



# LWML 2017 Albuquerque Convention Pre-convention Devotion

What is in a name? Shakespeare lamented that when his Romeo spied Juliet and deduces “that which we call a rose/ By any other name would smell so sweet.” The theme for this convention is “Jesus Christ (name) above all” is from Philippians 2:9. The emphasis is that Jesus’ “name is above every other name.”



Now we find ourselves meeting in a strangely named place, Albuquerque, NM for the 2017 LWML convention. Maybe you have heard it mentioned in the old westerns and thought it must be an old Indian name or something but the town was named for the viceroy of New Spain in the 1600s and his name means “white oak”. He was from a region in Spain known for making corks and the name may indeed mean “father of the cork”.

When you arrive in Albuquerque, how will you represent the name of Jesus? In Acts 4:7-21, Peter and John are converting many new believers and performing healing miracles. The high priest asked them “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Read their answer in verses 8-12 and write the key responses here.

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What high esteem does Peter and John use for the name of Jesus? V 12?

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As you travel around the city of Albuquerque and attend the convention, be bold because you also have the name of Jesus. In verse 13 read how the authorities responded to Peter’s and John’s actions. Come ready to receive the Word and be astonished at the things done in the name of Jesus.

It is a time to learn and celebrate! (Maybe even pop a cork!) “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.” (Psalm 8:1)

Majestic Lord, keep us in Your care as we travel to Your convention. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive Your Word and do Your work. Have us be the vessels to carry Your name to all who will hear it. Bless the leaders, convention organizers, and all who attend to be able to rejoice in Your glorious name. Amen.