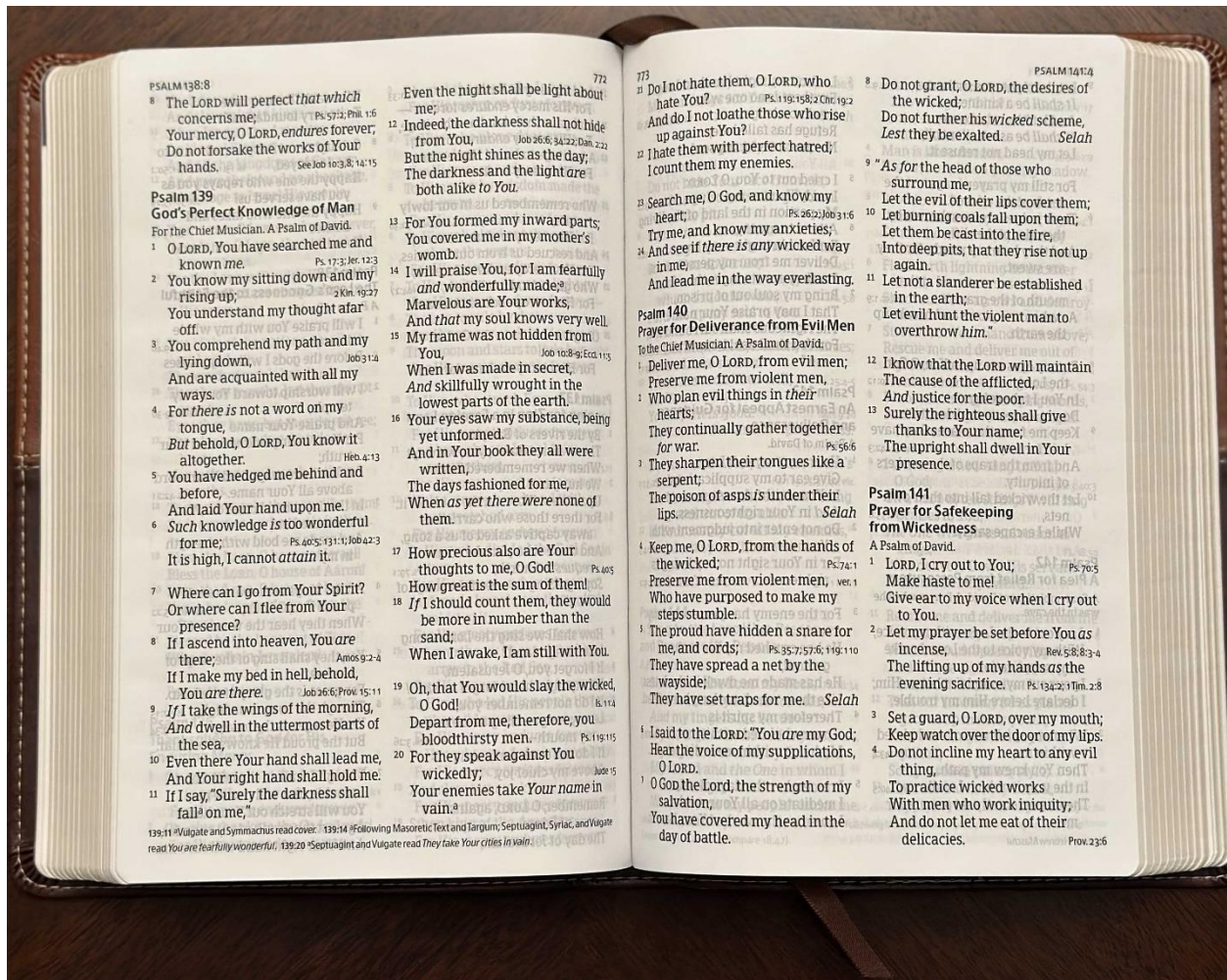


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How to accept Jesus as your Savior.

Heavenly Father,

Please forgive me for my sins. I accept You Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to follow You. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen.

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Introduction

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Day 1

“Taste and See My Goodness”

*“Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.” Psalms 34:8
NIV*

Taste and see the Lord is good. When we use our senses, we experience something for ourselves. We taste food and can say it is good or bad, spicy or sweet. When we see something for ourselves, we can describe our experience with the things we have seen. How can we compare these physical senses of taste and vision with our relationship with God?

Tasting requires eating food physically. Spiritual food is the Word of God. When we use our eyes to read the Bible, and we let the Holy Spirit speak to us. We can describe our experience in reading the Word to not only ourselves but to others. In a similar way, the Word of God is often described as honey on one's lips. In Psalm 119:103 NIV it says, *“How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”* We understand from this passage that God's Word is refreshing and sustains us in our lives. How sweet it is to know that God is always there for us!

Taste and see that the Lord is good for yourself. Study and think about the Word of God. Let the Word of God feed your spirit and sustain you. Understand that God has Promises for you that will never be broken. These Promises can be trusted despite all the circumstances in life. God will never let you down or forsake you. This is only a small example of the great goodness of our God. The more you learn from the Word of God and the closer you walk with God, the more you will be convinced of His awesome goodness towards us.

Let us be excited to study the Word of God and taste and see His Goodness!

Father, I pray that I may reflect on Your Goodness towards me daily. Help me to read and study Your Word daily. Let me always be reminded of Your Promises toward me that can never be broken or altered. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 2

“Rest in Me” Part 1

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.” Psalm 23:1 NIV

When David was writing Psalm 23, he was going through very unfavorable circumstances. King Saul was jealous of him and determined to kill David. David was hiding in a cave and constantly trying to escape death from Saul. Amid fear, anxiety and unbelievable stress David is writing the famous Psalm 23. David is literally running for his life, with nowhere to hide, and would normally feel terrified. However, David encourages himself in the Lord and cries out to God with this Psalm.

David describes God as his shepherd. He says, “the Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.” David personalizes this prayer to God and says God is his shepherd. David remembers his experience as a shepherd. He remembers how he would do anything to protect his sheep, including fighting a lion and bear with his own hands.

God gave David the power to fight the lion and the bear when he was a young shepherd boy. David decided in his horrible circumstances to encourage himself in the Lord. David drew from his previous experiences to say, “the Lord is my shepherd and I lack nothing”. David realizes that if the Lord is his shepherd, he will take care of him, provide for him and protect him.

Let us invite God to be our Good Shepherd!

Father, I thank You that You are my Good Shepherd, and I lack nothing. Help me to always trust in You to protect me no matter what happens in my life. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to follow You faithfully. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 3

“Rest in Me” Part 2

“He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.” Psalm 23:2-3 NIV

What a beautiful imagery! Green pastures, quiet waters and one’s soul being refreshed. As David found comfort in God, spiritually he felt like he was resting in green pastures. Green pastures are beautiful, peaceful and restful. David also describes being by quiet waters and being refreshed. He is describing the unbelievable peace he feels when he allows God to be his shepherd and how he can find supernatural rest in Him.

God is saying to us (the believers), that He wants us to rest in Him. He wants us to trust Him like David did and know that we lack nothing. We have everything we can possibly need in Him. What God gives us is far greater than the material things we see in this world. God gives us peace that surpasses all understanding, joy that is despite our circumstances, and His Holy Spirit who refreshes our soul.

The peace and rest in God are despite our circumstances. We may not be living in favorable circumstances and could be experiencing turmoil around us. But if we put our trust in God and cry out to Him, He will protect us, help us and be with us in all our life’s difficulties. We can also experience spiritually green pastures, quiet waters and the refreshing of our souls. God is inviting us to His green pastures and still waters. He wants us to find rest in Him. Jesus is our Good Shepherd and He will take care of us no matter what. We are precious to Him and He laid down His own life for us.

Let us find rest in our Good Shepherd and allow Him to refresh our souls!

Father, I pray that You would be my Shepherd. Help me to trust I lack nothing in You. I pray You would lead me to green pastures and quiet waters. Please refresh my soul. I pray I may find rest in You always. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 4

“Be strong and Courageous” Part 1

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 NIV

God is saying to the believers to be strong and courageous. Many people experience fear and anxiety during different times in their lives. God is asking us to be strong and courageous in Him. He is saying He is with us no matter what and wherever we may go. There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. No trial, persecution, famine, nakedness, sword or war can separate us from the love of God.

God doesn't want us to be discouraged or afraid. It can be hard to not be discouraged when we are dealing with bad news, and it can be scary when we hearing dangerous things happening around the world. However, God is asking us the believers to have a different mindset and perspective on these things.

We know this life on earth is temporary. God never promised us we will have an easy life or without hardships. Once sin entered the world through Adam, the ground was cursed. As the ground is cursed, there are many hardships and difficulties in this life. There is also a spiritual war that we are facing with Satan. Satan is always trying to steal our joy, kill our peace and destroy our lives. Satan is God's enemy and will be dealt with at the appointed time. However, as we are on this earth, we are dealing with a lot of spiritual battles. We are dealing with the attacks of Satan on our minds and our circumstances. The good news is we can pray to God in Jesus Name against the attacks of the enemy, we can also resist the enemy and he will flee!

Let us ask God to give us the Grace to get through any hardships we face!

Father, I pray You would enable me to be strong and courageous in You. Please remove all fear and anxiety in me. Please give me a Sound Mind, Power and Love. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, Power, Strength and Courage. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 5

“Be strong and Courageous” Part 2

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 NIV

God promises to help us and not leave us nor forsake us. So, we can be strong and courageous to face tomorrow and whatever tomorrow brings, because we know God is with us and for us. We don't know what tomorrow brings. But God is already there with us ready to help us face our trials, difficulties and burdens. God has already made a way to help us to get us through whatever we need to face, we just need to ask for His help in prayer.

God is saying we should not worry about tomorrow as each day has enough things to worry about. We should trust God with our lives and not be anxious, instead we should lay all our prayer requests to God. When we lay our prayer requests and burdens to God in prayer with faith, God will give us His Peace that surpasses all understanding. The Peace God gives will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Let us be strong and courageous for the Lord our God is with us!

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Please make me strong and courageous in You. Please help me not be anxious. Help me to lay my requests to You. I pray for Your Peace to guard my heart and mind. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 6

“Be a Blessing” Part 1

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 NIV

Be a blessing! God is asking the believers to be a blessing. Many times, we want to feel sorry for ourselves and we want to focus on our own problems and not want to help others. However, God did not create us to be selfish and self-centered. In Ephesians 2:10 NIV it says, *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”* In this scripture, we see two important things, the first thing is we are God’s handiwork, and we are created to do good works.

We are created by God to do good works! This is very contradicting to our present culture where everything is about yourself, make yourself happy and buy things for yourself. Also, the mindset that you come first before anyone else. There is a reason why people who are very wealthy can end up miserable. We are miserable because we were not created to be selfish. Being selfish and self-centered may feel good in the short term, but in the long-term, people who are selfish and self-centered will have a void in their life. The reason is God did not create us to be selfish but to do good works.

Doing good works and helping others doesn’t mean we don’t do anything for ourselves and give all our money away. We need to have a balance in everything. We need to be responsible with our bills and spend responsibly. But we also need to think about how we can be a blessing to others and share with those in need. It doesn’t necessarily have to be money. God has created us all with unique gifts and talents to be able to help others.

Let us focus on being a blessing to those around us!

Father, I thank You for creating me with unique gifts and talents. Help me to be use those gifts to be a blessing to those around me. Please remove selfishness from me, help to be a blessing to others. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 7

“Be a Blessing” Part 2

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 NIV

There are many ways we can be a blessing to others. Sometimes it is donating your time to help someone in need, helping someone with something you may be good at, also maybe using your unique talents to help others around you. There are many churches and Christian humanitarian organization where you can be a blessing to others. It can be in the form of volunteer work or donations. Or you can also be a blessing to the very people around you.

God is challenging the believers to be a blessing. Pray to God and ask how you can be a blessing to those around you. Then pay attention; there may be thoughts on how to be a blessing. These can include to help someone in need, random acts of kindness, talking to someone who is lonely, or visiting someone who is sick. There are many ways we can be a blessing to those around us and be an answer to someone’s prayer.

As it says in Galatians 6:9, let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time in we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. God will help us as we are helping others. God is shining His light through us in this dark world.

Let us choose to be the light of this world!

Father, I pray I can be a blessing to those around me. Open my eyes to the needs of those around me. Show me how to help others. I pray for Your Light to shine in and through me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 8

“I AM Working” Part 1

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 NIV

While God is working, we can get impatient. There are times we don't understand what God is doing during a particular situation. God is asking the believers to be patient through the process of what He is trying to accomplish. Many times, God is working on things behind the scenes and the things that need to be worked out, before a prayer can be answered.

The story of Joseph in the Book of Genesis is perfect example of God working behind the scenes to answer prayer. Joseph was one of the 12 sons of Jacob. He was sold into slavery by his brothers to the Egyptians. He was imprisoned for a crime he did not commit. Throughout all of Joseph's hardship, he trusted in God. Joseph had a gift to interpret dreams, he interpreted the dreams of a baker and a butler correctly in prison. Later, Pharaoh the ruler of Egypt had a dream, that he couldn't understand.

All his wise men couldn't understand the dream either. Joseph was remembered by the butler for correctly interpreting his dream. Joseph was called out of prison to interpret the dream, which he did accurately. The dream was God warning of an upcoming famine in the land and how to prepare for it. Joseph was put in charge of the palace and making all the arrangements to prepare for the famine. God used Joseph's gifts to help an entire nation through a famine.

Let us not lose heart, as God can use our hardships for our good!

Father, I pray for You to help me trust You through the process of answering my prayers. I pray for all things to turn around for my good. Please help me to be encouraged while you are answering my prayers. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 9

“I AM Working” Part 2

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 NIV

Joseph’s family was in Canaan, and they needed to come to Egypt for food because of the famine. Joseph was able to provide for his entire family. Joseph’s hardships, difficulties and trials had a purpose to answer prayer to help his family in the famine. All the pain and suffering individually didn’t make any sense. But it was God working behind the scenes to help him and his family.

God doesn’t make bad things happen to us. We live in a fallen world and bad things do happen, but with God He can turn those bad things around for our good. Difficult circumstances do not make sense when we look at the circumstances alone. However, when choose not to give up but trust God we can see God can work all things together for our good.

A way to understand how God operates is to think of huge jigsaw puzzle. The pieces individually don’t make sense, but as you put them together, you have an idea of the whole picture. Our life story and purpose have a lot of jigsaw puzzle pieces that God is putting together. It may feel like we are going through hardships for no reason. However, we need to put our trust in God that He can turn things around for our good. In our lives (or in Heaven), we will realize our hardships had a purpose.

Let us trust God to work all things around for our good!

Father, I pray you would work all things around for my good and the good of others around me. Please help me not to be discouraged but trust You through the process and my difficulties. Please strengthen me through all life’s challenges. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 10

“I AM Working” Part 3

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 NIV

We need to trust God through the process. We can get discouraged and give up when we have difficult circumstances, when things don't look good. We need to obey His one step instructions, not give up. We need to work with God through the process of answering our prayers. If we continue to trust God through the process, we can see He was working on our prayer the entire time. Like Joseph, his difficulty with betrayal, slavery and false imprisonment turned around for the good of himself, his family and many nations. Joseph and his entire family were provided for through the famine in the land. God can work and turn our terrible circumstances around for our good and the good of others.

The Bible says in Psalm 121 God neither slumbers nor sleeps. God is always working to help us draw closer to Him and working things out for our good, and the good of others. A lot of times it is through these difficult circumstances we realize we need God, and we look forward to our Eternal Home. Many people start a relationship with God when a trial or difficulty happens in their lives. Many times, the difficulties we face in this life will be a blessing to others around us.

The only way we can be a blessing, is if we let God help us so we can help others. The same comfort God gives us, He wants us to give to others dealing with similar circumstances. Sometimes your trial and suffering can become your Purpose to help others in that same difficulty.

Let us trust God through process as He is working to answer our prayers!

Father, I pray for you to help me persevere through hard times. Help me to continue to trust You through the process of answering my prayers. Please work all things together for my good and the good of those around me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 11

“Dealing with guilt” Part 1

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” Isaiah 1:18 NIV

When we confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness in Jesus Name, God forgives and remembers our sins no more. We are made clean and are made as white as snow. Jesus paid the price for all mankind’s sins past, present and future on the cross when He died for us. In 1 John 1:9 and it says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

We need to not listen to the enemy’s lies of guilt, condemnation and being unworthy. God calls us His children. We are precious in His Sight. We need to also forgive ourselves. Sometimes even after God has forgiven us, we still hold on to guilt, and this is where we need to tell ourselves, “God has forgiven me, and I can also forgive myself.”

Let us confess our sins to God and know He is faithful to forgive us!

Father, I ask for You to forgive me for all my sins past, present and future. I thank You that You are faithful and just to cleanse me from all my sins and unrighteousness. Thank You for Jesus for paying the price for all my sins. Thank You God for forgiving me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 12

“Dealing with guilt” Part 2

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 NIV

For those of us dealing with guilt and condemnation, this Scripture and Promise of God can help you overcome the lies of the enemy. Remember, there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

If you confess your sins to God and ask for forgiveness in Jesus Name, He is faithful to forgive us from our sins and unrighteousness. Let us rejoice and be glad, for Jesus paid the price for our sins. We are no longer slaves to sin but have forgiveness and victory in Jesus Name.

In Psalm 103:12 it says, “as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.” God forgives our sins as far as the east is from the west. We are made right with God because of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross for us.

Let us live with freedom from guilt for Jesus paid it all for us!

Father, I pray for You to enable me to not have guilt and condemnation. Give me Your Wisdom from Your Holy Spirit to know my sins are forgiven and there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. Help me to live in freedom in Christ. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 13

“Dealing with Uncertainty” Part 1

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8 NIV

There are a lot of difficult circumstances we face while we live on this earth. We have pandemics, wars, rumors of wars, inflation, uncertainty with finances, climate change issues and uncertain weather patterns. These are all signs of the end times and reminders that everything we see on this earth are temporary. Although everything around us can be frightening we can turn to God to be our refuge and strength. In Psalm 46:1 NIV it says, *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”* We need to live with an Eternal Perspective. If we live with what is just in front of us, things can look hopeless.

But we as believers have a Great Hope. Our Great Hope is that even though this life may be over, our last breath here is our first moment in Eternity with Jesus. Jesus said in my Father’s house there are many mansions, and I am going to go and prepare a place for you! There will be a day when we are will be with God in Heaven and there will be no more sorrow, no more pain, no more tears and no more suffering. We will also have an immortal body where we won’t be experiencing any pain and suffering.

For those who may be experiencing disabilities, when we are with God in Heaven, we will all be able to walk, jump, skip and do all the things some of us were unable to do while we were on this earth.

Let us put our trust in God, as He is our source of stability and strength!

Father, I thank You for being my source of stability and I put my trust in You. Please help me to strong and courageous and not afraid no matter what is happening in this world. Help me to do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 14

“Dealing with Uncertainty” Part 2

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9 NIV

Since sin entered the world, we are living in an imperfect world. As believers, we have a Perfect God who can make all wrongs right, whether in this life or the next. God does not want us to be depressed and hopeless when things around us are falling apart or uncertain. God wants us to be focused on Eternity and doing the things He has called us to do. We have a Purpose to fulfill. We were called to be a light to this world and to share the Good News about Jesus Christ.

The Good News (or Gospel) is this: we were separated from God because of our sins, but because of Jesus (and His death on the Cross), we have full forgiveness of our sins, past, present and future. We have unrestricted access to the Father to communicate both our praise and difficulties. In addition, (because of Jesus), we have a permanent home for ourselves in Heaven for Eternity.

When we are on this earth and dealing with uncertainty of our future, God wants us to put our trust and our hope in Him. In Joshua 1:9 NIV God says, “Have I not commanded you to be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go”. When we hear bad news, let us lay our burdens to God and be strong in Him.

Let us be strong and courageous for God is with us!

Father, I pray for Your Grace in my weakness and to be strong and courageous. Please help me to follow you and not give up. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and strengthen me to keep pushing through life's difficulties. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 15

“Dealing with Uncertainty” Part 3

“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:10 NIV

God says for us not to be discouraged. He is saying all these things to us because He is with us wherever we go. He is saying this because when we are weak, He is strong. His Grace is sufficient, and His power is made perfect in our weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9) We may feel we can’t go forward, we can’t take another step, and we may feel weak. But God says, “we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

We won’t be able to live in this world without pain, suffering and trials. Yes, life can be very hard at times. Life is difficult for everyone at different times (or seasons) in life. As believers, God has Promised to be with us and carry us through the difficult seasons of life. This is a great comfort to us as believers as we go on through this life.

God wants us all to be His children and He wants to be with us and carry through uncertain times. He wants to show you that you can do all things with Him strengthening you. You don’t need to lose sleep at night and live in a constant state of worrying. We can trust God with the unknown and uncertainty in life. Because even if life is uncertain and full of ups and downs, the One Constant we have in this life is God.

Let us put our trust in God, the True Constant in this life!

Father, I pray for Your Comfort, Peace, Grace and Strength to get through this life. I pray for Your Healing and Restoration in my life. I pray for the Power from Your Holy Spirit to evident in my life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 16

“Dealing with Uncertainty” Part 4

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:12-13 NIV

The Bible says in Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever”. Our world may be constantly changing around us, but God never changes, and He is always the same. When we have Him in our lives we will have stability, we will have strength to face tomorrow, and we will have grace to deal with the uncertainty that we face on a regular basis.

God is offering an invitation today for us to trust Him with the uncertainties we face in this life. He is asking us to make Him our foundation and our source of strength. The Bible says in Psalm 46:1 NIV, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Let us put our hope and trust in God during the uncertainties of this life. We need to live responsibly and do what we need to do with Godly wisdom. But when life has sudden twists, turns and bumpy roads, God is saying do not be afraid. Be strong and courageous, for He is with us wherever we may go.

Let us be bold knowing God is with us and for us!

Father, I pray for You to make me bold and to know You are with me and for me. I pray You would enable me to trust Your Promises and not the things around me. Thank you for being my Refuge and Strength and my Help in all my troubles. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 17

“Discerning God’s Will” Part 1

“The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?”. Jeremiah 17:9 NIV

We need God’s Word to guide our decisions. Our heart and our desires can lead us in the wrong direction. We should make sure our decisions agree with the Word of God. We also need to pray for discernment, which is also a gift from the Holy Spirit, to help us make right decisions.

Discernment will help us distinguish when something is right or wrong. The Holy Spirit will give us an uneasy feeling when something is not right, and peace when we are going in the right direction.

God’s Word is the only truth we can rely on to direct our path. In Isaiah 55:11 NIV it says, *“so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

We can always rely on, trust in and hold on to all of God’s Promises in His Word. They are all reliable, trustworthy, and unchanging.

Let us seek God’s Guidance and Wisdom in the things He wants to do in our lives!

Father, I ask for You to fill me Your Holy Spirit. I pray for Discernment to understand when You are speaking to me. Please give me Your Guidance and Wisdom to make the right decisions. I pray for You to help me be within Your Will in my life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 18

“Discerning God’s Will” Part 2

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.” Ephesians 5:17 NIV

Whatever God is speaking to us about and whatever He is bringing to our attention, it is best to work with the Holy Spirit and work on it diligently. God can speak to us about our financial management and living with greater margin (basically spending less), decreasing or eliminating toxic relationships or habits/addictions, stress management, time management, and health management. When God speaks to us regarding change in our lives, it is best to seek the Guidance of the Holy Spirit to Direct the change that needs to happen.

A way God may be speaking regarding financial management could be to make a budget, put away money in savings. God will ask us to be good managers with what He has blessed us with. Energy management can include not getting drained by having fruitless activities in your life. We should bear good fruit in our lives, focusing our energy and time on things with an Eternal Perspective. Also, things that are positive and bring life and light. We need to focus our time and energy with the Purpose God has for our lives.

We need to have stress management where we are more organized, and not overloading our schedules. With time management, God can ask us to not waste our time on things that He has not asked us to spend our time on. God wants us to spend time on the things that are aligned with His Purpose for our lives. Health management can include sleeping early, waking up early, exercising and eating healthy. We can pray about each of these areas and journal the thoughts the Holy Spirit gives us on how to implement change.

Let us seek God’s Wisdom to have purposeful lives!

Father, I pray for Your Wisdom in financial management, health management, relationship management, stress management and management and in all aspects of our lives. Please speak to me and give me Your Direction. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 19

“Eternal Perspective” Part 1

“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Colossians 3:2

In our lives, we will deal with disappointments at different times. When we set our minds on Heavenly matters and view things from an Eternal Perspective, it helps us cope with life’s disappointments. We know the things of this world do not last forever. We are not going to live forever in this human body. Understanding these things, it allows us to focus on the Promises that God has given to us. The Greatest Promise to those who are followers of Christ will be to spend Eternity in Heaven with our God.

In Philippians 3:20-21 NIV it says, “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.” When we go through hardships and struggles, it gives us an opportunity to show the world how a believer deals with difficulties. Going through hardships and struggles allows us as believers to be relatable to the world around us. Our faith and trust in God during hardships and difficulties will shine light in the darkness.

When we go through hard times, we need to understand things from an Eternal Perspective. When our perspective has changed, we will be busy working to draw others to God, rather than being disappointed. We do live in a fallen world with imperfect people. But we have a Perfect God. We will have a Perfect Heaven to look forward to. We also realize everything here is temporary, this is not our real home.

Let us live our lives with an Eternal Perspective!

Father, I pray for You to enable me to live with an Eternal Perspective. Please help me to keep my heart and mind focused on You. Please help me not to get distracted by the things of this world and forget spiritual matters. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 20

“Eternal Perspective” Part 2

“My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am” John 14:2-3 NIV

Jesus has prepared a place for us in the Father’s house. God desires for everyone on the earth to hear the Gospel and to accept His Gracious offer of Salvation. He wants us to spend Eternity with Him in Heaven. We need to live with an Eternal Perspective. Our life here is only temporary. The things we worry about and lose sleep over are temporary.

In Revelations 21:4 NIV it says, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” We will have an immortal new body. We will live for Eternity with Jesus. There will be no more sorrow, no more pain, no more tears, no more illness and no more worries. Praise be to God that this life on earth is not it. We have God waiting for us with arms wide open and a Heavenly mansion waiting for us!

Isaiah 62:5 “As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.” Jesus has prepared a home for us in Heaven. God rejoices over us, and we should rejoice over Him. When we pass from this life to the next, we will be with our Lord for Eternity. That is something to rejoice about!

Let us rejoice over God and our Eternal True Home!

Father, I pray I may rejoice over you and the wonderful things you have in store for me. Thank You for preparing a place for me in Heaven. Thank You that You will wipe every tear from my eyes and there will be no more sorrow. I thank You for Your Love. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 21

“Eternal Perspective” Part 3

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV

We should make every effort to get rid of the sin and the things that take us away from our Heavenly Perspective. We must continue to draw close to God and study His Word. We must stay strong in God. These are hard times we are living in.

We need to continue praying, reading our bibles and spending time with the Lord. Only then will our focus shift from the things that are on this earth to the things that are in Heaven.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus!

Father, I pray You would enable me to live with an Eternal Perspective. Please help me to fix my eyes on You and all You have called me to do. Please help me to spend time with You daily, read my Bible and spend time listening to You. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 22

“Faith during spiritual valleys” Part 1

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalms 23:4 NIV

When we are in the darkest valley of life, we may not feel God because the enemy usually attacks the most when we are the weakest. It is during those times we need to know that God is with us, His rod and staff comfort us. We can't go by what we FEEL but go by what we KNOW during those dark times.

Because the voices of anxiety will be very loud, and we will feel anxious and afraid. So, we need to trust what we KNOW in God's Word rather than the negativity we feel during those times of uncertainty. We can remember a few scriptures of God's Promises to help us in the valley moments.

We can say God loves me. (John 3:16) In John 3:16 NIV it says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

We can say God will never leave me nor forsake me. In Hebrews 13:5 NIV it says, “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Let us remember God loves us and will never leave us!

Father, I pray for You to enable me to have faith during spiritual valleys. Help me to hold on to Your Promises in Your Word and trust You through hard times. Thank You for loving me and not leaving me nor forsaking me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 23

“Faith during spiritual valleys” Part 2

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” Psalms 23:4 NIV

We can continue to hold on to the Promises of God during valley moments.

We can say “God has good plans for me”. *In Jeremiah 29:11 NIV it says, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

We can say, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”. *In Philippians 4:13 NIV it says, “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”*

We can say, “God is for me and nothing can be against me”. *In Romans 8:31 it says, “What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” Although we may face opposition God is for us and is fighting for us and will never leave us nor forsake us.*

We can say, “God is with me”. *In Matthew 28:20 NIV it says, “and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

Father, I pray for Your Grace to hold on to Your Promises in Your Word and trust You through hard times. I thank You for having good plans for me, thank You for giving me strength to do all things. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 24

“Fruits of the Holy Spirit” Part 1

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

The spiritual gifts are gifts that are given to the believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit. On the other hand, the fruits of the Holy Spirit are developed over time. A true believer who follows God will have the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are characteristics that are Christ-like in nature. When a believer demonstrates the fruits of the Holy Spirit, they demonstrate to the world the qualities that set apart a believer from the world.

We will not always be perfect in demonstrating the fruits of the Spirit. However, it does mean that we will always seek to reflect Christ in all situations. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are often developed during trials and difficulties. We must also talk about the fruits of the flesh. The fruits of the flesh are the opposite of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. What is the flesh? When the Bible talks about flesh it is referring to our human nature and sinful desires.

In Galatians 5:19-20 NIV it says, “The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” We can pray for God to give us His Grace to not submit to the acts of the flesh, but to submit to the Holy Spirit. We do face spiritual battles, but we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us to follow God faithfully.

Let us allow the Holy Spirit to develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit inside of me. Help me to deny my fleshly desires and surrender to the Promptings of Your Holy Spirit, so I can be changed to image of Christ. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 25

“Fruits of the Holy Spirit” Part 2

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV

Love is the first fruit of the Holy Spirit. There is even an entire chapter, (1 Corinthians 13) dedicated to this specific fruit. In 1 Corinthians 13:2 NIV it says, “If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.” In John 13:35 NIV it says, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” In 1 John 4:20 it says, “Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.” Man is created in God’s image and likeness, so we can’t say we love God and hate our fellow man.

Love is patient and kind. Patience and kindness are also fruits of the Holy Spirit. Love does not envy, which means that love is not jealous. Love means to rejoice for others’ well-being. It means that you do not wish harm to a person. Love is not boastful or arrogant, which means love is humble. Love does not dishonor others, which means that love is respectful of others. Love is not self-seeking, which means that love is selfless and willing to help others and put the needs of others before their own needs.

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit inside of me. Help me to deny our fleshly desires and surrender to the Promptings of Your Holy Spirit, so I can be changed to image of Christ. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 26

“Fruits of the Holy Spirit” Part 3

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV

Love is not easily angered which means love is patient and forgiving. Love keeps no record of wrongs which means love forgives and does not keep a grudge. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, which means that love does not follow sinful actions or desires but follows the truth of God’s Word. Love always protects, which means that love always is considerate of the well-being of others. Love always trusts, which means giving people the benefit of the doubt rather than thinking the worst of them. Love always hopes, which means that it seeks God’s beauty and restoration in every situation. Love always perseveres, which means that love doesn't give up when a difficult situation arises.

In addition, in 2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV it says, “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever- increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.” We are constantly being changed into the image of Christ. We are not going to be perfect. God continues to work in and through us to change us and help us to develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

We need to not gratify the desires of our flesh but submit to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit and flesh are contrary to each other. So, we need to not give into our flesh but surrender to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Let us allow the Holy Spirit to develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit inside of me. Help me to deny my fleshy desires and surrender to the Promptings of Your Holy Spirit, so I can be changed to image of Christ. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 27

“Fruits of the Holy Spirit” Part 4

*“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable,”. 1
Thessalonians 4:3-4 NIV*

Another fruit of the spirit is self-control. Which means that we are to be sober minded and willing to obey the Holy Spirit rather than our fleshly desires. It means that we should avoid sexual immorality and to learn to control our bodies in a way that is holy and honorable.

In Romans 13:14 NIV it says, “Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh. In Philippians 1:6 NIV it says, “being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” This scripture gives us great hope that we do not have to try to develop these fruits of the Holy Spirit ourselves. God who began a good work in us will help us until our live is over or until we see Jesus at His Return!

Let us be encouraged to work with the Holy Spirit in growing spiritually!

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and develop the fruits of the Holy Spirit inside of me. Help me to deny my fleshy desires and surrender to the Promptings of Your Holy Spirit. I pray that the good work You started in me will continue. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 28

“Gifts of the Holy Spirit” Part 1

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NIV

The Holy Spirit lives inside a born-again believer. A born-again believer is someone who accepts Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, repents from their sins, and asks God to fill them with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God Himself, as God is The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, also known as the Trinity. The spiritual gifts are mentioned 1 Corinthians 12:4-31. This chapter goes into details about each of the spiritual gifts and the purpose in the Body of Christ, or the global church- which is those who believe and follow Jesus. Please read 1 Corinthians 12:4-31 for reference to the spiritual gifts.

There are many gifts from the Holy Spirit that are given to born again believers. The Holy Spirit distributes these gifts to the believers. The purpose of these gifts is for the common good. I want to discuss a few examples of spiritual gifting and how it is used in the Body of Christ. There is a spiritual gift of helps. We are all called to do good works as followers of Jesus. However, there are some people with this spiritual gift that are specifically gifted to help others. This person will be able to recognize when someone is in need. This person will be willing to meet the need and is excited to meet this need. There are many (but not all) people with this gifting that can be hospitable.

Let us seek God on to use our gifting to be a blessing to others!

Father, I thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit to be my Comforter, my Counselor and Helper. I thank You for blessing me with spiritual gifts. Please show me my spiritual gifts and how to use them to move Your Kingdom forward. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 29

“Gifts of the Holy Spirit” Part 2

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NIV

There are some people gifted with the gift of intercessory prayer. The Bible says we should all pray without ceasing. The person with the gift of intercessory prayer will be aware to pray for someone. During their time with the Lord, they will have an urgency to pray for someone or something. The Holy Spirit will ask this person to intercede and pray for someone who is needing prayer at that time. In the church, these people are often involved in the prayer ministry, where they are gifted to pray for others needing prayer. While they are praying the Holy Spirit will show them things to pray for.

Another gift of the Holy Spirit is called exhortation, which means someone who encourages others. We are all called to encourage one another. However, the person with this spiritual gift knows exactly the words to say to encourage someone. They are always willing to encourage the believers to continue in the purpose God has for their lives.

There is also a spiritual gift of wisdom and knowledge. In James 1:5 it says God gives wisdom to those who ask generously. God is more than willing to give us His Wisdom in our circumstances, relationships and life management. However, a person with the gift of Wisdom and Knowledge, will have special understanding of certain situations that they wouldn't normally know, and they are used by God to advise others in the body of Christ.

Let us seek God on to use our gifting to be a blessing to others!

Father, I thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit to be my Comforter, my Counselor and Helper. I thank You for blessing me with spiritual gifts. Please show me my spiritual gifts and how to use them to move Your Kingdom forward. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 30

“Gifts of the Holy Spirit” Part 3

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NIV

All the gifts of the Holy Spirit are used to help one another. In 1 Corinthians 12 it talks about the body of Christ. In this passage, the church (also known as the body of Christ) is compared to a physical human body. The body of Christ are those people who are Christ followers. Just like a body has many parts, each part is important. Each part has different and important functions. Just like we need our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our hands to pick up things and our feet to walk, the body of Christ is the same way.

We all work together to move God’s Kingdom forward and serve a different purpose only we can fulfill. No part is greater than the other. God is encouraging the believers to pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He wants us to pray for wisdom to use the spiritual gifts He has given us. He wants us to use the spiritual gifts to fulfill His purpose.

There are spiritual gift assessment tests online, as well as further Bible studies on this subject to help understand your spiritual gifting. God has a unique plan and purpose for all our lives. He has given us all different gifts and talents to be used for His Purposes. We should continue to seek the Lord (and have Him show us) our unique gifting and purpose to be a blessing to those around us.

Let us seek God on to use our gifting to be a blessing to others!

Father, I thank You for giving me Your Holy Spirit to be my Comforter, my Counselor and Helper. I thank You for blessing me with spiritual gifts. Please show me my spiritual gifts and how to use them to move Your Kingdom forward. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 31

“Give me your hurt” Part 1

*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit”. Psalm 34:18
NIV*

There are many of us from different parts of the world dealing with a great deal of hurt for different reasons. Whether it is personal or whatever is going on around you, God is saying He wants you to give Him your hurt. He knows what you have been going through and the pain and suffering you are feeling, whether it is physical, emotional or mental. Through all the trials that you have faced, He is saying that He wants to heal your broken heart. He wants to give you a steadfast spirit and joy. He can heal our broken hearts when we give our hurt to Him. What does this mean practically? It means being open and honest with God about all that is troubling you. It means allowing Him to be the one to provide you with Comfort, Peace, Grace and Strength.

Some of us have been carrying a heavy load for a long time. Some of us have been trying to live our lives without God’s help. He is saying He wants you to give Him your burden as well as your hurt. Let Him Comfort you with His Love. Let Him work things out for good in our lives. He will work all things out for our good in His Time and in His Will. The hurt that we feel creates a void in our lives. Only He can fill that void within you. He is our Creator and He desires to have a deep and intimate relationship with His creation.

Let us ask God to fill those voids we feel in our lives!

Father, I pray for You to fill all the voids in my life. I pray You would help me be completely whole in You. Please help me to stop allowing other sources to fill my emptiness and continue to seek You when I am in trouble. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 32

“Give me your hurt” Part 2

*“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit”. Psalm 34:18
NIV*

Some of us having been carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders. We have had sleepless nights worrying about tomorrow. God is saying He will take care of you and to lay down your burdens to Him. You have tried to do things on your own and in your own strength. He is saying let Him help you. We were never meant to carry the burdens of life in our own strength.

We were meant to depend on, rely on, and trust in God for our every need. God is saying to us today that whatever you are going through, whether is loss of a loved one, physical illness, uncertainty of the future or a broken heart, He is here to Comfort you and He is here to Help you through it. He wants to give an invitation for those of you who are afraid, tired, weary and lost.

God is giving an invitation to give Him your hurt, whatever it may be. Give Him your hurt so that He can Heal you from the inside out and turn things around for your good. You have a Father who loves and cares for you deeply, more than you can ever imagine. He is opening His Arms wide open and saying, “Come, give me your hurt, give me your burden and find rest in Me”.

Let us bring all our hurt to our Loving Heavenly Father!

Father, You know my hurts, You know my pain and You know my burdens. I give You my burdens and surrender them before You. I pray in return You give me Your Comfort, give me Healing and give me Your Peace. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 33

“God Has a Purpose for You!” Part 1

“Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” Jonah 1:17 NIV

In the Book of Jonah, God commanded Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh. Jonah refused and tried to run away from God. He got into a boat with other people to run away from the purpose that God had for his life. After Jonah was on the boat, there was a great storm that threatened to sink the boat. People on the boat prayed to their gods and casts lots to find out whose fault was the reason for all this calamity. It landed on Jonah.

Jonah confessed he was running away from God. Jonah realized that he was the reason that the storm was so fierce. Jonah asked the people on the boat to throw him into the ocean. Jonah was thrown overboard by the people on the boat. The storm completely stopped, and the winds and waves became calm. After Jonah was thrown out of the boat, God caused a big fish to swallow Jonah. He was in the fish for 3 days and 3 nights. Jonah repented and agreed to preach to the people of Nineveh. Then the fish vomited Jonah on to dry land. We should not run away from the Purpose God has for our lives. We should be willing to surrender to the Will of God in our lives.

Let us surrender to God’s Will in our lives!

Father, I thank You that You have created me for Your Purposes. I pray that I may be able to know what Your Purpose is, for the life that You have given to me. Help me to walk in Your Will. Give me the Grace to obey and not run away from Your calling. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 34

“God Has a Purpose for You!” Part 2

“Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” Jonah 1:17 NIV

God again tells Jonah again to go preach to the people of Nineveh. Jonah preached a message of certain doom if the people of Nineveh did not repent from their sins. The people of Nineveh fasted and repented. After the people of Nineveh repented, God had compassion and spared the entire city. Because Jonah was obedient, a city of 120,000 people was saved.

It is so important for us to fear God and obey His purpose for the life He gave us. Calamity and even possible death could have happened to Jonah if he didn't agree to obey God.

We have no idea how our obedience can change people's lives or even the world. We should not run away from our purpose like Jonah. We should fear God and obey the purpose for which He has called us. Jonah's story is an example to us of the great things that God can do if we are willing to obey His purpose for our lives.

Let us surrender to God's Purpose for our lives!

Father, I pray for Your Grace to obey the Holy Spirit in fulfilling Your Purpose for the life You gave me. I pray that You would fill me with Your Holy Spirit, Your Power and Your Strength to be courageous and obedient. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 35

“God looks at the heart” Part 1

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

We make judgments about people before we get to know them. Samuel, the prophet had a picture of what a king should look like. He thought Eliab Jesse’s firstborn son, would be king because he was tall and in the military. However, God rejected Eliab to be king of Israel. God also rejected all of Jesse’s other sons except for the youngest son. The youngest son of Jesse was named David. Unlike his other brothers, David was a shepherd and much younger than his brothers. David was responsible for every sheep that was given into his care. When one of his sheep were threatened by a lion or a bear, he trusted God to not only rescue his sheep, but also to defeat and kill the bear and the lion.

Against such feared animals, the young shepherd boy David learned to trust God. He learned to let God help him and that gave him courage. He learned to not be intimidated by circumstances or enemies. David learned to overcome through the power of the Holy Spirit and to achieve victory. It is interesting to note that God did not hesitate in choosing David when he was called to meet Samuel. Immediately, God told Samuel to anoint David as king. He was anointed king in the presence of all his brothers.

David had faith, hope and trust in God despite every impossible circumstance. He was in other parts of the Bible described as a “man after God’s own heart”. God saw the faith and trust of the future king of Israel, even though no one else did. That is why God chose David. His other brothers, even though they may have physical attributes that were superior, did not possess the deep faith and trust that David had.

Let us pray to be believers after God’s own heart!

Father, I pray for You to give me a heart after You. Help me to trust You no matter what and believe in Your Promises no matter what. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 36

“God looks at the heart” Part 2

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

God’s choice in anointing David was shown to be correct during David’s confrontation with Goliath. Goliath was an 8ft tall warrior for the Philistine people. The Philistine people were enemies of the Israelites. There was a war between the Philistines and the Israelites. For 40 days, Goliath would openly taunt the Israelites and would intimidate them. Goliath knew that he was intimidating. For 40 days, Goliath taunted and terrified the Israelites soldiers. No one dared to challenge Goliath. Even the Israelite king at that time, Saul, did not want to fight Goliath.

David heard the taunts of Goliath and called Goliath “a disgrace”. David was not filled with fear but with courage. He called out the taunt of Goliath and wanted to answer in the Name of God. However, no one else shared his courage. His brother Eliab heard David wanted to fight Goliath and mocked him. He told him to go back and tend the family sheep. However, David was not fazed. He kept asking why there would be no one to fight Goliath.

David’s desire to fight Goliath stemmed from his past experiences where God allowed him to overcome physically impossible circumstances and defeat a lion and a bear. Despite all this, Saul thought David should go out and fight Goliath wearing his armor. David was too small to wear the armor that was given to him by king Saul. David did not use any armor when he went to meet Goliath in battle. He had a shepherd staff, and he chose 5 smooth stones from a local stream. He put the stones in his bag. We should remember how God has helped us and others, and trust God to help us when we are facing difficulties.

Let us trust God when we are facing the giants in our lives!

Father, I pray You would enable me to remember how you have helped me in the past. Please help me to not be afraid of the giants in my life but to trust You to fight for my battles. Help me to be strong and courageous. I ask this in Jesus Name.

Day 37

“God looks at the heart” Part 3

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

Goliath saw that David was nothing more than a boy and he had outright contempt for David. He again taunted him and threatened to kill David and allow the vultures to eat his flesh. David replied that he came to fight Goliath not with physical weapons, but with the Name of the Lord God who Goliath had cursed. David threw a stone into Goliath’s forehead. Goliath fell face forward into the ground. Then David ran over to Goliath while he was on the ground, killed him and cut off his head with his own sword.

David triumphed over impossible and physically intimidating circumstances by trusting in God. By trusting and having faith in God, David allowed the whole nation to triumph over their enemies. What can we learn from this story? Goliath represents a struggle that we face that is so insurmountable in our own mind. Our Goliath can be anything from addiction, poverty, poor health, persecution or outright rejection from society, family and friends. In and of ourselves, we will never achieve victory over our Goliath. We will be terrified. However, with God’s help we overcome our Goliath.

We must have faith like David to overcome the giants in our lives. God has chosen us for a special purpose. David was chosen over all his brothers, despite what everyone else thought of him. In the same way, God has chosen us for a purpose regardless of what anyone else thinks. God sees our heart. God sees our faith in Him. God sees how we put our trust and hope in His Name to bring victory. In the process of achieving our victory, we will have many roadblocks negative comments and difficult circumstances. We should not give up. Like David, when we trust God, we will achieve victory!

Let us trust God for victory in our battles!

Father, I pray for You to give me victory in my battles I face every day. Help me not to be intimidated by the giants in my life but to put my trust in You. I pray for You to work through me to be courageous and not afraid. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 38

“God’s Revelation” Part 1

“Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.” Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites were wandering through the wilderness to reach the Promise Land of Canaan, God gave them manna. Manna was bread from Heaven which came down every morning. God instructed them to only gather enough manna for each day, except the day before the Sabbath. On the day before the Sabbath, they were to collect twice as much manna. This is because the Sabbath (or seventh day of the week) was a day of rest, when no one was allowed to work. God was testing the Israelites to see if they would be obedient or not. God was looking to see if the Israelites would trust Him to be their Provider and provide food for them in the wilderness.

How do we apply this scripture to our life today? We see an example in Matthew 6:11, when Jesus said, “Give us today our daily bread”. You see Jesus uses the phrase **daily** bread. Daily bread refers to the revelation and provision of God to each believer daily. We need God’s provision and revelation **daily**, not once a week, once a month or whenever we have time. We need God’s Revelation and fresh anointing in our lives daily. Anointing means a fresh pouring of God’s Holy Spirit into us each morning.

We can simply pray each morning, “God fill me to overflow with Your Holy Spirit, In Jesus Name”. Amen. We should read and study our Bibles daily so God can speak to us through His Word.

Let us get excited about studying God’s Word!

Father, I pray for You to enable me to live with a desire and hunger for Your Word. Help me read and meditate on Your Word daily. Give me new revelations each day and my daily assignments of what You want to do in my life each day. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 39

“God’s Revelation” Part 2

“Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.” Exodus 16:4

God wants to speak to us daily through His Word. He wants us to read and think about His Word daily. God wants to open our eyes and gather the message we need to hear for that day. Just like the Israelites, who had to wake up and pick up the manna daily, God wants us to do the same. He wants to speak to us daily about our assignment. Our assignment needs to be completed to fulfill the Plan and Purpose He has for our lives. Every day we wake up, God has a purpose. He has recorded all our days even before one of them began. God has a special purpose and plan for each day we are here on this earth as believers.

God wants us to shine our light and to show the world that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. He wants to fill us with a new understanding of His Word and teach us something new every time we read the Bible. He wants to open our eyes with the Scriptures like never before. He wants to give us our daily bread, fresh revelation and fresh understanding and a deepening relationship with Him. God reveals Himself more to us as we spend time praying and reading His Word. Studying God’s Word takes time and patience.

We need to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to what we are reading. For those who have not studied the Bible before, studying the Bible with a Bible study guide can be helpful. However, for those who have been studying the Bible for a long time, God still wants to teach you something new every day. The Word of God is alive and active. He wants to open your eyes to new revelation and understanding. Every time we study the Bible there will always be a message God wants to convey to us. He speaks to us through His Word.

Let us make it a habit read God’s Word each day!

Father, I pray for You to enable me to live with a desire and hunger for Your Word. Help me read and meditate on Your Word daily. Give me new revelations each day and my daily assignments of what You want to do in my life each day. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 40

“Grace in our trials” Part 1

“For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah” 1 Kings 17:16 NIV

God sometimes makes provision for us in unexpected ways. God provided for Elijah during the drought. God led Elijah to meet a widow- who barely had enough food for herself and her son. She gave a portion of what she had to the prophet Elijah as he has instructed. God then multiplied what the widow had and miraculously provided for her. God used Elijah to pray for the widow’s son to be raised from the dead and did another miracle. God doesn’t take away our trials but gives us grace to endure the trials we face. Our trials are an encouragement to others as well, when they see God providing and making a way for us.

Elijah needing food caused God to lead him to the widow. This widow and her son was about to eat a last meal and die. Elijah was used by God to miraculously have her bread and oil not run out until the drought was over. Also, God used Elijah to pray for her son to be raised to life. Elijah’s trial led him to be a blessing to the widow and her son.

There is a purpose in our trials, we need to seek God, and not be angry. We should allow God to use us in our trials to be a blessing to others. This will allow God to receive the Glory when He provides for us.

Let us allow God to use us in our trials to be a blessing to others!

Father, I pray for you to give me Your Grace in my trials. I pray for You to use me to be blessing to those around me in my trials. I pray You would turn all things together for my good. I pray for Your Grace during trials. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 41

“Grace in our trials” Part 2

“But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

We also live in a fallen world with the enemy who tries to kill, steal and destroy us. However, we do not need to be discouraged. God can help us endure the hardships we face on this earth. God will give us His Grace in our trials. All we need to do is pray and ask God to strengthen us and help us when we are facing difficulties. Another promise while we are enduring trials is God can work things together for our good.

In Romans 8:28 it says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” No matter what we face on this earth, we know that God can work all things together for our good. We need to trust and seek God in our lives to turn things around in His Time and in His Will.

Let us trust God to work all things for our good!

Father, I pray for you to give me Your Grace in my trials. I pray that Your Grace would be sufficient, and Your Power would be made perfect in our weaknesses. I pray that you would turn all things together for my good. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 42

“A Grateful Heart”

“Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”” Luke 17:17-19

There were 10 men who suffered from leprosy who cried out to Jesus for help. Recognizing their hopeless situation, the lepers cried out in desperation. They wanted to be freed from their hopeless situation. However, they were unable to change anything on their own. They recognized that it would take a supernatural intervention to change the course of their lives. They cried out for Jesus not to save them but to have pity on them.

They hoped that they could have some hope of returning to normal. Jesus replies to their outcry in a particular way. Jesus wanted the lepers to go show themselves to the priests. In the Old Testament, the priest would determine whether a person was healed completely from leprosy. There were specific conditions by which a person would be declared healed from this condition. If a person was considered healed, they would make a sacrifice and be welcomed back into society.

The lepers did as Jesus commanded. They were to show themselves to the priest. They were healed instantly as they were fulfilling what Jesus was having them to do. However, only one of the 10 lepers came back and thanked God for this supernatural healing. He fell at Jesus' feet and thanked Him with a grateful heart. However, the others were so focused on their healing that they did not return to Jesus and thank Him for the gift He gave to them.

Let us always thank God for all He has done for us!

Father, I pray for You to enable me to live with a grateful heart. I am grateful for all that You have done in my life and continue to do. I give You praise and glory for all You do. Thank You for my salvation, forgiveness of my sins and life eternal. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 43

“Grow where you are planted” Part 1

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-whatever they do prospers.” Psalm 1:1-3 NIV

Grow where you are planted. Did you know God figuratively plants us in certain places for a reason. What does this mean practically? God strategically sometimes places us in certain places, cities, jobs, and opportunities for His Purpose and His Plan. God is saying to the believers today that He wants us to grow where we are planted. In Psalm 1:3, a believer who meditates on God’s Law day and night is represented as a plant, planted by the streams of water. That plant is flourishing because it has the nutrients to grow.

In the same way, when a believer meditates on reading the Bible morning and night and delights themselves in God’s Word. They are like that plant that is well nourished and will prosper. God does not want us to be restless and unhappy when He places us in certain places of His Purposes. When we put our trust in Him, follow Him and delight ourselves in Him, we can grow where we are planted. What this means is we can be fruitful and a positive light to those around us.

Let us grow where God has planted us and be a light to others!

Father, I pray I can grow where You have planted me. I know You have a unique plan and purpose for my life and have placed me in certain places for Your Purpose. Help us to embrace every purpose You have and shine Your Light. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 44

“Grow where you are planted” Part 2

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-whatever they do prospers.” Psalm 1:1-3 NIV

A lot of people can sometimes be restless when times get tough and are looking for a change. God sometimes place us in certain places for a time and then moves us. But while He is keeping us in a certain place for His purpose, He wants us to grow. Embrace where He has placed us and try to be a light and make the most of the opportunities, He has provided for you.

Wherever we are and whatever we are called to do in this life. God wants us to shine our light in the darkness, be fruitful, and helpful to those around us. Despising the circumstances and the places we are in, is not going to help be a light. When we embrace and realize maybe God placed us in a certain place for a reason. We can then focus on how we can be a blessing in the place He has called us and fulfill whatever purpose He has for us.

Let us grow where God has planted us and shine our light!

Father, I pray I can grow where You have planted me. I know You have a unique plan and purpose for my life and have placed me in certain places for Your Purpose. Help me to embrace every purpose You have and shine Your Light. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 45

“Growing Spiritually” Part 1

“He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” Matthew 13:33

Jesus spoke to the disciples in parables to explain spiritual matters. He compared the Kingdom of Heaven to a woman taking yeast and mixing it into sixty pounds of flour and working all of it through the dough. How does this compare to the Kingdom of Heaven? How can we apply this parable to our lives practically? The yeast represents the Word of God and Biblical teaching. The dough represents our hearts and our lives. The Word of God will need to work in every aspect of our lives for us to grow spiritually. God wants to be a part of every aspect of our lives. He wants to be included in our all decision making and He wants to Guide us to His Perfect Will for our lives.

Another parable Jesus talks about is in Matthew 13:31-32 NIV and it says, “He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” The mustard seed in this parable also represents the Word of God and Biblical teaching. The believer who studies the Word of God grows spiritually like a tree. The birds perching on the branches represents sharing spiritual lessons and Biblical truths with others around you.

Let us study our Bibles and spend time with God!

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to grow spiritually. I pray for You to be a part of every aspect of my life and enable me to allow You to work in all areas of my heart, mind and spirit. Teach me as I study Your Word. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 46

“Growing Spiritually” Part 2

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”
1 Peter 2:2 NIV

What can we conclude from these parables about spiritual growth? We need to read and study our Bibles to grow spiritually. But also, we need to spend time with God in prayer and worship as well. Prayer doesn't need to be very formal but can be short conversations with God throughout the day. We just need to address our prayers to the Father and ask all prayers in the Name of Jesus, as Jesus has taught us to pray. Worship is about having a grateful heart and thanking God for His Blessings and Provision throughout the day. Some people may also listen to worship music and worship God as well.

There is no clear formula for spiritual growth. Spiritual growth is about consistency in building your relationship with God. Like any relationship, it requires time and effort. We need to make communicating with God, reading the Bible and worship a priority in our lives. Just like we spend a lot of time to make our physical appearance look good, or exercise and diet to stay healthy. We need to spend time to address our spirit as well. We need to feed our spirit with God's Word, just like we feed our bodies with food. Just like an infant is given milk and eventually goes on to eat solid food. The same way a believer needs to study basic Christian principles and then move into more complex spiritually teaching.

Let us study our Bibles and spend time with God!

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to grow spiritually. I pray for You to be a part of every aspect of my life and enable me to allow You to work in all areas of my heart, mind and spirit. Teach me as I study Your Word. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 47

“Growing Spiritually” Part 3

“Jesus answered, “It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:4 NIV

As a new believer, reading the Gospels is a good place to start with studying God’s Word. Also having a study Bible can be helpful. There are also Bible reading apps with studies to help with learning the Bible. As a believer matures, they can study more complex books in the Bible. Also, as a believer grows spiritually, they pray about the purpose, calling and ministry God has for their lives work towards fulfilling the purpose God has for their lives.

The believer uses their spiritual gifting as well to continue to grow spiritually. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are continually being developed throughout the course of a believer’s life. Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. We need to continue to run our race and continue to be faithful for the long run. We need to encourage ourselves in the Lord and, if possible, attend a Bible believing church and have fellowship with other believers. The most important thing is to communicate with God and allow His Holy Spirit to guide you to grow daily with Him.

Let us study our Bibles and spend time with God!

Father, I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to grow spiritually. I pray for You to be a part of every aspect of my life and enable me to allow You to work in all areas of my heart, mind and spirit. Teach me as I study Your Word. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 48

“Hope in the small things” Part 1

The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.”
1 Kings 18:44 NIV

There was a drought in the land for 3 and a half years, but God gave Elijah a promise that it would rain. Elijah said to Ahab the King, there is the sound of heavy rain, it is something he heard in the spiritual realm and knew it was something he needed to pray for. Then he goes to the top of Mount Carmel and prays earnestly, it says he bends down to the ground and put his face between his knees. Elijah knew God wanted him to pray for rain to fall on the land to help the people living in a drought for over 3 years. After Elijah prays, he tells his servant to go and check and see if there is any rain.

Elijah’s servant went back multiple times to see if there was rain and the seventh time there was a small cloud rising from the sea. It was sign and the beginning of the rain was about to start. What can we learn from this? We can learn that seemingly small things can be the initial answer to prayers. Just like Elijah’s servant who saw a small cloud, we can sometimes see a small initial answer to our prayer that will become bigger over time.

God answers prayers in small ways that blossom over time. When we trust God to answer our prayers, (even in small ways), we open the door to give Glory to God for all the things that only He can do.

Let us have hope as God is working on our prayers!

Father, I pray for me to have hope in the small and big things that you are doing in my life. Help me not to be discouraged when I don’t see my prayers answered immediately. Help me to trust You while I am waiting and You are working. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 49

“Hope in the small things” Part 2

The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.”
1 Kings 18:44 NIV

The Glory will go to God alone. When we are aware of how God answers prayers, we will not be discouraged when God answers our prayers in small ways. Small answers to prayer become bigger answers to prayer over time. God tells us not to despise the days of small beginnings because He rejoices in the beginning of a work that He has ordained. We see this in the Bible in Zechariah 4:10 NLT, “Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.”

God sees the end result and He also sees how He can make something from nothing. There is a drought in the land for 3.5 years and from a tiny cloud He is about to bring heavy rain. When we are going through hard times and trusting God for a breakthrough, we need to hold on to His Promises and be faithful in prayer. We should not be discouraged when we don’t see things happening right away. The servant of Elijah had to go back 7 times before seeing a tiny cloud.

We also need to rejoice with the small victories and the beginning of God answering prayer, and the small ways God offers us His Hope. Then when the prayer is answered we will know it could have been only answered through God’s Miraculous Hand. We need to be patient while waiting on God to answer our prayers and be hopeful even in the small things God is doing.

Let us rejoice in the small victories and days of small beginnings!

Father, I thank You for the small victories and small beginnings in my prayer requests. I trust You are working to answer my prayers. I thank You for all You are doing and will continue to do. Give me Grace to be peaceful and patient as I wait. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 50

“How to pray” Part 1

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:9-10 NIV

“You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” John 14:4

In Matthew 6:9-10, we can see the instructions of Jesus to us on how to pray. He tells us that our prayers need to be addressed to the Father. We should acknowledge that His Name is Holy, we should pray for His Kingdom to come and His Will to be done. In John 14:4, we see Jesus say ask anything in My Name and I will do it. We learn that we need to pray to the Father in Jesus Name. We also need to pray for His Kingdom to come and His Will to be done.

God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit (also known as the Trinity) have different roles. We as sinful humans were separated from a Holy God because of our sin. Jesus made access for us to reach the Father, by paying the price for our sins. Jesus conquered sin through His death on the cross and defeated death through His Resurrection.

The two scriptures regarding this are in 2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV which says, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” The next scripture is in the Book of Romans 5:19 NIV which says, “For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”

Let us pray boldly to the Father in Jesus Name!

Father, I thank You that I can pray to You in Jesus Name and that You listen and answer prayers. I thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me life Eternal through Jesus. I pray You would answer all my prayer requests according to Your Will. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 51

“How to pray” Part 2

“Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.” James 5:17-18 NIV

The Father is the one that grants all prayer requests, when we come to Him in Jesus Name. The Holy Spirit enables us to pray in the Will of God. The Holy Spirit lives inside a person who has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, and He can help us pray to the Father according to His Will. What does this mean practically? You can ask God to help you to pray through the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will show you things you should be praying for. The Holy Spirit can also place it in our hearts to pray for someone who may be needing prayer.

Elijah in the Bible is a perfect example of the power of prayer. In James 5:16-18 NIV and it says, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

We are the righteousness of God in Christ. Since we are made righteous through Christ, our prayers are powerful and effective according to James 5:16. Elijah was a human just like us and so we can also pray powerful prayers God will answer.

Let us be encouraged to pray bold prayers for our world like Elijah!

Father, I thank You that You have made me righteous through Christ. I thank You that I can pray bold prayers that You will answer. I pray for Your Presence and Your Holy Spirit to rain all across the earth. I pray for Your Kingdom to Come and Your Will to be done. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 52

How to pray” Part 3

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

God wants to encourage us to pray about everything that is bothering us. There is power when we pray, there is no power when we complain and worry. We can replace our complaining and worrying with praying to God so there can be positive change in this world. Those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior are made right with God and can ask God anything in the Name of Jesus according to His Will, and the prayers will be answered. We should pray about all our anxieties, fears and concerns to God. Also spend time to listen quietly in His Presence and write down anything God is saying to you.

God loves us with an everlasting love, a love that cannot be fathomed or understood. He wants us to not worry or fear and not to be afraid, because He is with us always even until the end of the ages. God longs to speak to us daily. He longs to communicate with us very openly anytime.

With God we will never get a busy signal or an automated system. He is always available; the Bible says He never slumbers or sleeps. Let us be encouraged to replace worrying and complaining with prayers to God. We can ask for help with the things we are worrying and complaining about. God will move when we pray, there is power in our prayers.

Let us be encouraged to replace worrying with praying!

Father, I thank You that You never slumber nor sleep and are always available to answer my prayers. I thank You that You are always there to help me when I am in need. I surrender all my prayer requests, worries, fears and anxieties to You. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 53

"I am Your Creator" Part 1

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalms 139:13-14 NIV

God is our Creator. He longs to speak to us, His creation. God longs to speak to us directly regarding the Purpose and Plan that He has for our lives. God carefully crafted and made every single detail about us for the purpose that He has for our life. He gave us all unique talents and gifts. These unique qualities (that all of us have) are for fulfilling His Purpose in our lives. To understand God's Purpose, we need to spend time with Him.

We need to pray, read the Bible and spend time listening to His Direction in our lives. When you spend time with God, He will reveal His Purpose for us. He will also reveal our strengths and weaknesses. When we understand our purpose, strengths and weaknesses, it will help guide our choices in life.

For some believers, this can involve deciding a career. Others will decide whether they will need to take or leave a job. Others will need to decide if they will need to open a business. When we choose our life path based on God's Will, we will be led by God. We will be able to move God's Kingdom forward and be effective witnesses of the Gospel if we choose to follow what God wants us to do.

Let us move in the Purpose God has for our lives!

Father, I thank You that You have given me unique gifts and talents. I pray You may show me the unique Purpose you have for my life. Help in to move in the Purpose You have for me. Help me not to compare myself to others but focus on Your Purpose. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 54

“I am Your Creator” Part 2

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” Psalms 139:13-14 NIV

Most believers will not be employed in full time ministry. Our lives and the way we conduct ourselves are a ministry in and of itself to the world that we live in. You may be the only Christian in your workplace or school. You will have different thought patterns, words and actions than the people around you. What are some of the actions and attitudes of a believer? We may show patience with our co-workers, diligence at our work, never gossiping about others and promoting a peaceful work environment.

If you interact with others in a non-work setting, you can be kind to others, forgive their mistakes and truly listen to others when no one else will. Our unique talents and gifts that God has given us will lead us to situations and people that truly need to hear and see how a believer deals with life.

In summary, your Purpose is important. Focus on the things that God has uniquely gifted you to do. Do not compare yourself to others who have different gifts and talents. You may not be able to do all that others do. However, only you can do what God has called you specifically to do! Let us move forward in understanding that God will lead us in all that we need to do. Let us not be led by fear, anxiety, others’ expectations or our own desires.

Let us move in the Purpose God has for our lives!

Father, I thank You that You have given me unique gifts and talents. I pray You may show me the unique Purpose you have for my life. Help in to move in the Purpose You have for me. Help me not to compare myself to others but focus on Your Purpose. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 55

"I AM your Good News" Part 1

"They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord."

Psalms 112:7 NIV

Everyone in the world is looking for good news right now. They are constantly flipping through the news and hearing bad news. They are desperately hoping to open the news one day and to read good news. However, God is saying, "I AM Your Good News. We are not always going to find good news in the news or in the things around us. The Bible is a place that we will find Good News. The Bible offers us Good News because Jesus Christ has defeated sin and death for all of mankind once and for all.

We do not need to fear death or the terror that is around us. For those who put their trust in the Lord, death has no sting. They know that their life is in God's Hands. They know where they will be if their life is over. They know that their last breath on earth will be their first moment in Eternity. A believer understands that even if bad things happen in life, you can put your hope and trust in God. He can turn things around for your good. God will also give us strength to face extremely difficult circumstances. He will also Provide for those who see Him as their Provider and call out to Him. He will Protect those who seek Him and ask Him to be their Protector, their Refuge, their Strength and their Strong Tower.

God is saying that if you believe that He is in control, no matter what is going on around you, you can trust in Him. No matter how horrible the circumstances are or how scary the circumstances can seem, God is with you. God will never leave you nor forsake you. Even in sorrow, even in fear, even in grief, even in terror, even in famine, even in war, even in sickness, God is always there with you. He has not left you nor forsaken you. He will carry you with His Righteous Right Hand.

Let us be encouraged that we always have Good News in Jesus!

Father, I thank You Lord that you are my Good News. I thank You for Jesus who has defeated sin and death and given me Eternal Life. I thank You that you do not leave us nor forsake us even until the end of the ages. I love You Lord. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 56

“I AM your Good News” Part 2

“They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.”

Psalms 112:7 NIV

As believers, we realize we live in a fallen world. There will be bad news. But the good news is that as a believer, I can pray for those who are suffering. When I feel overwhelmed, I can cast my cares and my burdens regarding the bad news to God. Also, I can remember that this life is temporary.

Bad news makes us look forward to our Eternal Home even more. It helps us refocus on the things that are the most important, which are the treasures in Heaven. We can focus on the things that have Eternal value. Everything else in this life is fleeting.

Reading the news can be dreadful these days. However, as believers we do not need to fear bad news. We can trust in God despite the bad news. Our hearts need to be steadfast towards Him. We always have Good News in Jesus! He has overcome the grave and death! We are more than conquerors through Christ!

Let us be encouraged that we always have Good News in Jesus!

Father, I thank You Lord that you are my Good News. I thank You for Jesus who has defeated sin and death and given me Eternal Life. I thank You that you do not leave us nor forsake us even until the end of the ages. I love You Lord. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 57

“I give you My Wisdom” Part 1

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Isaiah 30:21

God will always give us His Wisdom and His Direction. We must open our hearts, be quiet in His Presence, and let Him speak and Direct our path. When God speaks to us, He will Direct us with His Voice, which sounds like our own voice. The Voice we are hearing is the Holy Spirit speaking to our own spirit. Other times it is a sense of knowing something. We just know something is God’s Will for our lives. There are other times the Holy Spirit directs us with Peace to proceed in a Direction God has for our lives.

In addition, there are times the Holy Spirit will also try to stop us from doing something. The Holy Spirit will give you an uneasy feeling to stop doing something. The uneasy feeling or sense of being in trouble is God saying you are going in the wrong direction. Other times, the Holy Spirit will warn you about a dangerous or harmful situation. There will be a strong uneasiness that will alert you to avoid a dangerous or harmful situation. The warning from the Holy Spirit is only beneficial if we choose to listen to it. From my experience, we should NEVER ignore this feeling even if it doesn’t make sense to others.

In James 1:5 it says, “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.” God gives us wisdom generously. All we need to do is ask and pray for God’s Wisdom. This doesn’t mean we will never make mistakes or always hear God correctly. Remember we are only human. We can mishear and misunderstand God. We must discern and distinguish between our voice and desires, God’s Voice and Direction, and the influence of the enemy and world around us.

Let us seek God’s Wisdom and Direction for our lives!

Father, I pray You would give me Your Wisdom and Help me make the right decisions within Your Will. I pray You would help me not to be discouraged. Help me to learn from my mistakes and be able to make the right decisions in the future. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 58

“I give you My Wisdom” Part 2

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5,6 NIV

The enemy (Satan) wants us to be discouraged. The enemy will discourage you by saying, “Don’t even bother trying to listen to God, you will always hear everything wrong”. The truth is that we will mishear what God is saying or directing sometimes, but not all the time. Yes, we will make mistakes. We are only human. However, if we choose to pay attention to what God is saying, the times that we mishear God will decrease over time.

When I first prayed for wisdom, I kept making mistakes. I wondered what was going on. But I had to learn from my mistakes. In the beginning, every time I thought that I had stepped out in faith (thinking that God was directing me), I was wrong. It was discouraging. But I learned to discern through those mistakes. And even today, as an imperfect human being, I continue to make mistakes or sometimes mishear God. But God is saying to all His children, “Don’t give up!”. He wants us to get back up again and not focus on the mistakes.

God wants us to learn from our mistakes and continue to seek His Wisdom. Sometimes we will understand, and sometimes we will get confused. It is ok. Our walk with God is a journey. We are not perfect. Only God is Perfect. In Proverbs 24:16 NIV it says, “for though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.” We should not give up, God will always pick us up when we fall. Keep trying to seek His Wisdom. In time, we will be able to hear God clearly and live within God’s Will for our lives.

Let us seek God’s Wisdom and Direction for our lives!

Father, I pray You would give me Your Wisdom and Help me make the right decisions within Your Will. I pray You would help me not to be discouraged. Help me to learn from my mistakes and be able to make the right decisions in the future. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 59

“Power for the weak” Part 1

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.” Isaiah 40:29

Have you been weary and fatigued with bad news and constant changes in life? God says that gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. This is very encouraging for us to know that when we are weary, God can give us Strength. Also when we are weak God can give us His Power to be strong. How do we obtain this Power? The Power that we obtain from God comes from the Holy Spirit. The Spirit that God gives us is of a sound mind, power and love. God gives us the supernatural ability to face tomorrow and to face difficulty, that we normally would not be able to face in our own strength.

What is this mean practically? We need to come to God with the weariness, we need to come to God with our fatigue, we need to come to God with our burdens, and ask Him to strengthen us and empower us by the power of His Holy Spirit. As we continue to trust God, spend time with Him, and seek Him for the help from His Holy Spirit, He will give us Power. We will notice that in our difficulties we are able to endure more and not fall apart easily. When the Holy Spirit empowers us He gives us the Grace to get through each difficulty. However, we need more and more of His Power just like a battery loses power over time our power needs to be recharged.

How do we get recharged? We get recharged by spending time in Presence of God asking for His Spirit to empower us. We can remember how God has helped us in the past and it will encourage us to keep moving forward through whatever new difficulty arises.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to go forward!

Father, please give me Your Strength and Power to keep going forward in all You have called me to do. I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit to overflow and to be empowered to do all that You have called me to do. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 60

“Power for the weak” Part 2

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.” Isaiah 40:29

God says in His Word in James 1:5 “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.” Therefore, God will give us His Wisdom in our circumstances that are causing us to be drained and tired. God will show us how to lay our burdens and cast our cares on Him, in areas where we have no control over. However, in the areas in our life we can control, He will generously give us His Wisdom to help us.

God will show us ways we can decrease our stress, and He can bring to our attention the things that can be draining our energy. God may speak to us to decrease or eliminate the things in our life that are draining our energy and may not be fruitful in our lives. An example of something that can be draining for us, can be constantly reading or watching the news. It is important for us to be aware of the news, but to constantly be reading or listening to negative news, can be draining. So, God may ask us to limit it one time a day and pray about the things troubling us and move forward with the things we need to do.

We may need to maybe surround ourselves with things that are more encouraging and positive, like reading the Bible or listening to an encouraging sermon. As you continue to spend time in the Presence of God, He will give us grace to get through difficult times and give you His Power. God will recharge us through the Power of the Holy Spirit and help us to move forward with a positive attitude. God will strengthen us and help us. God gives Power to the weak.

Let us seek God for His Power and Strength!

Father, please give me Your Strength and Power to keep going forward in all You have called me to do. I pray for You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit to overflow and to be empowered to do all that You have called me to do. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 61

“Quick to listen, slow to speak”

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,” James 1:19

We as believers should be quick to listen and slow to speak. When we listen carefully, we will be able to discern that a person may be lashing out from their own pain. When we are slow to speak and slow to become angry, we can extend grace and mercy and overlook an insult. We will be able to not get easily offended and be more willing to forgive.

If we do the opposite and respond immediately to words that are spoken to us, we can make a situation worse. In Proverbs 12:18-19 it says, “The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.” Therefore, we can conclude that poorly thought-out words can pierce like swords. Our damaging words can be very hurtful, and you can’t take back words you have spoken, so it is best to be careful before speaking.

In Proverbs 18:21 it says, “The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.” Our words have the power to bring life, which is healing and encouragement to someone. Our words also have the power to bring death, which means it can bring pain, hurt and discouragement to others. Therefore, we need to think about what we are saying and how it can affect someone. When we want to say something that can be hurtful to someone, we can take a deep breath, excuse ourselves and think about what we want to say before speaking in anger.

Let us speak words of life to those around us!

Father, I pray You would help me to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Please help me to be slow to become angry and have self-control. Please help me to use words of life and encouragement to those around me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 62

“I AM your Stability” Part 1

“For, “All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” 1 Peter 1:24-25 NIV

Just like the grass withers and the flowers fall-things in this world are not reliable and are unstable. We can be disappointed when we put our trust in the things of this world, as they are always changing. However, for the believers, The Word of God and the Promises of God are the only things we can rely on, count on, trust in and will last forever -in this world and in eternity.

In the parable of the wise and the foolish builders. In Matthew 7:24-27 NIV it says, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

The wise man is referring to a believer who has his or her foundation on God and His Word, which is referred to as a rock. A rock is stable and does not fall apart or break easily. The same way when a believer trusts in God and His promises, they have a strong foundation in their lives. The winds and the rain are the unstable circumstances surrounding a person in this world. When those things happen, they don't fall apart but turn to God for comfort and not the unreliable or harmful things- to help them cope with the pain in life.

In contrast, we see the foolish man who built his house upon sand. The sand represents the things in this world which are unstable, anything other than God and His Word is an unstable foundation. So, when that person is facing the troubles in this world, and they don't have a foundation of God in their life, they will fall apart. They are not able to cope with the troubling circumstances surrounding them. So, God is encouraging us to have Him as our foundation in this life, as we will not be able to rely on anything else in this world to be unchanged. As everything in this world is constantly changing and will continue to change.

Let us make God to be our Rock and Strong Foundation!

Father, I pray for You to be my Rock, my Foundation, my Strength, my Source of Stability and my Power. I pray for You to forgive me for relying on the things and the people of this world. I pray You would give me Your Grace in all my troubles. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 63

"I AM your Stability" Part 2

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8 NIV

Everyone is looking for stability and something to trust in. Everyone is looking for something that is reliable. But there is only one true rock and one true source of stability. That is God. The Bible says that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever" and that is in Hebrew 13:8. If you are looking for stability in this world, in your finances, relationships, or a job, you won't find it. There will be no stability, as everything around us is constantly changing. There is no one thing in this world that continues to stay the same always. But God is the same. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

So, what does this mean in our life practically? It means that we need to put our trust in something that is more stable. God wants to be your rock. God wants to be your source of strength. God wants to be your help and your ever-present help in times of trouble. He wants to be the one to take you through the ups and the downs in life. In Psalms 46:1-3 NIV it says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."

When God is our refuge and strength, our helper in times of trouble, no matter what we are facing, He will be there with us and help us through it. He is the one who will never leave you nor forsake you. In Matthew 28:20, which says "and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age". God is with us with anything we face on this earth. God will be with us forever in eternity.

Let us make God to be our Rock and Strong Foundation!

Father, I pray for You to be my Rock, my Foundation, my Strength, my Source of Stability and my Power. I pray for You to forgive me for relying on the things and the people of this world. I pray You would give me Your Grace in all my troubles. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 64

“I AM your Stability” Part 3

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Revelations 22:13 NIV

The Book of Revelations 1:8 it says, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.” God is the beginning and the end of everything in this world, and He is the very foundation of the universe. One of God’s Name in the Bible is “I AM”, that is in Exodus 3:14 NIV “God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”. This is what you are to say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, and the God of your fathers-the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob-has sent me to you.’ “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.” God calls Himself “I AM” because He has always been there, He is the beginning and the end of everything, the ultimate foundation we will ever have in this life.

When we put our hope and our trust in God, there is nothing in this world we can’t face. God gives us strength in our hard times. The Word of God says that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. That is in Philippians 4:13. God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. That is in Romans 8:28. Also, if God be for us, who can be against us? Which is in Romans 8:31.

We need to put our hope and our trust in something that is more stable, and more reliable than what is in this world. We need to put our trust in God. Despite the things that are going on around us and despite the storms that are around us and despite the things we are facing, we need to trust that God is for us, and nothing can be against us. He is with us always even until the end of the ages.

Let us make God to be our Rock and Strong Foundation!

Father, I pray for You to be my Rock, my Foundation, my Strength, my Source of Stability and my Power. I pray for You to forgive me for relying on the things and the people of this world. I pray You would give me Your Grace in all my troubles. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 65

"I AM your Stability" Part 4

*"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"
Romans 8:31 NIV*

We don't need to feel run down and without hope for we are more than conquerors with Christ. In Romans 8:31-38 NIV it says, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died -more than that, who was raised to life-is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

In John 16:33 it says, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." The peace God gives is despite the troubles we see in this world. We take heart which means to rejoice! Jesus has overcome the world which means He has overcome death and sin for us. When we put our trust in God, we know the troubles we face in this world are temporary because we have an Eternal Home with God-where there will be no more sorrow, pain or tears.

God is encouraging us to have Him as our Foundation, our Rock, our Refuge, or Strength our best friend, our source of Peace. God wants to provide each of us with the stability in our mind and hearts we all desperately need with everything constantly changing around us.

Let us make God to be our Rock and Strong Foundation!

Father, I pray for You to be my Rock, my Foundation, my Strength, my Source of Stability and my Power. I pray for You to forgive me for relying on the things and the people of this world. I pray You would give me Your Grace in all my troubles. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 66

“Treasures in Heaven”

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19 NIV

When we think of treasure, it is something that is tangible. Things that we consider treasures include money, cars, houses or clothing. While these things can be valuable, we must ask ourselves the questions, “Are these so-called treasures eternal?” and, “Can we store these treasures safely for eternity?”.

What does it mean to store something? It means to hold on to, rely on, keep close to your heart. We only store things that are of value and that be used later. When we store up for ourselves physical things, we are not guaranteed that those stored treasures will be there for us at some other time. When we have our heart set on Godly things, we have treasures that can never be destroyed or broken into and taken away from us.

What are these treasures in heaven? The first treasure that we have is a priceless and irreversible gift of salvation that was given to us freely. If you are not a believer in Jesus, take the time to accept Jesus into your heart as your Savior and accept this free and amazing gift. In addition, the good things that you have done (as a believer) to bring the world to salvation will never be forgotten by God. The things that you do without anyone knowing are seen by God. He sees it and will openly reward you in Heaven.

Let us store for ourselves treasures in Heaven!

Father, I pray you would enable me to store for myself treasures in Heaven. Help me not hold tightly to the things in this world as they are fading away. Help me to focus on things with Eternal value and live with an eternal perspective. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 67

“Breakthrough”

“pray continually,” 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NIV

Breakthrough is a term Christians use to define a turning point in having their prayers answered. Sometimes we pray for something for a very long time and when God is about to do something- we feel like giving up. God is saying to those who are tired and weary, do not grow tired and weary of doing good for in due season you will reap a sure reward. (Galatians 6:9) What does this mean? We need to continue to pray, seek God and be faithful in doing what He has asked us to do.

We are all experience fatigue when we are waiting for our prayers to be answered. But God is saying don't give up breakthrough is just around the corner, keep praying, keep believing and keep pressing forward. When we pray it is not just empty words. We are praying to the God of the universe who can do anything. There is nothing impossible with God. There are times our prayers are not answered immediately, but sometimes our prayers take longer. During those periods of waiting, we need to learn to trust and rely on God.

Our prayers are powerful, God indeed hears are prayers and is working on it. We need to rejoice in the small victories and changes as we are waiting for our prayers to be answered. We should not grow tired and weary, but remain hopeful in prayer. As we continue to pray, we will can see breakthrough happen in our lives. Sometimes our prayers are not answered in the way we expected but God can always work things for our good. We must always remember we must pray for things that are within the Will of God, if our prayers are within the Will of God there will be breakthrough. However, some prayers are not answered because it may not be God's Will. We must trust God knows best, we live in a fallen broken, and all things will be restored in the Heaven.

Let us pray for things that are within God's Will to see breakthrough!

Father, I pray for You to enable me to pray continually for the things that are within Your Will to pray for. I pray for breakthrough in my prayers and for you to answer according to Your Will. Help me not to give up while You are working. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 68

“Comfort in Hard Times”

“The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free” Luke 4:18 (NIV)

We have Good News in hard times! Jesus is here to heal the brokenhearted, set the captives free and give freedom to the oppressed. Reading this verse, I began to think about what it means to set a captive free. We may not feel as if we are oppressed or captive to anything. However, we must remember that we were captive to (and oppressed by) sin. When Jesus set us free, He gave us freedom from our sins, our addictions and temptations.

Life can be very difficult at times. We hear about how others are oppressed, downtrodden and forgotten. Jesus is here to remind you today that He loves you and that He is giving you a gift that can never be equaled in value. It was a gift, that required an enormous sacrifice on his behalf. He did it so that you and I can be free. We may feel forgotten and downtrodden in the world. However, Jesus reminds us that we are loved, remembered and are precious in His sight.

We must understand that God is for us. We do not have to face hard times alone. We can be overwhelmed and fatigued with bad news around us. Sometimes it is hard to see past our circumstances. However, if we focus on how God is for us, He will carry us through the tough times.

Father, I pray that I may have Your Grace during difficult times. I pray for You to Strengthen me through Your Holy Spirit during hard times. Give me Your Grace to face whatever difficulties that I may have to face in this life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 69

“Dealing with Confusion” Part 1

“For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1
Corinthians 14:33 NKJV

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*²
Timothy 1:7 NKJV

God is not the author of confusion. God has given us a spirit of power, love and a sound mind. So why are so many Christians confused? The enemy brings confusion, but God gives us peace and a sound mind. How do we obtain a sound mind? How do we avoid being confused? It comes from being in the Presence of God. It comes from reading God’s Word. It comes with regular time and communication with God.

It is also easy to become confused when our minds are distracted. We need to clear our heads. We need time to silence all the unnecessary chatter in our minds. It is almost unavoidable to have different things demand all our attention in this life. As a Christian, we must recognize this and employ strategies to clear our heads. So how do we clear minds? First, disconnect from distractions. Set apart time for this daily. This may mean that we put away our phones and tablets to focus on God. Use this time to pray. After you pray, write in a journal. Write about your concerns, worries and fears. Then spend time truly hearing from God and write down His responses to your prayers and concerns.

The key is to spend time with God regarding this. God is not going to talk over the chatter in our minds. It is important to note that whatever God is speaking will be aligned with the Bible. We must also discern if we are hearing our own voice, or the voice of the enemy. God’s voice will always be encouraging and uplifting filling us with peace. The enemies voice will make feel uneasy and won’t make sense when you look at the Bible.

Let us set time to quiet our minds and hear from God!

Father, I pray for me to have a spirit of power, of love and a sound mind. I pray for my mind to be clear so I can hear Your Voice clearly. Help me to make the right decisions that are within Your Will for my life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 70

“Dealing with Confusion” Part 2

“For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:33 NKJV

*“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”*²
Timothy 1:7 NKJV

If the chatter in our mind is louder than the voice of God, it is going to be hard to hear what He is trying to tell you. It is important for us to write down the things that we feel the Lord is teaching us. Whenever we go through a difficult time in our lives, it is good to keep a journal on the lessons that we have learned. When we do this, we can avoid making the same mistakes. We can avoid being confused. If you are completely stressed out, it's also very difficult to hear from God. We need to decrease the level of stress in your life. Some ways to make life less stressful is to decrease the chaos in your life. Spend time organizing and simplifying your life.

Another way to remain confused is by constantly staying busy. We were not designed to perform one thing after another without time to rest. We must make margin for time to rest in our lives. We need time to rest, and we need time to think clearly. It is easy to become confused when we are tired and weary. This may mean that we must budget our time appropriately. What are we spending excessive amount of time on? Take time to take stock of what we are needlessly spending time on. Clear your schedule to spend time with God.

The above are some practical ways to avoid confusion in your life. Remember, God is NOT the author of CONFUSION. God does not want us to be confused regarding the decisions in our lives. With the Grace of God, it is possible to not be confused. You can have a clear mind and make decisions that are within the will of God.

Let us set time to quiet our minds and hear from God!

Father, I pray for me to have a spirit of power, of love and a sound mind. I pray for my mind to be clear so I can hear Your Voice clearly. Help me to make the right decisions that are within Your Will for my life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 71

“Do not be afraid, I AM with you!!”

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.” Isaiah 43:2 NIV

“Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. “ Isaiah 43:4-5 NIV

We are precious in the eyes of God. God will move mountains and go out of His way to help us. He chases us and draws us closer to Him. God has sent multiple people across my life to encourage me and help me when I needed help. God has rescued me from death multiple times. He has changed the sequence of events to help me. I have also experienced an encounter with angel when I was in trouble. The angel/person looked like an elderly woman talking and helped me through a terrible crisis. I didn't know the person was an angel until she randomly disappeared! God will do amazing things to help us in our times of trouble. We just need to open our eyes and see how He has helped us rather focusing on the trouble.

God is saying even though we may face hardships on the earth (pass through the waters) I will be with you. When you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. What this means is that we will not be tested beyond our strength. God will give Grace, Strength and a way out. When you pass through the fire you will not be burned, the flames will not set you ablaze. Through the testing and trials, God will carry us through with His Own Hand. We will not be burned. The flames will not set you ablaze. It may look terrifying, but the fire (hardship) will not overcome you, because God is with you.

We can be confident because we know we are Loved by the Almighty God and He controls the whole universe and would do anything to help us. We are confident because we know that no matter what we face, God will be there with us and give us everything we need to face our trials. He will never leave us nor forsake we are not alone!!

Let not be afraid but trust God is with us!

Father, I pray that You would help me not to be afraid as You are with me! Help me through the uncertainty and the difficulty that I face in this life. Help me to be strong and courageous. Please carry me through my trials and help to have Your Grace to endure. I ask in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 71

“Fight the Good Fight of Faith”

“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:12 NIV

Paul wrote to Timothy to fight the good fight of faith, because he knows there will be times we want to give up, times we feel too discouraged to pray, worship or read our Bible. We know this is something we need to do, and even if we are not feeling like it or excited about it, we still need to read our Bible, pray and worship. The enemy will attack us and make us feel discouraged and weary. However, we need to resist doing something based on our feelings. We need to continue to do the right thing despite what we feel.

Reading our Bible and praying is important for spiritual growth. Every now and then, we read, and it feels like nothing happened, because we are so dry spiritually. We should keep reading even if we feel like we didn't get anything out of reading. Make reading your Bible a daily habit. It is still nourishing your spirit and over time. As you continue to read your eyes will be opened and new Revelations will return. Jesus says in Matthew 4:4 NIV, *“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”* Just like we need food to sustain us physically, we need God's Word to sustain us spiritually.

The Word of God will be inside of your spirit. The Holy Spirit will bring to our remembrance the Word of God to Encourage us and to Guide us. We need Scriptures in our spirit. We need to keep filling ourselves up with Scriptures. We need to read, study and meditate on God's Word daily in our lives. We need to be faithful daily and continue and fight the good fight of faith. Even if we fall, we need to get back up again and continue our walk with the Lord. God is not looking for perfection but for us to continue to walk with Him. He loves us unconditionally and wants us to always come back to Him no matter what.

Let us continue to fight the good fight of faith!

Father, I pray You would help me to be consistent with reading my Bible and spending time with You. Help me to study and meditate on Your Word Daily. Help me to always talk and walk with You no matter what. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 72

“Finding the Right Balance” Part 1

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 NIV

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), Jesus talks about the bags of talents that were given to each person according to their ability. We can see that God gives us different talents, capabilities and strengths. It is specifically mentioned that the talents, capabilities and strengths are given according to the ability of the servant. God understands who will be able to use the talents, capabilities and strengths to their full potential. The person who used their talents, capabilities and strengths the right way was blessed and rewarded.

We all have different strengths and weaknesses in our lives. We must avoid comparing ourselves to other people and their abilities. God gives each of us unique gifts for His Purpose. We should avoid trying to do things that God has told us not to do. When we try to be someone that God has not created us to be that's when we run ourselves down. The result is that we feel insecure and upset.

The feelings of being insecure and upset are due to us conforming to the pattern of the world. When the Bible says not to conform to the standards of this world, it is talking about not having the mindset that the world has. The world says that you can have it all. But that is simply not true. The truth is that we are NOT always going to have it all. God wants us to utilize the talents and the capabilities that He has specifically given us for His Purpose. He has given all of us different abilities. When we use those specific abilities for His Purpose, we will be rewarded and blessed.

Let us use our time, talent, and energy on God’s Purpose for our lives!

Father, I pray that You would show me where to spend my time, energy, talent and resources. Please show me Your Plans and Purpose for my life. Please help me to spend my time on the things You want me to and show me what to cut out. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 73

“Finding the Right Balance” Part 2

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 NIV

When we are following God and doing what He has called us to do, not everyone around us will be happy. We won’t be able to please others and God at the same time. We are given limited time, energy and resources. We need to utilize them appropriately to fulfill God’s Purpose in our lives. When we do what God has asked us to do with the time, energy and resources that He has given us, we will achieve the right balance for our lives.

To achieve a right balance for our lives, we need to take inventory of our time, energy and resources. Find out the areas where we are wasting time, decrease or eliminate the time-wasting activities. Increase or enhance productive activities. Find better time management strategies. Plan for ways to decrease stress in your life. We have limited energy. Take inventory of the things in your life that are draining you. Find the things in your life that are energizing. If possible, avoid activities that are spiritually and emotionally draining. Preserve your energy for worthwhile activities that will fulfill the Purpose that God has for your life.

Let us use our time, talent, and energy on God’s Purpose for our lives!

Father, I pray that You would show me where to spend my time, energy, talent and resources. Please show me Your Plans and Purpose for my life. Please help me to spend my time on the things You want me to and show me what to cut out. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 74

“Finding the Right Balance” Part 3

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 NIV

We also have limited resources. This means that we have limited amounts of financial resources. We can all each only earn a certain amount of income; money is not an endless resource -it is limited. We need to live with greater margins so that we are not always stressed out about money. We should not get ourselves into financial debt, live beyond our means or try to keep up with others. We should take an honest inventory of our own finances and live accordingly. These are some practical ways to find a better balance in our lives.

God says in Matthew 6:33, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things will given to you as well”. Remember to always put God first, spending time with Him first, and following after Him. Seek Him for direction in these areas to find the right and appropriate balance for your individual life.

Let us use our time, talent, resources, and energy on God’s Purpose for our lives!

Father, I pray that You would show me where to spend my time, energy, talent and resources. Please show me Your Plans and Purpose for my life. Please help me to spend my time on the things You want me to and show me what to cut out. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 75

“God Brings Restoration”

“and provide for those who grieve in Zion— to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”
Isaiah 61:3 NIV

God is able to Restore all that was lost to those who put their trust in Him. God can bring Restoration and Healing into our lives physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and financially. We need to trust Him in our despair and hopeless situations and realize we can have Hope in God. We have Hope in God because He can make beauty for our ashes and turn things around for our good. (Isaiah 61:3, Romans 8:28)

Our weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. (Psalm 30:5). What this means is we may have season of difficulty and pain, but God also brings seasons of rejoicing and joy. God can make beauty for ashes. What are ashes and what does that mean? Ashes are things that can be dead, broken or in despair. God can take those ashes and turn it into something good (make beauty). All we need to do is turn to God in our desperation and ask for His Help, trust Him and He can help us with our ashes, and make beauty from it.

Beauty for ashes does not happen overnight. However, when we continue to pray and trust God, we will see Him work things out for our good. In Romans 8:28 NIV it says, *“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* We should not give up or lose hope during hard times but continue to trust God. No matter how horrible a situation can be, God can turn it around can turn it around for our good, when we trust in Him and not give up.

Let us trust God to turn all things together for our good!

Father, I pray You would turn all things together for my good. Help me not to give up during hard times, but to trust You no matter what. I pray for Your Grace during hard times in my life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 76

“God Our Healer”

“Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion” Psalm 103:2-4

God can heal us from the inside out physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Sometimes God heals us instantaneously. Other times God will give us His Counsel and Guides us in the way to be healed. Sometimes God will guide us and give us Wisdom in making lifestyle changes, diet changes, stress management and through those changes we will receive our healing. We also must work to maintain those changes to continue to have the healing. For those who are believing God for Healing for themselves or someone they love. God is our Healer. Never stop praying and believing, God can Heal us.

There are times God gives us Grace to handle chronic illnesses. We need to continue in our reliance on Him. These are issues that won't go away completely but God gives us Grace, Favor and Help in these issues. We will all be instantly healed from all our diseases and given a new body in the Kingdom. So, our prayers for healing will be automatically answered in our first moment in eternity as well.

Our God is with us and healing comes in different forms. We should never stop asking our Jehovah-Rapha (God who Heals) for healing physically, mentally, emotionally or even spiritually. God loves you and He is saying “I will heal you- it is My Will to Heal you. Come to Me and receive all I have for you.”

Let us seek God for His Healing in our lives!

Father, I pray for You to heal me physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Please give me Wisdom if there is any changes, I need to make to receive my Healing. Please Guide me with managing my time, energy, resources, and health. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 77

“God Rebuilds”

“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.”

Psalms 127:1 NIV

God has a plan to rebuild things that are broken and in disrepair. He not only restores but He rebuilds. In Psalm 127:1 it says, “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guard stand watch in vain.” What this means is that God blesses the things that He appoints and asks us to do. However, if we do something God never asked us to do, God will not bless our efforts.

There are certain things that God wants us to spend our time, energy and resources on. When God is leading us in this, He will bless our efforts. Our efforts will be fruitful. When something is fruitful, it is positive, helpful and has an Eternal impact. We need to pray about what we are devoting our limited time, energy and resources to.

While God can restore some of the things that were lost, He is also in the process of rebuilding things. God may move us in a different Direction to help us Rebuild. Sometimes we are called to do something for season. There are times when a season is complete, God will call us to do something different. It doesn't mean that you have done something wrong, it just means that the current purpose is completed, and a new purpose is beginning. We need to be open to the new purpose He has for our lives.

Let us be open to different seasons God brings us to!

Father, I thank You for the different seasons You have for my life. Please help me to Rebuild areas in my life according to Your Will. I pray You would help me to invest my time, energy, talents, and resources in areas that are within Your Will. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 78

“Grace in the storms”

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:2-4

We want life to be as easy as possible. We want our problems to end quickly and painlessly. But what happens if all our problems ended quickly and painlessly? Would we be able to trust God in our individual circumstances? When our difficulties and problems don't end as we would want them to, it forces us to rely on God who is **willing and able** to help us.

When we wait on God to act on our behalf, He is Helping us to have perseverance. Perseverance is a necessary quality of a mature believer and follower in Christ -to trust God in the middle of our problems and issues. Trusting in God alone allows us to have hope and joy when there are problems and issues. In Matthew 14:22-33, we see the example of Peter keeping his eyes on Jesus and walking on water.

We need to keep our eyes on Jesus when we are going through storms in this life. When Peter focused his eyes on Jesus, he was able to walk on water. However, when Peter began to focus on the winds and the waves he started to drown. We can learn a valuable lesson from this passage. When we focus on Jesus in our trials, God can allow us to do great things for Him. When we take our eyes off Jesus, we will be overcome by our circumstances. We need to keep our eyes focused on Jesus and realize that He is more powerful than the storms we face in this life.

Let us keep our eyes on Jesus the One who can calm the storm!

Father, I pray for You to help me keep my eyes on Jesus during the storms in my life. Please calm my storms with Your Mighty Hand. Help me to be strong and courageous knowing You are always with Me and will never leave me nor forsake me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 79

“My Peace, I Give you!”

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27 NIV

The Peace that Jesus is talking about is -despite the circumstances that are going on around you. Anybody can have peace when things are going perfectly- in their life. But the Peace God gives us, surpasses all understanding, it is a calm feeling deep inside. The calm feeling is despite whatever is going on around the world. It comes from being in the Presence of God. God wants us to trust Him despite the storms, troubles and uncertainty we may feel. In John 16:33 NIV it says, “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” We know that in this world we will have trouble, but Jesus says, “take heart I have overcome the world”. In other words, He is saying “don’t worry, I am here for you, and I will help you get through this tough time.”

What is Jesus saying when He says I have overcome the world? He is saying that He's God, He's in control. Even when it feels like things are chaotic God can still work things around for our good. In Romans 8:28 it says that God can work all things together for our good. Even when we don't see it, God is still working things out for our good. We need to trust Him, walk with Him and talk to Him and He will carry us through these difficult times.

We don't need to fear the troubles of this life, or fear what's going on around us, -because we have the God of the universe carrying us in the Palm of His Hand. God wants to give an invitation for those of you who have not felt His Peace in your lives. He is saying, “I give you peace, peace I leave with you.” The Peace that God wants to give you, is going to be Peace that surpasses all understanding, and is not like the world gives. The peace that God gives you is despite the circumstances and everything else is going on around you.

Father, I pray for Your Peace that surpasses all understanding. I pray for Your Peace despite my difficult circumstances. I pray for Your Peace to Rule and Reign in my heart over all the anxiety, over all the fear and over all the confusion. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 80

“Joy Comes in the Morning”

“For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.” Psalms 30:5 NIV

As Christians, we sometimes go through periods of testing. A time of testing always seems like a never-ending ordeal. God sometimes allows a time of testing in our lives to strengthen our faith. When our faith is tested, it allows us to truly trust in our God to Provide for and Comfort us. If we never went through struggles (whatever they may be), how could we truly trust God to Help us? We also need to remember that a time (or season) of testing will not last forever. We will see the end of our testing and trials. We need to continue in prayer. We need to trust God and move forward with the things that He wants us to do.

When we read the verse above, we remember that it is hard to trust God when all you see or hear is bad news. However, God is saying that our sorrow, trials, testing and struggles trials may last for a time. However, Joy will surely come. We will go through difficult times; God wants us to know that He will bring deliverance at the right time.

Let us continue to trust in God, even in our difficulties!

Father, I pray that You would Provide Joy despite my hardships. I pray for You to my Deliverer, Protector and Defender. I pray for healing in all aspects of my life. I pray for Your Comfort and Peace when I face trials. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 81

“Hearing From God” Part 1

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27 NIV

God desires to have an intimate relationship with His people. He wants to Speak to you and Guide you in all your decisions. We were never meant to be confused, frustrated or lost. We can sometimes sense God speaking to us when we pray. When we pray, sometimes we just have a understanding of what is going to happen or what His Will is. God will speak to our own spirit through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives inside of a born-again believer. A born-again believer is someone who has accepted Jesus into their heart as their Lord and Savior. A born-again believer receives the Holy Spirit once they have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and asks God to fill them with the Holy Spirit.

As a believer, we should pray for God's Purpose and Direction in our life. When we (as believers) ask for God's Purpose and Direction, we will hear the Holy Spirit Guiding us. The Holy Spirit speaks to you in different ways. At times, the Holy Spirit may speak to you, and you will hear His Guidance in your own voice. At other times, it may be a sense of knowing or feeling. This is commonly called “intuition” by the world. The Biblical term for this is discernment, which is God's Spirit helping you make the right decision. If you do not feel that you have discernment, you can ask God for this so that you can be attuned to how God is directing you (see Psalms 119:125).

At other times, you can have an uneasiness or a bad feeling, which is the Holy Spirit trying to get your attention. This feeling of uneasiness usually tells us that a particular decision or action may be to our detriment. We commonly hear this described as a “gut feeling”. I would encourage you to remember that this is not just only a feeling -that originates in our mind, but from the Holy Spirit speaking directly to you to help you avoid regretful consequences.

Let us seek God for discernment to make the right decisions!

Father, I pray for Discernment and the ability to discern Your Voice. Let me hear Your Voice clearly in my life. I pray You may Guide me to make right decisions and to Your Plan for my life. Please help me not to be confused. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 82

“Hearing From God” Part 2

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” John 10:27 NIV

God sometimes speaks through His Word (The Bible). When God speaks through His Word, it may be for encouragement, discernment or correction. When God speaks to you with Scriptures, He will bring to your memory the things that you have learned when you are studying the Bible. This is so that when He is Speaking to you, it will be aligned with the rest of His Word. As an example, we look at these two verses: His word is a lamp at your feet and light unto your path. (Psalm 119:105) Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding acknowledge him in all your ways and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5,6)

What can we learn from these two verses? God wants us to trust Him with all our heart and lean on Him. We are not to trust our understanding. God will direct your path and show us exactly what we need to do. As you can see, God WANTS to speak and communicate with us. It is also important that we also WANT to speak and communicate with God. We need to make time to pray and to listen to God. I regularly use a journal where I write out my prayers to God. I then spend time listening and writing down God’s response to me. Hearing from God in this fashion requires that you spend time regularly with Him to clearly hear the Voice of God. If you make this a regular practice, you will learn to hear His Voice clearly and without misunderstanding.

The reason that we must hear God’s voice clearly, is that there are many other voices that try to capture our attention and influence us. Some of the other voices you can hear include the voice of the enemy (Satan), your own desires, the desires of others or the desires of the world. There is a significant difference when we listen to the Voice of God versus other voices. God's Voice is also followed by His peace. When He speaks, there is a sense of peace. This peace is present despite bad news or unfavorable circumstances, (see John14:27). When we listen (and act) underneath the influence of other voices, we will feel uneasiness, confusion and frustration. It is important for us to discern the different voices that we hear. We need to pray for the gift of discernment to hear the true Voice of God in our lives. God desires to speak to us, direct us, and lead us.

Let us seek God for discernment to make the right decisions!

Father, I pray for Discernment and the ability to discern Your Voice. Let me hear Your Voice clearly in my life. I pray You may Guide me to make right decisions and to Your Plan for my life. Please help me not to be confused. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 83

“Take one day at a time”

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:34 NIV

Take one day at a time with the Lord, we don't need to know the future, just follow God's instructions one day at a time. We always want the blueprint of our lives, knowing everything that will happen, how it will happen, when it will happen. If we knew all those things we would worry even more. If we knew in advance all the hardships- we must face, we will be focusing on that. So, God is saying don't worry about tomorrow, trust God today and in the moment and follow His one step instructions.

He gives you one step at a time, if He hasn't revealed tomorrow yet —don't worry when we need to know something, He will speak to us. Just try to take one day at a time- and try not to figure everything out. There is so much uncertainty in this life, so we need to trust God daily. No one knows the future, but God does! He is still God and in **control!!** If He hasn't revealed things to us, we still need to trust Him. When He needs to tell us something, He will. So don't worry about tomorrow, focus on what we need to do today, as the burden of each day is more than enough to deal with. We don't need to add to the burdens by worrying. We need to Rest in God and Trust in God!

Let us choose to Rest in God and Trust in God!

Father, I pray for You to help me obey You one step at a time. Help me not to be worried about the future but to trust You no matter what. Please fill me with Your Peace that surpasses all understanding. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 84

“Patience While Waiting”

“When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days.” John 11:17 NLT

We live in a culture of immediate gratification. We become impatient if we don't see results immediately. However, as believers God allows us to wait at times to increase our faith and spiritual growth. Waiting on the Lord is extremely challenging. It is challenging as we do not have a set time as to when God will answer a prayer. In John 11, we read about the story of Lazarus. Lazarus, and his sisters (Mary and Martha) were close to Jesus.

Lazarus became ill and died. Jesus went to see Mary and Martha after a delay of several days. When Jesus finally arrived at the tomb of Lazarus, He found that Lazarus was buried for four days. Both Mary and Martha met Jesus. They both were upset that their brother had died. They both told Jesus the same thing: If you had come sooner, Lazarus would not have died. We can learn from this passage that God's timing is never off. As Lazarus had been dead for several days, there was no question that he had died. Jesus has the tomb opened and shouted for Lazarus to come out of the tomb. We then read about Lazarus (the previously dead man) who then walked out of his tomb, fully alive! It was only a miracle that God could have done, but it required His timing.

If our prayers are answered quickly, we would not need to have faith and trust God. God is encouraging us to be patient. He hears our prayers. He is working on the things that we have prayed for. Even when it looks like the situation is getting worse, He is still working! Thank God, even when you are waiting for Him to answer your prayer. The end results will be amazing. God will make beauty for our ashes. He will use all circumstances for our good. He will give us a Hope and a Future.

Let us be patient and hopeful as we wait on God!

Father, I pray for Your Grace, Your Strength and Your Peace as I wait on You to work things out for my good. Help me to be patient and hopeful while I am waiting. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 85

“Plans for a Hope and Future”

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

God has a Plan for our life. We may have our own plans. Our parents or family members may have plans. The world may have plans for our lives as well. However, God’s plan for our lives will not harm us and will give us a hope and future. We need to evaluate the importance of God’s plan for our lives.

We have limitations in time, energy and resources. We need to make decisions in our lives that are within the Will of God for our lives. The world wants us to run on a hamster wheel staying busy with one thing after another. However, those things may not be within God’s Plan for our life. God wants us to have a peaceful life with the right balance.

Let us seek God for His Plan in our life!

Father, I thank You that You have a Plan for my life. A Plan for a hope and a future that is good. Please help me to organize my life so I can follow Your Plan that You have for my life. Guide me and show me what is Your Plan. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 86

“Recovery”

“Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

Ezekiel 37:13-14 NIV

God is someone who restores the things that are seemingly dead or broken. God brings the seemingly dead or broken things back to life. In the book of Ezekiel, we read about how God tells Ezekiel to speak to dry bones that He would bring back to life. We can sometimes feel like dry bones. We can be overwhelmed, in despair and lose hope sometimes. The Good News is God is here to Help us Recover. He is here to Help you and Guide you.

We can trust and believe God to restore the things that are dead and broken in our lives. God will restore everything that is within His Will. Although we may not recover exactly what we lost, God can give us new joy in different things. Even though we will not see our deceased loved ones come alive in this life, (for us who are believers and followers of Christ), we do have a hope to see our loved ones in Heaven when this life is over.

By spending time in the Presence of God, we will be able to have a better understanding of what He wants to recover in our lives (and what things we may need to let go). Through prayer, trusting God and seeking His Will for our lives, we may have a new direction and new clarity on the things that He really wants us to have. In everything, we can trust God at His Word. We can trust Him to restore the things that are dead and broken. We need to seek Him and bring our burdens to Him and keep trusting God in all things. God can Restore a new beginning.

Let us seek God for Restoration in our hopeless situations!

Father, I pray You would give me a New Beginning. I pray for Your Peace, Your Joy, Your Love and Your Power. I pray You re-energize me. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 87

“Rest for the Weary”

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” Exodus 20:8 – 11

What is the Sabbath? The Sabbath is a day of rest. What does it mean to have a day of rest? To refrain from work, both physical and mental. The purpose of the Sabbath was for us to rest. God Himself set the example of rest. He rested on the seventh day after creation was completed. Rest is not something that we can ignore as human beings.

We need time to recover from everyday life and refresh our souls. In the current culture, no one is willing to take time from their jobs and their busy lifestyle to ever rest. We are constantly running on a hamster wheel doing one thing after another. It is no wonder that we are so tired, weary, and (often) sick. Although many of us may not be able to take Sunday off, the heart of the Sabbath is to take a day of rest.

The Sabbath is a day of reflection, a day of meditation in God’s Word, and a day to refrain from work. A Sabbath also gives us time to connect with our families. It takes intentional planning and preparation to have a Sabbath. God is encouraging His people to take a Sabbath. We should arrange our schedule to prepare for a day of rest weekly.

Let us take a day of rest and reflect on God!

Father, I pray I can take a day to rest to reflect on You and spend time with You. Please show me how to arrange my schedule so I can have a day of rest. Please speak to me and help me to be refreshed. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 88

“Strength for the Weary”

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

The burdens of daily life are always around us. However, they don't have to be carried by us. When we carry our own burdens, it often leads to unnecessary fear and anxiety. We were not designed to carry burdens or deal with unnecessary fear and anxiety. God wants us to come to Him with our burdens, fears and anxieties. God wants us to talk to Him about what is burdening us. God wants us to give our worries to Him.

In 1Peter 5:7 (NIV) it says, *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.* We can cast and give all of our anxieties to God, because He cares for us. God wants us to rely on and trust in Him with all of our worries. God moves when we pray and lift our burdens to Him. God does not move when we just worry. Prayer is the answer, worrying does not help.

In Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) its says, *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* Therefore, we don't need to be anxious about anything, instead lay all of our prayer requests to God. Once we lay our prayers to God, God will fill us with His Peace.

Let us cast our burdens, cares and worries to God!

Father, I surrender all my prayer requests, burdens and concerns to You. Please give me Your Peace that surpasses all understanding. Help me not to worry but trust You while You are working to answer my prayers. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 89

“Talk to Me, I AM here for YOU!!”

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 NIV

We need to be connected to God. We need to communicate and talk to God throughout our day. We communicate with God through prayer. Our prayers do not have to be long or particularly eloquent. Short, heartfelt prayers to God is how we stay connected to Him. In the verse above, Jesus compares us to branches that are connected to a vine. A branch that is cut off from the main vine cannot grow and will die. If we (as the branches) do not remain connected to the vine (Jesus), how can we expect to grow fruit (demonstrate effective witness) in our walk as believers? We need to remain connected to Jesus to grow and to be effective as believers. Jesus needs to be a part of our daily lives. Our daily connection with Jesus will give us the Grace, Power and Strength to live and be effective witnesses for God.

We may not be able to pray out loud as we may be at work or interacting with co-workers. In this setting, we can journal a quick prayer to God on our phones, asking for His Guidance, Strength, Help and Wisdom throughout our day. We can connect briefly with God in the morning, afternoon, nighttime or whenever possible. Stay always connected to God. No matter how you feel, never stop praying, never stop talking to Him or reading His Word. Keep the lines of communication open!!

We also must remember communicating with God is a two-way street. Give God a chance to speak to you. This will require that you listen quietly. When God speaks to you, write it down in your journal. When God speaks, it is often in a soft voice. It is easy to miss God speaking to you if you are preoccupied and worried. We need to communicate with God so that we are not preoccupied and worried about things. Remember, He wants to speak to His people. He wants to Help you carry your burdens. We were never meant to do this alone. We need to remain in Him and stay ALWAYS connected to the Vine! God is saying, “Talk to Me, I’m here for YOU!!”

Let us always stay connected to God no matter what!

Father, I pray You will always help me to stay connected to You. Please forgive me for the times I have chosen other people to fill my voids instead of You. Please speak to me and help me to hear Your Voice clearly. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 90

“Trusting God in the Unknown”

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” Hebrews 11:6

Change is the one constant in life. It is always difficult to face change and the unknowns in life. Throughout our lives, we may have faced many unknowns. God wants us to trust Him in the unknown. He wants us to have faith and believe that He is in control, even when everything else around us is falling apart. God does not let us know everything that will happen. Most people would not trust God if they knew everything that was to happen in their lives.

Since we don't know everything that will happen in our lives, we must have our faith in God to help us face the uncertain times. The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God. So, we need to have our faith in God during the uncertain and unknown times. We must believe His Promise that He has good Plans for us (See Jeremiah 29:11). God does not give us all the details of future events. God does give us instructions to follow one day at a time. How does this look practically? We need to meditate and focus on the Promises that God gives us in the Bible. In Jeremiah 29:11, we can trust that God has plans for good for us and not to harm us, plans for a hope and future. We can trust God when the future is unknown, because we know He has good Plans for our future.

We can believe the Promise in Romans 8:28 that God will turn all things together for our good. We can trust God when things are not going well, that God can still turn it around for my good. We can trust God is for us and nothing can be against us. (Romans 8:31) We can trust that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. (Philippians 4:13) We can trust these Promises of God. God will give us the Grace to move forward when we are facing the unknown.

Let us trust in God to take care of the unknown!

Father, I thank You that You have good Plans for me, Plans for a Hope and Future. I thank You that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I thank You that You can turn things around for my good. I trust You with the unknowns in my life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Day 91

“Worship in the Storm”

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose.” Acts 16:25-26 NIV

When things are going badly in our lives, the last thing we want to do is worship God. We want to curl up in a ball and feel defeated. We want to give up. We don’t want to face our circumstances. We don’t think we can recover from our situation. However, we can look at Paul and Silas as an example of a believer who decides to worship during their hard times. Paul and Silas worshipped amid their extremely difficult circumstances. Their prayers and worship were powerful. In fact, their prayer and worship were so powerful that it shook the foundations of the prison, opened the doors of the prison, and loosened the chains of those who were imprisoned.

What can we learn from this passage? We can learn this: Your greatest difficulties and troubles can be an opportunity to worship and truly trust God. When we worship, pray and trust God in our circumstances, we can see God move in a way that we could not have imagined. If God can move to open physical prison doors and loosen physical chains, what can He do in your life?

God can break our chains, open our prison doors and shake the foundations of the prison in which we are imprisoned. We all have our personal chains and prisons. We can’t remove or escape from these things in our lives with our own strength. We need God to help us. We need God to do only what He can do when we worship, pray to and trust in Him.

Let us worship God in our storms!

Father, I praise You in the storms of my life. I pray You would break every chain and bondage in my life mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Help me to be set free! I thank You for You for setting me free in Jesus Name! I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: New Year's Day

Day 92

"Behold I do a new thing"

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19 NIV

A way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Though things may seem hopeless at times and situations seem as if nothing is ever going to change, God says, "Behold I am doing a new thing, making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland".

God specializes in hopeless situations and can make beauty for ashes in our lives. He wants us to give to Him our hopeless situations, pain, disappointments, frustrations and confusion. What does this mean? The Bible says in Romans 8:28 NIV, *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

Many people have years where they face incredible hardships and difficulties. Whatever situations we have been through this last year, we can surrender those things to God. If we trust God and not give up, He can turn all things together for our good. Sometimes the painful things we go through helps us draw closer to Him. Our pain gives us a reason to trust Him. Our experiences can be a blessing to others going through similar circumstances.

Let us ask God to turn all things together for our good!

Father, I pray for You to bless me this new year. I surrender to You all my hurt, pain, and disappointments. I pray You will give me in return Your Peace, Your Joy, and Your Comfort. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and Guide me this new year in the Direction You have for my life. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen.

Seasonal Devotional: Lent

Day 93

“Our Salvation” Part 1

“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Isaiah 53:5 NIV

Mankind was separated from a Holy God because of sin. Sin entered the world through Adam, when he disobeyed God. The wages or price of sin is death. Therefore, in order to atone for one's sin there needed to be shedding of blood. In the Old Testament, animal sacrifices were made to atone for one's sins. The Jewish people celebrated Yom Kippur where the high priest would go and offer sacrifices for his sin as well as the people's sin once a year. There were 613 commandments in the Old Testament, if you disobeyed even one of them it was like you disobeyed them all.

God knew mankind would always fall short of His Glory, so He made a way by sending Jesus to become our sin sacrifice and to take away the sins of the world. Jesus Christ was fully man and fully God. He was born through the power of the Holy Spirit and did not have original sin passed down from Adam. Jesus Christ was tempted like any human being but never sinned and remained focused in fulfilling Salvation for all mankind. His ultimate sacrifice on the cross, shedding of His blood is what fulfilled all Old Testament laws and gave us access to approach God the Father. Jesus washed all our sins away and now we are made right with God and are no longer separated.

Jesus never sinned or did anything to deserve a criminal's death and horrific suffering, but He was willing to obey the Will of the Father for our Salvation.

Father, I thank You for my Salvation through Jesus dying on the cross for my sins. Lord Jesus thank You for obeying the Will of the Father. Thank You Holy Spirit for raising Jesus from the dead and living inside of us. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: Lent

Day 94

“Our Salvation” Part 2

“It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.” Luke 23:44-46 NIV

There was darkness over the whole land and the sun stopped shining. God the Father turned His face away, because all the sins of mankind was upon Jesus. God the Father was willing to allow His Own Son to die a horrific death. Jesus was mocked, flogged, beaten, given a crown of thorns, spit at, stripped of His clothes, given wine mixed with gall to drink while dying on the cross, and bruised all for our transgressions!!

The curtain in the temple was torn in two, the curtain separated people from the Holy of Holies, which is a place in the temple that represented the Presence of God. In the Old Testament, no one could enter the Holy of Holies except the high priest to make sacrifices for himself and the people’s sins. However, the moment Jesus died the curtain in the temple tore in two, symbolizing there is no more separation between God and man. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross gave us access to the Presence of God.

God had a plan for the Salvation of all mankind by Jesus becoming our sin sacrifice on the cross. Jesus is the Lamb of God, the final sacrifice for all the sins of mankind. The Old Testament ceremonial laws required animal sacrifices for sin, but Jesus paid the price for sin forever and there no longer needs to be any animal sacrifices. We are forgiven for all our sins past, present and future because of Jesus paying the price for our sins on the cross.

We desperately need Jesus as our Savior as well as the whole world! God made a way for us, and Jesus was willing to obey the Will of the Father. We truly have so much to be grateful for every day of our life, every day we should thank God for our Salvation and never forget the sacrifice God the Father and Jesus made for us.

If anyone has not received Jesus as their Lord and Savior, please refer to the section in the beginning of this devotional titled “how to receive Jesus as your Savior”.

Father, I thank You for my Salvation through Jesus dying on the cross for my sins. Lord Jesus thank You for obeying the Will of the Father. Thank You Holy Spirit for raising Jesus from the dead and living inside of us. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: Lent

Day 96

“Communion at Home “

Communion is a time of reflection and remembrance of the Body of Jesus that was broken for the forgiveness of our sins and His blood that was shed for us. God is inviting the believers to have communion with Him. Communion is for those who have already accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

If anyone has not received Jesus as their Lord and Savior, please refer to the section in the beginning of this devotional titled “how to receive Jesus as your Savior”.

We should not take the Lord’s table or communion in an unworthy manner. We should repent for our sins and actively work with the Holy Spirit to sin no more and live a life of repentance.

You can use this devotional as a guide to have communion at home. You will need to have a piece of bread with you to represent the Body of Christ that was broken for the forgiveness of our sins. You will also need a small cup of grape juice to represent Christ’s blood that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. You can take a moment and bring your Bible and the communion elements to have communion.

Let us pray before we partake in communion.

Father, I pray You will forgive me for our all my sins, and I repent for any sins I have done against you past, present and future. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me to sin no more. I pray I can participate in communion in a worthy manner and do this in remembrance of Jesus. Please bless my time in communion. I ask this in Jesus Name.

Please have the communion elements and Bible for those who want to partake in communion. Communion elements include a piece of bread and a small cup of grape juice. The Bible reading for Communion will be from 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

Now take the piece of bread and eat it doing this in remembrance of Jesus.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Now drink the small cup of grape juice representing the Blood of Jesus that was shed for our sins. Thank You Jesus.

Let us pray.

Father,

I thank You so much for an opportunity to have communion with You. I thank You for the Body of Jesus that was broken and His Blood that was shed for the forgiveness of my sins. I am grateful for my Salvation, and I pray I can live my life pleasing to You and in repentance. I pray for Your Holy Spirit to continue to help me live a life that is pleasing to You. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: Resurrection Sunday (Easter)

Day 97

“I AM the Resurrection”

“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;” John 11:25 NIV

Jesus Christ has conquered sin when He died on the cross and conquered death when He was Resurrected from the dead. He died on the cross but on the third day He rose from the dead and is seated at the Right Hand of the Father. In Matthew 28:6 NIV it says, *“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”*

In Luke 24:1-6 NIV it says, *“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee.”*

The angel of God said, “why do you look for the living among the dead”? Our God is not dead! Jesus is alive. He is the living God! In 1 Corinthians 15:55 NIV, it says, *“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”* The sting of death is sin. There is no sting because Jesus has paid the price for all mankind’s sin and has fulfilled the law. Just like God raised Jesus from the dead and He lives forever, we as believers will also live forever in Heaven with God. Therefore, we do not have to fear death because we have Victory in Jesus and He has Conquered death.

The Resurrection of Jesus gives us the believers great hope for ourselves and our loved ones who are in Christ. We know as believers we don’t really say goodbye to other believers because we will be reunited with our loved ones in Heaven. It is more like “see you later”. When we have a loved one who is in Christ, who goes to be with the Lord, we do not need to mourn like the people of this world with no hope. We as believers have the great hope of being reunited with our loved ones, and we know they are in Heaven with Jesus and Jesus has already prepared a place for them.

God doesn't want the believers to be hopeless but to understand He has truly taken the sting of death. We don't need to fear death, nor do we need to be hopeless and sorrowful when our fellow believers go to be with our Lord. We know we will see them again and Jesus is there with them.

Let us live with the Great Hope because Jesus is Risen!

Father,

I thank You Jesus for conquering sin with Your death on the cross. I thank You for conquering death with Your Victorious Resurrection. I thank You that I serve a Living God who has Conquered death for me. I thank You that I will also live for Eternity with You. I praise You Father and our Lord Jesus Christ for death has no sting and I can live with this Great Hope. Help me to live as a believer with Hope knowing my God is alive and rules and reigns for Eternity.

I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: Thanksgiving

Day 98

“Thankfulness” Part 1

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; and his love endures forever.” Psalm 107:1

We need to have a heart of thankfulness in all seasons of life. We need to reflect on all the blessings and good things that God has given us. We all have things that we can be thankful for. We just need to be willing to focus on (and continue to thank God for) those things.

God appreciates a person who is thankful and grateful for His Blessings. God moves in our prayers and praise, not our complaints. Be thankful and grateful to God, even in bad circumstances. We can be thankful that God can turn all things around for our good, and give us His Strength to face our difficulties. We always have something to be thankful for in every season of life. Above all, we have the greatest thing to be thankful for, which is our Salvation. Jesus Christ died and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our sins, so that we can have Eternal Life. We have a Great Hope of Eternal Life to always be thankful for throughout our life!

Let us have a heart of gratitude and thankfulness!!

Father, I am so thankful for all the wonderful blessings that you have given me. I thank you Father and my Lord Jesus Christ for dying for my sins. I thank You Holy Spirit for being my Comforter, Counselor and Helper. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: Thanksgiving

Day 98

“Thankfulness” Part 2

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” Psalm 100:4 NIV

Our hearts need to be filled with gratitude toward God. We need to remember that: Our God is good. Our God is faithful. Our God is merciful. Our God is a loving and compassionate God. Our God forgives our sins. Our God removes our sins from us. Our God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Our God (through Jesus dying on the cross) gave us Eternal Life.

Our God is a God who works all things together for our good. Our God is a God who empowers us to face every life circumstance. Our God is a God who loves us so much that **nothing** can separate us from His Love. Our God is a Mighty God who created the entire universe. Our God is a God that is wants to hear our prayers. Our God is a God that wants to be involved in all the decisions of our lives. Our God is a God that is willing to give us His Guidance in every little detail in our life. Our God is truly an Amazing God.

Let us never forget the many blessings that we have!

Father, I thank you so much for being an Awesome God and Mighty God. I thank You God that Your Holy Spirit dwells inside of me, Guiding me with every step of my life. Please help me to always have a heart of thankfulness towards You. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: Christmas

Day 99

“A Promise Fulfilled” Part 1

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that God will fulfill a Promise of a Savior being born. Jesus is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus is first called Wonderful Counselor. Jesus is Our Counselor and the Source of Wisdom. When we need Direction in our lives, we can ask Him for Direction and Guidance.

Jesus is called Mighty God. God is the Father, the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He is Mighty and Powerful and there is nothing impossible with Him. Jesus is called Everlasting Father, as Jesus and the God the Father are one. Finally, Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. He is the ultimate Source of Peace we have in this world of chaos.

Now we will look at events that happened during the birth of Jesus. Please refer to Matthew Chapter 1 and 2. Mary a young woman was pledged to be married to Joseph. Joseph (the earthly father of Jesus) was a descendant of David, and which was another Promise Fulfilled. Mary had a visit from the angel named Gabriel. The angel told her she would be pregnant by the Power of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus will save all mankind from their sins. She did as the Lord commanded. Joseph was also visited by the same angel and instructed to take Mary as his wife and to help raise the Savior of the world.

Later we read about wise men from the east hearing about a star that appeared in the sky signifying the birth of a Savior. The star led them to the manger where Jesus was, and they bought him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Father, I thank You for a Promise of a Savior Fulfilled through Jesus. Thank You for His Birth, Death and Resurrection so we can have forgiveness of our sins and Life Eternal. I ask all this in Jesus Name. Amen

Seasonal Devotional: Christmas

Day 100

“A Promise Fulfilled” Part 2

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

The gifts the wise men bought Jesus had a symbolic meaning of the life of Jesus. Gold signified Jesus being the King of King and Lord of Lords. His Kingdom will have no end and He will Rule and Reign for Eternity. Frankincense, which is incense, signified Jesus being our Great High Priest who paid the price for mankind sins once and for all. Myrrh which is bitter perfume, signified the Death of Jesus and His Resurrection in three days. Jesus has conquered sin and death and gave us Eternal Life.

In John 1:1 NIV it says, *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* Jesus is the Word that was God and with God. He was with God in the beginning and all things were made through Him. In Him is life for all mankind, and darkness can't overcome it.

In John 1:14 NIV it says, *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”* The Word is the Promise of a Savior written through the prophets; the fulfillment is Jesus coming into this world becoming flesh. Jesus is full of Grace and Truth.

God gave us a Promise of a Savior which was spoken about through many prophets in the Old Testament. The Promise of a Savior was fulfilled, Jesus was born through the Power of the Holy Spirit without original sin and became the sin sacrifice for us through His death on the cross and His resurrection on the third day. We are no longer separated from God because of sin because of Jesus dying on the cross and paying the price for sin forever. There is great joy when we remember the Birth of Jesus, we remember a Promise of Savior Fulfilled, we know our sins are forgiven and we can be with God for eternity.

For those of you who has not accepted this Gift of Salvation that God has given to us so freely I want to invite you to say the prayer in the front of this book “How to receive Jesus as your Savior”.

God wants to be close to us, let us draw near to Him!

Father, I thank You for a Promise of a Savior fulfilled through Jesus. Thank You for His Birth, Death and Resurrection so I can have forgiveness of my sins and Life Eternal. I ask this in Jesus Name. Amen