many, many years, we were raised with this one thought: dinosaurs were dumb. We were told by teachers and paleontologists and people who know a lot more about these things that dinosaurs were some of the most unintelligent creatures to ever walk the planet. Get this: they actually taught us in school that the stegosaurus had a brain the size of a walnut!

Years later, it was discovered that much of what we learned about a dinosaur’s brain... was *wrong*. Dinosaurs were actually smarter than anyone gave them credit for. Too bad the dinosaurs aren’t around now, because they’d be laughing at all those so-called experts.

If there’s a lesson here, it’s a simple one. You don’t have a brain the size of a walnut. Yes, I’m talking to you. And if anyone calls you dumb, they’ve got it completely wrong. Even if you’ve been called not-so-bright all your life, don’t believe it. There’s only One to believe, and that’s God. He created us in His image, and we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We’re not dumb.

Sure, sometimes we act dumb. There are times we do things we know we shouldn’t, and other times we make mistakes. But we are not dumb. *You* are not dumb.

Anyone who says otherwise must have a brain the size of a walnut!



## DAY FOURTEEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“He announced His covenant to you. That covenant is the Ten Commandments. He commanded you to obey them. Then He wrote them down on two stone tablets.”  
Deuteronomy 4:13 NIRV*

In the movie *“Night at the Museum,”* we meet Larry Daley, a night guard who has a serious problem: it’s a skeleton of a T-rex chasing him down the halls! He can’t believe it, and has no idea what to do, other than run for his life!

Fortunately, he remembers something important. The previous night guard handed him a manual, and told him to read the rules. Sure enough, right there at the top, the first rule says, “Throw the bone.”

It turns out that T-rex skeleton just wants to play a game of fetch! Right away, we learn that REXY is a dinosaur skeleton that just wants to have a little fun.

If only Larry had read the instructions first. In fact, not reading those instructions got him into quite a bit of trouble.

In our Bibles, we have a list of rules too. They’re called the Ten Commandments. And like Larry, we can get into a heap of trouble if we don’t follow these very important instructions. Some might think rules are no fun in life. Perhaps you’ve even heard it said that “rules are meant to be broken.” But just like the instructions in Larry’s manual, God’s rules are there to protect us, and save us from harm.



## DAY FIFTEEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV*

Imagine a footprint so big that you could lie down inside it. That’s just what was found in Western Australia: a footprint around five feet and nine inches long! Yes, it was a dinosaur footprint, and more than likely one of a ginormous sauropod, the largest creature to ever walk the earth. But these footprints weren’t the only ones found here – there are plenty of other dinosaur footprints to be discovered here, still preserved in the ground.

It’s amazing to think that footsteps taken so long ago are still here to see today. But *your* steps will have a lasting impact as well. Sure, there probably won’t be fossils of your footprints, and of course they won’t be over five feet long. But your walk today is something that people will talk about, even long after you’re gone. People will speak about your life, the way you acted, the ones you helped, and the deeds that you’ve done.

Some people do smaller things with their lives, and leave smaller footprints. Others accomplish great things, and leave huge footprints for others to follow. The important thing is where those footprints point to. As Christians, all our footprints should show a walk that leads others to Jesus.

How is your walk? Are you living a life that leads others to Jesus? Are you making a huge impression on the world? It’s never too late to start right now. Walk by faith, and live in a way that others will want to follow in your footsteps.



## DAY SIXTEEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings so that they are like us’.”*  
*Genesis 1:26 NIRV*

The amazing thing about paleontology is that they’re still discovering new dinosaurs all the time - even now! Just a few years ago, diggers in Argentina found something amazing, a dinosaur skeleton they call the Bajadasaurus. This thing is so radically different than any dinosaur you’ve ever seen before! Picture a brachiosaurus mixed with a porcupine. Its skeleton has sharp spines running in a straight line down its long neck, basically making it a sauropod with a Mohawk hairstyle! This is something completely new to so many of us that thought we knew every dinosaur that’s ever existed. Isn’t it great the way our Heavenly Father keeps surprising us?

What an amazing and wonderfully creative God we serve! There are so many varieties of dinosaurs, and they’re still finding new discoveries to this day.

Dinosaurs are so creative and so fascinating – and they all came from the amazing imagination of our loving Heavenly Father. Yet you need to get this: His most prized creation ever is the one who is sitting here reading this now. Yes, that’s you!

The Bibles tell us we are fearfully and wonderfully made. God made us in His image, and His love for us is indescribable. He has great plans for you, and wants you to be in heaven with Him forever. Though these mighty dinosaurs were created with His awesome power, His favorite creation is you.

You are creative. You are strong. You are talented. You are intelligent. You are amazing. You are going to do great things. You are created in His image.

Don’t believe anything less than that, and don’t limit yourself. Because the God who made the remarkable Bajadasaurus is looking down on you now, and He very much loves what He sees.



## DAY SEVENTEEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.” Deuteronomy 28:13 NIRV*

If you ever wanted a dinosaur to have a three-point message, look no further than the triceratops! He’s got three points on his skull, and they’re big ones! If all three of those points are facing you, the best strategy is to get out of the way.

**POINT ONE:** Face your challenges head on! The truth about the triceratops is that this dinosaur is pretty intimidating. Three long, pointed horns pointed out of his skull in the direction he was facing. Carnivores thought twice before messing with one of these dinosaurs, especially when those sharp points were aimed right at them! The point is this: with God’s help, you can stand up to your troubles and face them down. He’s equipped you with what you need to face down any challenge, and win it!

**POINT TWO:** Charge! When moving forward at top speed, nothing could stand in the way of a triceratops, not even a T-rex! And that’s the attitude we need to have in life too – we should be fearless. Because if God be for us, who can be against us? Don’t stay still for too long. Move forward with confidence, and charge!

**POINT THREE:** You’re not alone! The triceratops traveled with a herd, and had plenty of back-up. But you’ve got something far more powerful than any three-horned dinosaur. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are a Trinity of Trouble for the devil, or anything that tries to stop you.

So take these three points and run with them. With God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit right there with you, there’s nothing that can stop you when facing down your challenges. Charge!



## DAY EIGHTEEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“He makes the whole body grow and build itself up in love. Under the control of Christ, each part of the body does its work. It supports the other parts. In that way, the body is joined and held together.” Ephesians 4:16 NIRV*

Dinosaurs were designed more intelligently than we thought. This idea can be seen in a few famous dinosaur movies, where you can see dinosaurs named “raptors” working together in teams, using their claws to turn doorknobs so they can open doors, and even testing the electric fences for weaknesses. Yikes!

Deinonychus is the official dinosaur name for those super intelligent raptors you see in certain movies, and indeed they were fearsome! The name Deinonychus means “terrible claw,” which these dinosaurs certainly had: each one had an unusually large and sharp talon on its foot.

Although there is no evidence that they could open doors, there are some who believe these dinosaurs hunted in packs, based on the amount of these skeletons they’ve discovered in places like Oklahoma and Montana.

Other dinosaurs may have had more size, but if these raptors worked together, the results could be tremendous. Just one of these dinosaurs by itself was a formidable weapon, especially with those long razor-like claws on each foot. But if they worked together in a pack, they would be incredibly dangerous.

That’s something we can learn from these raptors, isn’t it? When we work alone, we too are formidable. We don’t have claws, but we do have different gifts and talents that God has given us. Yes, by ourselves, we can be pretty dangerous to the enemy. We can do a lot of good things for the church, and for the world.

But our real strength comes when we join the pack, and all work together. Only then can we take down those bigger challenges. When we work together in unity, running together with the pack, we are indeed a most fearsome weapon! And we won’t have to worry about using doorknobs, because God will be opening doors for us left and right. And oh yes, the devil will be running for a place to hide!

So join the pack today. You’re an apex predator, the top of the food chain, and a fearsome weapon. Working together with everyone else in the church, we can be an unstoppable force!



## DAY NINETEEN

## THE LOST WORLD

*“He had bronze shin guards on his legs, and a bronze javelin was slung over his shoulders.” 1 Samuel 17:6 NET*

Have you ever bruised your shin? You may have been walking in a dark room, and banged into something – ouch! Or you could have been playing soccer, or perhaps another game at some other sporting event. Whatever it is, getting whacked on your shin is super painful!

Maybe that’s what inspired the name of this one dinosaur just discovered in a quarry in Montana. Its scientific name is “Zuul crurivastator,” which sounds pretty much like any other scientific name. So let’s translate that to English: this dinosaur’s name means “Zuul, Destroyer of Shins.”

Obviously, whoever named this dinosaur had a sense of humor. The dinosaur we’re talking about here is a type of ankylosaur. It was covered with armor, horns, and had a tail that could be swung around like a big stone in a slingshot. Imagine this wrecking ball of a tail making contact. That’s cold-blooded right there! But that’s the way it was designed, and that’s the way it protected itself. It destroyed shins!

Only once do we see the word “shin” in the Bible, and it is found in 1 Samuel 17:6. Here it is: *“There was bronze armor on his shins, and a bronze javelin was slung between his shoulders.”*

Who is this scripture talking about? Whose armor is this? The scripture is talking about the armor of Goliath, a T-rex of a man that wanted to take down little David.

But that very day everyone learned something big: David was a Destroyer of Shins! Not just shins, of course, but of giants! You see, God was with David. This young man was about as lowly as you could get, the youngest brother who wasn’t even there at the battlefield to fight.

But with his sling, David launched a stone right at Goliath, knocking him down for good. Down that giant went, and down in history David went as a champion, and a man after God’s own heart.

Remember David. You may feel small in stature. You may be like this young man who doesn’t seem to be going anywhere. Or you may even feel more like a lowly Zuul crurivastator, just trudging along through life. But God loves to lift people up, and He uses them to win mighty victories. So keep moving forward. You may feel like you’re not that much right now, but keep your head up and stay confident. You are the Destroyer of Shins!



*“Getting excited about something without knowledge isn’t good. It’s even worse to be in a hurry and miss the way.” Proverbs 19:2 NIRV*

Growing up, I was really into dinosaurs. I was a dinosaur expert! I thought I could pretty much tell you about every dinosaur there ever was. I had this elongated poster on my wall that had all sorts of dinosaurs, their names, and some important information about every single one. Friends, I was a walking encyclopedia about dinosaurs!

But something changed. And yes, one big thing that’s changed is that nobody knows what an encyclopedia is anymore. But other things changed too. Here’s what I’m talking about: my daughter had come home from school, and she said she was learning about dinosaurs, and in fact one in particular.

You can imagine my excitement! I asked her what dinosaur she learned about, because of course I know everything about dinosaurs already. What would it be, I wondered? Was it an ankylosaur? A tyrannosaurus rex? A stegosaurus?

Nope! It was none of those. She told me she was studying a troodon.

What? Why study a troodon? What’s up with that? I didn’t even have a clue what a troodon even was! We didn’t study those in school. Why not study a triceratops or a brachiosaurus? Ugh!

The funny thing here is that my daughter was learning something new, and I had a chance to learn something new too. Now I could have stayed the “know-it-all,” and pretended I knew everything. I could have refused to learn about a troodon, because let’s be honest: they’re not as cool as those other dinosaurs, right?

But if I had those sorts of attitudes, I would have missed out on an opportunity. The thing is this: the moment you think you know it all is the moment you stop learning anything new. And each moment you refuse to learn something new is a moment you stop growing in knowledge.

It turns out troodons are pretty cool. I learned that now. It’s actually one of the smartest dinosaurs there ever was, and had incredible vision. They have these serrated teeth, sort of like a dinner knife. That’s how they got their name – it means “wounding tooth.”

That sounds pretty sharp. But you know something? You’ll be pretty sharp if you keep studying and learning new things. Troodons may be smart, but you, my friend, can be a walking encyclopedia. And if you don’t know what that is, go ask your parents.



*“So encourage one another with the hope you have. Build each other up. In fact, that’s what you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIRV*

Fun fact: the T-rex has arms that are up to three feet long, and can bench press 400 pounds! And here’s another fun fact: the T-rex’s arms look ridiculous!

When you consider the enormous size of the T-rex, those arms are not that big at all. They’re these tiny little things that seem to dangle from this enormous body. Consider this: the fossil of Sue, the T-rex discovered in 1990, was measured at *forty-two feet long!* The skull of a T-rex is about five feet long, with jaws that are lined with menacing sharp teeth. These are all so massive in size, and yet those arms below look so small!

Paleontologists have argued about the purpose of these tiny arms for a long time. But the rest of us have laughed about it. In the movie, *“Meet the Robinsons,”* our heroes are saved from being eaten by a trained T-rex, simply because they’re at a spot where he can’t reach out to them with his tiny arms.

The villain in the movie is furious, and screams at the dinosaur, “What’s going on? Why aren’t you seizing the boy?”

The T-rex replies, *“I have a big head... and little arms. I’m just not sure... how well this plan was thought through.”*

We can make fun of a T-rex’s arms all day, sure. But we should never do that to its face. No, that face is scary enough. Imagine a carnivorous dinosaur that big, weighing around five tons and running twenty-five miles an hour, straight towards you. No, you wouldn’t be sitting there yelling, “Hey, look at those goofy arms!” Instead, you’d be running for your life!

No, we shouldn’t make fun of the T-rex’s arms. But the truth of the matter is this: you shouldn’t make fun of anyone. To be clear, no one is going to eat you if you make fun of them. But there is a rule in the Bible, one repeated time and again: treat others the way you want to be treated.

Would you want someone to point and laugh at your arms? Of course not. Maybe that’s why the T-rex always seems to be roaring at people.

But come to think of it, perhaps that’s why we have so much trouble in this world today. Maybe it is because many of us don’t treat others the way we ourselves want to be treated.

Today, let’s follow that golden rule. Don’t make fun of other people, because we’re fairly certain you wouldn’t want people making fun of you. Instead, do the right thing. Reach out to others in love and friendship.

Even if you have tiny arms.



## DAY TWENTY TWO

## THE LOST WORLD

*“Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long time in the land the Lord your God is giving you.” Exodus 20:12 NIRV*

Remember Dino? That’s the name of the original purple dinosaur in the television series, “The Flintstones.” Fred Flintstone could always count on the same greeting from his pet dinosaur. Sometimes Fred tries to sneak in the house without being noticed, but it is always the same: Dino spots him, jumps up in the air squealing and barking, and runs full speed into Fred, knocking him down. Once Dino pins Fred to the ground, he licks his face repeatedly, so overjoyed to see Fred come home, even if it hasn’t been that long!

How would you like to have a greeting like that each time you got home? You might not want a dinosaur knocking you down and licking you, of course. But it is nice to see someone who loves you that much, and it is nice to feel special. No matter what kind of day Fred was having, he could usually count on Dino to be filled with happiness to see him home.

Each day your parents walk in the door to your house like Fred Flintstone. Sometimes they’re quite happy with the way the day is turning out, or sometimes they’re struggling, upset or really tired. It’s too bad they don’t have a pet dinosaur like Dino to greet them.

But perhaps you can help. No, don’t knock your parents down and lick their faces! But you can do this: greet them with a bright and cheery attitude! It really does help. Give your parents a hug, and let them know you love them. Each time you see them coming home from school or work, do your best to encourage them and show them love.

Honor your mother and father. Make being home with you the best part of their day!



*“And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace.” Isaiah 9:6 NIRV*

In 1978, the fossilized remains of a small dinosaur were discovered in China, and you’d think a tiny dinosaur like that would have a smaller name. Nope! Paleontologist Dong Zhiming named it “Micropachycephalosaurus.” And if you’re thinking that’s the longest dinosaur name ever, you’re right!

If you’re reading this out loud and struggling, here’s a breakdown of the word, if you’re trying to pronounce it: “Micro-packy-seffa-lo-sore-us.” This dinosaur’s long name means “small thick-headed lizard,” which seems so much easier to say, doesn’t it?

Dinosaurs are given names because they mean something – for example, the name dinosaur itself means “fearfully great lizard.” But people are given names that mean something as well. We see that all through the Bible. The name Joshua means “to save.” The name Hannah means “favor or grace.” The name Sarah means “Princess.” The name David means “Beloved.”

There are many names with meaning – even the longest ones found in the Bible: Mahershalalhashbaz and Pelejoezelgibborabiadsarshalom. Can you picture their teacher calling out attendance each morning? Yikes!

While you can find those names in the Bible, you can also see that there are many different names for God Himself! He is called Abba, or Father. He is known as Yahweh Jireh, which means “The Lord will Provide.” He is also called Yahweh Rapha, which is translated as “The Lord Who Heals.” The Bible also calls Him Yahweh Shalom, or “The Lord Our Peace.” Another name for God found in the Bible is El Shaddai, “God Almighty.” The list of different names for God goes on and on!

God has all these different names, because He is all these different things for us. Whatever you need, He is there for you (“Yahweh Shammah” means “The Lord is there”). And no matter where you are in life, He knows your every need, and He loves you very much.

Our Heavenly Father is El Elyon, “The Lord Most High.” And as mighty, powerful, and wonderful as He is, don’t forget this one thing: He knows all about you. He knows your name!

Even if it is micropachycephalosaurus!



*“Be loving in everything you do.” 1 Corinthians 16:14 NIRV*

What’s up with the dimetrodon? For a time, it was my favorite dinosaur. But now we’re being told the dimetrodon isn’t technically a dinosaur because of a temporal opening in its skull and a secondary palate in its mouth. You can look that up if you want to see what any of it means, but the point is this: these are features of the skull that mammals usually have. Reptiles don’t have them. Therefore, according to scientists who study this sort of thing, the dimetrodons weren’t actually dinosaurs.

I just read all this recently, and I’m pretty skeptical. I mean, just look at a dimetrodon: it’s a giant lizard-looking thing with a sail on its back. It looks just like a dinosaur, doesn’t it?

But I’m not going to argue with a paleontologist on this one. At the end of the day, it’s not worth getting into a big fight about, is it?

But some people do get into fights about things just like this. In fact, they fight about things less than this. Entire churches have split up, large groups of people leaving to start their own new church, just because they don’t agree on smaller issues that are just not as important.

Wait, so what is *just not as important*? And what *is* important? Well, perhaps we should look to the Bible. In there, scriptures tell us that Jesus is the way, the truth and life, and our Bible also tells us that he is the only way to heaven. That sounds pretty important. Additionally, Jesus told us the greatest commandment was to love the Lord with all our hearts, and to love one another as we love ourselves. Those words are straight from Jesus himself. I’d say these are some pretty important things, the ones that all Christians should agree on. Also, Jesus wants us to go and preach the gospel to the whole world.

All that sounds pretty important. But we lose focus of what is important when pride steps in. That’s been messing things up since the beginning, destroying so much. Personally, I may think a dimetrodon looks like a dinosaur, and a paleontologist may tell me otherwise. But I’m still going to love that paleontologist, and hopefully he’ll still respect me, even though I’m apparently pretty ignorant about animal skulls.

There are some things in the Bible that we will be debating until we’re in heaven with Jesus. Don’t let those be the things that stop you from obeying the greatest commandment of all. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself.

It’s better to back off and show love, than be right all the time.



*“Be watchful and control yourselves. Your enemy the devil is like a roaring lion. He prowls around looking for someone to swallow up.” 1 Peter 5:8 NIRV*

The T-Rex is the king of the dinosaurs, but here’s a question: Who would want to keep a Tyrannosaurus Rex around? If there’s one thing you do around a T-Rex, it’s this: *stay away*. This is a dinosaur that likes to chomp on any other creature in its path, and yes, that could be you if you’re not careful.

Like all other dinosaurs, the Tyrannosaurus Rex starts out small. This isn’t unusual at all. But let’s just say you’re at a park or a zoo, and you happen to have a baby T-Rex around, and it looks hungry. Would you keep it close as a pet, and keep feeding it until it got super big?

As crazy as that sounds, many of us do something pretty similar. In fact, when we do things that don’t please God, it can get worse. When we invite sin into our lives, and keep disobeying God’s Word, it can be just like a Tyrannosaurus Rex!

Firstly, it can get out of control. In movies where they try to keep a T-Rex contained, it is inevitable: the mighty dinosaur escapes! It finds a way, and soon enough, there are all kinds of problems. But when we keep feeding our sinful lifestyle, we’ll find ourselves in a similar predicament! Sure, things may start out small and seemingly harmless. But sin has a bad habit of growing and growing, and soon enough, it’ll be stomping and roaring and causing all kinds of trouble for you - and others too.

Just like a T-Rex, sin can consume you. Even worse, it can consume others around you too. If that happens, just be still. Not because its vision is based on movement, but because the Bible tells us to be still and know that He is God. When we stop and go to our Heavenly Father, His love and grace will keep us safe. So when you’re in trouble, tell Him you’re sorry, and promise to not feed that creature any more. God can handle things from there. No matter how big that sin is in your life, He is way bigger.

Like with a T-Rex, the best strategy is to avoid sin at all costs. Be still, and spend more time with your Heavenly Father. And don’t feed the T-Rex!



*“Children, obey your parents as believers in the Lord. Obey them because it’s the right thing to do. Scripture says, ‘Honor your father and mother.’ That is the first commandment that has a promise. ‘Then things will go well with you. You will live a long time on the earth.’” Ephesians 6:1-3 NIRV*

In the movie, “Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs,” our main characters of the movie encounter a massive Tyrannosaurs Rex, and you would probably react the same way that they did: by running and screaming! This appears to be one angry dinosaur!

But the reason behind the anger is simple: this T-rex is looking for her babies. Whenever her babies are in trouble, this ginormous dinosaur goes into beast mode in order to protect them. And sometimes that even puts this Momma Dino into danger too. In this lost world, there’s a much larger baryonyx out there lurking, a scary thirty-foot long dinosaur with razor sharp teeth and claws. In this movie, the baryonyx is vicious. No, Momma doesn’t want to fight with that. But she’ll do anything to protect her children.

Before we go any further here, let’s make it clear: your mom is *not* a dinosaur. And if you tell her that, she’ll probably not appreciate it. But she does have one thing in common with this T-rex: your mom will do anything to keep you safe and healthy. She’s already given up so much to raise you, help you learn, and help you grow. She’s sacrificed time, money, and you know very well that she’s put up with a whole lot from you. She’s put herself in danger for you, lost sleep over you, and has prayed for you for years.

And if anyone starts to mess with you, let’s be honest: your mom can go into beast mode too. In fact, it might even be safer to face off against a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Don’t miss the point though: your mother has loved you, cared for you, and protected you all your life. What has she gotten in return for all this? That’s where you come in. At school, church, home, or anywhere else, don’t let her down. It’s completely up to you to act in a way that’s worthy of all her love. She’s done her best, and now it’s your turn to do the same.

Moms have always done so much for us. It’s good to remember that, and be grateful for that love. It’s even better when we behave, and act in a way that makes her proud.



## LEVIATHAN

“No one can possibly control Leviathan. Just looking at it will terrify you. No one dares to wake it up. So who can possibly stand up to me? Who has a claim against me that I must pay? Everything on earth belongs to me.

Now I will speak about the Leviathan’s legs. I will talk about its strength and its graceful body. Who can strip off its outer coat? Who would try to pierce its double coat of armor? Who dares to open its jaws? Its mouth is filled with terrifying teeth. Its back has rows of shields that are close together. Each one is so close to the next one that not even air can pass between them. They are joined tightly to one another. They stick together and can’t be forced apart.

Leviathan’s snorting throws out flashes of light. Its eyes shine like the first light of day. Flames spray out of its mouth. Sparks of fire shoot out. Smoke pours out of its nose. It is like smoke from a boiling pot over burning grass. Its breath sets coals on fire. Flames fly out of its mouth.

Its neck is very strong. People run to get out of its way. Its rolls of fat are close together. They are firm and can’t be moved. Its chest is as hard as rock. It is as hard as a lower millstone.

When Leviathan rises up, even mighty people are terrified. They run away when it moves around wildly. A sword that strikes it has no effect. Neither does a spear or dart or javelin. It treats iron as if it were straw. It crushes bronze as if it were rotten wood. Arrows do not make it run away. Stones that are thrown from slings are like straw hitting it. A club seems like a piece of straw to it. It laughs when it hears a javelin rattling.

Its undersides are like broken pieces of pottery. It leaves a trail in the mud like a threshing sled. It makes the ocean churn like a boiling pot. It stirs up the sea like perfume someone is making.

It leaves a shiny trail behind it. You would think the ocean had white hair.

Nothing on earth is equal to Leviathan. That creature is not afraid of anything. It looks down on proud people. It rules over all those who are proud.”



*“How great God is! We’ll never completely understand Him.” Job 36:26 NIRV*

If there’s one passage in the Bible that could describe a dinosaur, it might be what’s found in Job, chapter 41. Listen to these chilling verses, and imagine for yourself a ginormous Spinosaurus lumbering by, its huge footsteps crashing down:

“When Leviathan rises up, even mighty people are terrified. They run away when it moves around wildly. A sword that strikes it has no effect.” Another verse describes this frightening creature this way: “Who would try to pierce its double coat of armor? Who dares to open its jaws? Its mouth is filled with terrifying teeth.”

Rightly so, this chapter tells us the simple truth: when leviathan is nearby, “people run to get out of its way.” This sounds just like a dinosaur on a rampage, doesn’t it? It sounds like serious trouble.

Have you ever felt like you’ve had a dinosaur stomp into your life, wreaking all kinds of havoc? You’re not alone. It happens to all of us! Of course, we’re not talking about real dinosaurs here. We’re talking about all kinds of troubles, big and small.

In our Bibles, there was one guy named Job, who faced something very big, and very bad. It stomped in on him like a big leviathan. When things go wrong, we want to put blame here or there like a chaos theory. But keep in mind that Jesus told us it rains on the just and the unjust. Good, bad, proud or humble: trouble visits everyone from time to time, and sometimes it has big footsteps.

Job had friends that thought they had answers, but one of the best lessons you can learn from his story is this: You don’t have all the answers, and you never will. We all have our guesses about why trouble comes, just like we all have our guesses what happened to the dinosaurs. Sometimes they’re pretty good guesses, but the truth is that there are times God only knows why things happen the way they do. But we’ll never be God. So like Job, don’t try to understand everything. Just trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

That’s right. The leviathan may be big, but God is bigger. Way bigger! In the book of Job, God tells us that everything on earth belongs to Him. Even the mighty leviathan. So if you’re looking for help, for healing, or for hope, you know who to look for. He’s the one who is bigger than the biggest dinosaur, and larger than the most ginormous problem you’ll ever face. He’s bigger, and you know something? He can be fierce when protecting His children. Trust in Him, because He won’t let your problems swallow you up. He’s bigger and stronger than even the mighty leviathan.



*“God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.” 2 Timothy 3:16 NIRV*

“Because he’s like me. He’s a digger.” – Juanito Rostagno

Modern day paleontologists just can’t wait to get out into the field, because that’s where the real fun begins. That’s where the shovels, picks, drills, and brushes start chipping away, and that’s where discovery begins.

Who knows what bones will be uncovered, and what remarkable stories will be dug up along with them? That’s the exciting part of paleontology!

When we dig into our Bibles, we can feel a similar sense of wonder and excitement. Inside the pages of God’s Word, we’ll find plenty of bones – and plenty more stories. Here are just a few samples: Adam’s rib bone, and the story of creation. Elisha’s bones, and their resurrection power. Samson and the jaw bone of a donkey, and that amazing victory. The valley of dry bones Ezekiel saw, and how they came to life.

Like sedimentary layers, each chapter of the Bible is carefully put one upon another, and inside are the imprints of God’s greatest champions. Dig deeper and you’ll see the footprints of those that walked by faith, and the ongoing story of God’s love for each of us.

The discovery starts the moment you pick up that Bible, and start to dig deep into His Word. It’s one thing talking about it, even here in this devotional. But it’s another when you get into those incredible scriptures, uncovering a whole new world of discovery!



***THE LOST WORLD***

Dinosaurs were amazing creatures!  
Use this space to draw one or more of your favorites below!