

40 DAYS OF POWERFUL PRAYER:



WITH PURPOSE ON PURPOSE

First Northeast Baptist Church

Title:	From Dying to Growing
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	John 12:24
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Day 1

Scripture Text

²⁴ Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

Devotional

Jesus is consistently taking the complicated and making it understandable. When we read His words here in the Gospel of John we must know He is speaking of Himself but illustrating for us also. We can know this from the Gospel of Luke, in 9:23. Jesus calls us to deny and die, then we are ready to follow. If you never experience the end of yourself, you will never enjoy the most excellent experience of the growth in others around you. Multiplication in ministry never happens by accident. It is intentional leaders sacrificially giving of themselves for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Death is essential for further life and our call to the Kingdom requires a daily sacrifice.

Prayer

Father in Heaven, thank You that today we can be confident in Your loving Hand to guide in all truth, Your living Truth. Jesus, thank You for dying in our place so we could be the harvest that produces for Your Kingdom. Help me and our people to daily repent of sin, daily seek Your will, and daily trust Your plan, even when it costs us what it cost You. Death. WE love You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Do Not Envy Evil
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Writer:	Howard Newsome
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Scripture Reference:	Proverbs 24:19-20
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Day 2

Scripture Text

Proverbs 24:19–20 (NASB95) — 19 Do not fret because of evildoers Or be envious of the wicked; 20 For there will be no future for the evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be put out.

Devotional

Solomon tells readers not to get angry because of people who do evil things. This anger can lead to jealousy because you might be craving to do the actions you are angry about. Focus on the fact that God always gives consequences to actions, so if your actions are righteous, you will receive your reward. If your actions are evil, your consequences will be disastrous.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me to focus on being faithful, obedient, patient, kind, gracious, meek and generous. Help me to trust that serving You is better than serving my flesh and that You are a rewarder of those who diligently seek You and obey You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	The Mission
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Writer:	Rischarad Brown
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Scripture Reference:	Luke 19:10 CSB
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Day 3

Scripture Text

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Devotional

Luke 19:10 reminds us that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, and we see that clearly in His encounter with Zacchaeus. After Zacchaeus climbs the tree just to see Him, Jesus calls him by name, chooses to stay at his house, and then leads him to repentance and restoration. Jesus’ purpose wasn’t just to make Zacchaeus feel good or create a memorable moment—it was to bring him into a real relationship with God through truth. Jesus lived with mission in mind, and every step He took was intentional. In the same way, we should be ready to move in the direction the Holy Spirit is calling us, knowing that any moment could be an opportunity to share the hope we have. Be careful not to miss these moments because of being distracted by the world.

Prayer

Lord, help me to live with Your mission in mind before my own desires. I want to be used by You so that You receive the glory. Give me the courage, wisdom, and insight to connect with those You place before me and to share the hope I have in Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Trust in His Name
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Writer:	Bernise F. Belcer
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 9:10
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Day 4

Scripture Text

Psalm 9:10 - And those who know your name will put their trust in you; For you, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. (NKJV)

Devotional

Life is full of changes. These changes come in the form of financial needs, sickness, and even the loss of a loved one. When you belong to God, He sees and cares about what you care about. When you feel all hope is lost, when you don't know which way to turn, call His name. He has not forgotten you. He knows you and He will answer and meet you at the point of your need.

Prayer

Heavenly Father I am eternally grateful for your love and concern for me. Thank you that when I call your name, you hear and answer. I am thankful that there is power in your name. Your name gives peace and provides comfort. Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	His Plan, Your Word
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Writer:	Shayla Bethea
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Scripture Reference:	John 17:20
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Day 5

Scripture Text

20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;”

Devotional

Someone told someone, who told someone...who then told you. That's how the gospel is often shared. It's rarely through extravagant encounters, but rather through everyday conversations and ordinary moments where seeds of faith are planted and people come to know Christ. The beauty of this verse is that Jesus wasn't only praying for His first followers but saw beyond that moment and prayed for all who will ever follow Him because of them...including us. And just as He called His first disciples to carry the message forward, He is inviting us into that same mission today. So, let's treasure this calling and take seriously the opportunity that we've been given, remembering that through our words and our actions, we can all be vessels through which God can continue to draw others into His kingdom.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for having us all in mind long before we were born. Help us to live our lives in a way that brings clarity and not confusion to the message of the gospel. Empower us to willingly and freely share about You. Let our actions, our words, and our influence always lead others to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Grief that Gets You Going
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Writer:	Audra Nelson
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Scripture Reference:	Nehemiah 1:4
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Day 6

Scripture Text

“When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.”

Devotional

Nehemiah didn't move past what he heard—he let it break him. The condition of Jerusalem was not just unfortunate; it revealed something deeply wrong, and he refused to treat it lightly. It is possible to hear truth, stay engaged, and keep moving, yet never allow it to produce real burden or change. When we remain untouched, it may not be because nothing is wrong—but because we have grown accustomed to what should grieve us. Nehemiah shows us that godly grief is not optional in the life of God's people; it is often the doorway to renewal. If we never slow down long enough to mourn before God, we may never be moved to act with Him.

Prayer

Lord, forgive me for the ways I have grown comfortable with what should grieve me. Keep my heart from becoming unmoved by truth or untouched by Your Word. Teach me to sit before You until my heart aligns with Yours. Let my response begin with repentance and lead to obedient action.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Confirmed Identity
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Writer:	Ernest Brown Jr
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Scripture Reference:	Isaiah 43:1
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Day 7

Scripture Text

1 But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

Devotional

Who do you belong to? Whose are you? Reaction to these questions by the lost by elicit a response of offense or incredulousness. However, those who know they have been saved...redeemed...can only offer responses of praise...of worship, for the only answer to the aforementioned questions...is the Lord, the Most High God...the only One Who saves and redeems. Meditate.

Prayer

Lord, I thank You for redeeming me, for calling me by name...covering me in Your grace, and Your mercy all the days of my life. Lord, may I never forget that I am Yours, bought with a price that only YOU could pay. And because of that Lord, Praise of Your name shall continuously be on my lips. Help me to walk worthy, Lord, of bearing Your Name. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Let's be true to ourselves
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Writer:	Wilbur Bullard
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Scripture Reference:	Proverbs: 21:2
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Day 8

Scripture Text

2 People may be right in their own eyes, but the Lord examines the heart.

Devotional

Proverbs 21:2 states that people can be self-deceived, justifying their own actions based on outward appearances or personal bias, while God has the power to judge our true motives and intentions. This verse encourages individuals to ask God to examine their hearts, and ensure their intentions are sincere rather than selfish. While humans judge by what they see (actions), God evaluates “why” it was done.

Prayer

Dear God in Heaven, I submit my heart to You because You know its true intentions. I ask that You examine my motives and place us on the right path where pride and self-actions deceive us. Please allow us to see ourselves as You see us and the grace to walk in Your truth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

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3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Treasure the Gift of Today
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	Matthew 6:34
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Day 9

Scripture Text

³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Devotional

Jesus, after explaining why worrying is worthless, goes deeper into the trouble to the trivial. We often times want tomorrow to be perfectly planned out, or even more so, consistently the same as we expected from before. Routines can bring comfort. We go here or there, we eat this or that, we talk to this person or those people, our plan seems harmless enough and gives us a sense of security as long as it stays the same. However, if nothing ever changes, nothing gets better. God is the only Perfect. Change is constant. You have heard it said, "Today is a gift, that is why it's called the 'present'." This is true. Be grateful for today, even the changes it brings. God is revealing how He is going to work all things out for His glory and our good. Don't rush today, slow down and enjoy a moment with your Creator. He may just have something to show you.

Prayer

Gracious Lord, our God. Thank You for always being consistent and dependable in this everchanging world of chaos and sin. Guide my words and my thoughts so my responses to each day may honor You and glorify You before those You put around me. I need You, Lord. Every day, I need You. Help me to remember that so I won't look to circumstances for comfort, but I will seek You, my Comforter!

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Who Does I AM say that I am?
Writer:	Duane Kyles
Scripture Reference:	Jeremiah 1:7

Day 10

Scripture Text

7But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Devotional

5 years before I was born, my mother attempted suicide and needed divine intervention. On the day of the incident, her best friend Mary was celebrating her birthday and had received a voicemail from my mom. Immediately upon hearing it at her party, the Holy Spirit made it clear to Mary that she needed to leave and check on my mom. This is where who you believe yourself to be comes to in play. Would Mary let the Holy Spirit’s attributes of love and selflessness guide her, or would she let her flesh rule her day? Would she deny the Spirit’s prompting, or would she walk in obedience to the call? We see this same crossroad of opportunity in our text today. In Jeremiah chapter 1 verse 5, God tells Jeremiah before he formed him, he knew him and ordained him to be a prophet to the nations. In verse 6, Jeremiah attempts to give God an excuse, But the Lord in verse 7 gives him the charge many of us need today. The question you must answer is, *Will you refuse to be who the Creator made you to be just because you haven't seen it in yourself yet?* Thankfully for my mom, Mary, embraced her call as a child of God following the Holy Spirit’s prompting and I am here as a living testimony because of it.

Prayer

Father God, thank You for speaking to me during that devotional. I pray that You open my heart to receive Your love in a brand new way. Help me to understand how You see me and what You’ve called me to do, so I can walk in divine alignment with You. Help me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Thank You, Lord. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	The Hate Was Already There
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Writer:	Rischarad Brown
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Scripture Reference:	Genesis 37:4 CSB
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Day 11

Scripture Text

4 When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not bring themselves to speak peaceably to him.

Devotional

Genesis 37:4 shows us how quickly jealousy can turn into hatred, to the point where Joseph's brothers could not even speak to him in peace. The saying "haters gone hate" is real, but jealousy does something deeper to the heart—if left unchecked, it can make us hypocritical and cause us to respond emotionally instead of with wisdom. It creates a gap between what we say and what we truly feel, often showing up in how we treat and speak to others. Many of us have felt like Joseph's brothers, watching someone else receive the love, attention, or opportunities we desire, especially in moments of favoritism. Nevertheless, what will always overcome hate is love, and with Godly wisdom, we can choose to love beyond our preferences instead of allowing jealousy to take root.

Prayer

God, I ask that You search my heart and help me to see anything in me that keeps me from seeing You clearly and loving those made in Your image (Psalm 139:23-24). Love does not envy, boast, or seek its own way (1 Corinthians 13:4-5). Help me not to pursue my own desires more than Your heart. Teach me to desire You, because Your way leads me to love others equally and not by preference. In your Son Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	God's Got This
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Writer:	Areyahna Blackett
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Scripture Reference:	1 Kings 20:28
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Day 12

Scripture Text

28 Then a man of God came and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, "Thus says the Lord: 'Because the Syrians have said, "The Lord is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys," therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I *am* the Lord.'" 1 Kings 20:28 (NKJV)

Devotional

Do not listen to the "he said, she said". Go straight to the source and hear what He says. People mistake and attempt to box and limit what God can do. God cannot be limited or contained. He is the God of the hills—the triumph that lifts us up—and He is God of the valleys that seem impossible to escape. But what is "impossible" to us, is very possible to God. God's got this, because He is The LORD.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for being the God of the impossible. You are the God of both the hills and the valleys. Lord, help me not to box You in, because You are not limited by what I think. And when adversaries come to discredit You, let me run to You first to show them that my God's got this. Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	The Safety of Stillness
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Writer:	Esther Brown
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 4:4
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Day 13

Scripture Text

4 Be angry and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.

Devotional (4–6 sentences)

Anger has an interesting way of causing you to think, say, or do things that you otherwise may not have done. This might be why the psalmist instructs you to not sin while you are angry – sin is the natural effect of anger. That is why James 1:20 tells us that human anger does not produce the righteousness of God. We should be led to meditate on His Word, take time to think about the situation with a sober mind, and be still! It is always safe to obey the Word of the Lord. “The safest place in all the world, is in the will of God.” – Warren Wiersbe

Prayer (2–4 sentences)

Lord, I pray that when I am angry, I would look to You and allow the truth of Your Word to transform me so that I might be still and not sin in my anger. Would You teach me to meditate on Your Word, think with a sober mind, and be still whenever I am angry? I know that my anger doesn't produce Your righteousness, so I ask this in faith that You will help me live in obedience to Your Word – in Jesus's Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Let God With This
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Writer:	Min Mark Shingler
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Scripture Reference:	2 Chronicles 20:15
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Day 14

Scripture Text

He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.

Devotional

Facing a vast army from Edom, King Jehoshaphat stood in a place of total dependability before the Lord. It is amazing how the Lord responds, not with a military strategy, but with a command to change the king’s perspective. God tells His people specifically not to be discouraged or afraid, acknowledging that while the threat is real, their fear is unnecessary. He reassures them to look past what they see with their eyes, because the physical landscape does not determine the spiritual outcome. The Lord’s response is simple yet profound: the battle belongs to the Lord, not to us. When we stop trying to fight in our own strength, we leave room for God to display His power on our behalf.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to remember that You are greater than any obstacle that we will ever face, and because You love us, we can be reminded that the battle is Yours, and we do not need to be afraid. Thank You for being the King of the Universe that will fight for us, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	The Lord Is With Me.
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Writer:	Stan Nelson
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 23:4
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Day 15

Scripture Text

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

Devotional

As believers we must know that God is with us even when we are going through trials, sickness, hardships, and distressing times where we may see no end or way out (the valley of the shadow of death). Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our Protector, can lead us through these dark and difficult valleys to eternal life with Him. There is no need to fear death's power. The Good Shepherd is with us even in what seems the most difficult and troubling situations. Ancient Shepherds used the rod to rescue, protect, and guide the sheep. Our Lord loves us, stands over us and protects us. Knowing that God is always with us, we should move forward in our daily lives with no fear of man or this world, and no doubt when it comes to doing God's will.

Prayer

Our Father God, thank You for this day You have given me, You are greater than anything I could imagine. You made everything, the heavens and earth and thought enough to make me in Your image and give me Your son Who was with You in the beginning, as a ransom for my soul. Help me, O Lord, to doubt my doubts and rest in Your assurance, that You are with me and will comfort me no matter what I face. Dear Lord, help me to be all that You have for me and that I bring glory to You in everything that I say and do, in Jesus' Name Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	How do we run this race?
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Writer:	Dalisha Shingler
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Scripture Reference:	Hebrews 12:1-2
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Day 16

Scripture Text

1 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, **2** 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.

Devotional

In this text, we are encouraged to look backward and forward, and then to run the race set before us. This scripture begins with the word “therefore,” connecting us to what is well-known as the “Hall of Faith.” It is a list of God’s people who clung to Him, faithfully enduring trials and tests to follow His ways and live in communion with Him, no matter what came their way. The writer of Hebrews admonishes us to join them and run with endurance our own race, which will be filled with obstacles. And just like them, men and women like us, we can remain steadfast and faithful to the Lord on this arduous journey. Yet the writer does not leave us there, but calls us to fix our eyes on the Majestic Messiah, who, in His perfection, did not grasp equality with God but came down to join us in faithfully following God in this fallen world.

Prayer

Write a short prayer that reflects the theme of the devotional and helps guide the reader in prayer. Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you that You sent Your Son who showed us what it’s like to live faithfully towards You. He resisted temptation, even the temptation to avoid the cross. If He could utter those faithful words, “Nevertheless not my will, but Yours, be done,” in that moment, then certainly we can say the same in our moments of temptations and trials through the power of Your Holy Spirit. In Jesus’s name. One God. Forever and ever. Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	The Right Start
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Writer:	Rischarad Brown
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 63:1 CSB
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Day 17

Scripture Text

1 God, you are my God; I eagerly seek you. I thirst for you; my body faints for you in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water.

Devotional

Psalm 63:1 shows us that when life takes us to the deep end, we are faced with the decision of who will truly satisfy us. Like David in the wilderness of Judah—on the run, possibly feeling abandoned, purposeless, and rejected—we find ourselves in places where nothing else will do. We’ve all experienced moments like that, where what we need goes beyond anything this world can offer. Yet, in those very moments, something powerful happens when we eagerly seek God. He doesn’t just give help—He becomes the answer to our pain, the one who satisfies our being, and the one who nourishes our soul.

Prayer

Holy God, You are mighty, powerful, and wonderful is Your Name. Give me the diligence and strength to come to You when life is good, so I will remember Your goodness when life gives me every reason to look for answers outside of You. With eagerness, I desire to seek You because You are my strength and my hope like no other. Forgive me for the times I have chosen the world over You. You are my God, my deliverer, and my peace, and I believe there is nothing and no one greater than You. In Jesus’ Name I pray, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Discipline is Love
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Writer:	Howard Newsome
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Scripture Reference:	Proverbs 22:15
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Day 18

Scripture Text

Proverbs 22:15 (NASB95) — 15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him.

Devotional

Foolishness is defined as..... and Solomon informs parents that it is tied up into their thinking and actions. Don't be surprised that they do foolish things, just remember that it's your responsibility to drive that foolishness out of their heart. You must do this with consistent, immediate correction in the form of discipline. This discipline must be: Immediate & Consistent - Don't beg or barter your instructions are final and immediate consequences must happen when they don't obey. Early - Start discipline as an infant. They should know that no means no, so that you won't have so much of a problem in the future. A Deterrent - The consequence should deter the child from doing the action again. If you use a belt, don't spank when angry and only do it when they are defiant or putting themselves or others in danger.

Prayer

Dear Lord, please help me understand the importance of disciplining my child. Help me model discipline to them by being immediately obedient to You in all my actions (Proverbs 3:11). Don't let emotions get in the way of my responsibility and help me remember that true love corrects and doesn't allow foolishness to remain in their heart. Thank You for Your discipline in my life, leading me to become more obedient to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Do What It Says
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Writer:	Deborah Masolwa
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Scripture Reference:	James 1:22
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Day 19

Scripture Text

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Devotional

God would not have us to be ignorant to think that we can be true to Him by being one who merely hears His Word without an intention of coming into agreement with His Word. Sometimes this disregard for the Word is subtle, passive and unassuming. However, it is a bold truth that The Word of God is the way, the truth in this life and for the life to come. His Word is the light in the midst of this dark world and in the midst of dark, bleak situations. When a person lives in a way that opposes, disrespects or disregards God's Word, they walk with blind eyes and an open Bible. We need to trust that the Word of God is the way for us. We may struggle, (fight the good fight of faith), to live in agreement with His word. When one is not a doer of the Word, he deceives and lies to himself and does not the truth. Let God, (His Word), be true and every man a liar.

Prayer

Father, increase my faith, so that my trust and my confidence and will be in Your Word. Empower me to live according to Your word. Without You, I can do nothing. Father, I know that situations, are like withering grass and fading flowers but Your Word will stand forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Blessed because You Obeyed
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Writer:	Howard Newsome
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Scripture Reference:	Deuteronomy 28:1-2
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Day 20

Scripture Text

Deuteronomy 28:1–2 (NASB95) — 1 “Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 “ All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:

Devotional

Moses is giving the laws to the Children of Israel right before they will begin traveling into the promised land. In this specific passage, he is reminding them of the blessings that will come from following God’s commands. The key is diligently, which can be translated as obey, understand or discern and speaks to an ongoing, steady, consistent obedience that is cultivated from your actions. God says following His commands promises blessings and these blessings will be visible for all to see. They will also overtake you and cover you suddenly, while you are living life.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me not to look for Your blessings but trust that when I am faithful, You are watching my faithfulness and will reward me in Your timing. Help me to trust that the timing of Your blessings is best. Help keep my focus on pleasing You and not getting rewards from You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Success in Silence
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Writer:	Gary A. Bethea
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 62:5-7
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Day 21

Scripture Text

5 Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in Him. 6 He alone is my Rock and my Salvation, my Fortress where I will not be shaken. 7 My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my Refuge, a Rock where no enemy can reach me. Psalm 62:5-7

Devotional (4–6 sentences)

There are times in life when people or things may come against us. In those times, it's easy to feel offended and have the temptation to act on our behalf to vindicate ourselves. But there is a peace and comfort that comes from knowing that God sees all and is in control. The thoughts and actions of the unjust do not go unnoticed by God. I can wait quietly on Him to defend me and to protect my character and honor.

Prayer (2–4 sentences)

Lord, I thank You for being my Protector and my Stronghold. Help me to wait patiently and quietly on You. Let my trust and confidence be fully in You and Your Sovereignty. Blessed is the one who's hope is in You. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	The Lord Has Prepared You For This
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Writer:	Brittney Evans
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Scripture Reference:	1 Samuel 17:37
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Day 22

Scripture Text

37 Moreover, David said, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”

Devotional

The straightforward devotional thought of this verse is very clear, God has equipped you to face any trial, tribulation, or challenge through faith in Him. God does deliver you from your trails, making sure you go through them by leaning on Him. Then another slightly harder trial, or challenge is set before you; will you lean on Him again, or try to overcome it by yourself? Only through having a continuous real relationship with God do you gain the confidence like David, the ability to face down a giant that makes thousands of more experienced men tremble at the mere sight of him. David knew God, he had a relationship with Him and had been through tough times with God. David could be confident in facing this seemingly impossible challenge because God was always with him before and would continue to be with him if he continued to follow and obey. So, will you continue to deepen your relationship with God in prayer to have the confidence like David daily?

Prayer

God; my Lord, my Redeemer, my Savior, and friend. I come humbly before you right now asking You to let Your light and strength shine through me in times of difficulty. Let my confidence in facing hard times be rooted in Your strength and not my own. Remind me of the battles You have already won in my life so that I might face the next challenge boldly in Your Name and not be broken or stalled with fear. Let me stand firm on Your solid Rock against all storms and challenges through You and with You. With all my love and sincerity, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Who influences you?
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 1:1
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Day 23

Scripture Text

¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

Devotional

Many of us do not realize just how much the people around us impact us. Negative people breed negative feelings and thoughts. Angry people make you feel more anger towards other people, even yourself. Doubting people leave you feeling faithless and without hope for good things. You must see the fruit of their life and words and discern if their responses and actions are God honoring or disobedient. If you are going to be around them, challenge them to do better verses accepting their unbiblical behaviors before its too late... and you find yourself a partaker in their sin, unwisely.

Prayer

Lord God, may You always captivate my mind and heart. Help me see fruit that is not good for me and move away from the people that produce them. I ask you to change their hearts, I believe You love them too and want them to surrender their life and actions to you. Forgive me, Lord, where I have given them incorrect access to me and ignored You. Return to me, the joy of our relationship, so I can overflow with Your Mercy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	What brings you daily delight?
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 1:2
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Day 24

Scripture Text

²But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

Devotional

I never enjoyed slow music. It was boring and made me want to sleep. If a slow song came on the radio as a kid, I often found myself trying to do something else until it went off. When I met Jessica, my wife, she enjoyed slow music... and I wanted to be with her all the time. So today, I don't have an issue with songs she enjoys when we go on long trips. God's word, when we truly delight in it and in Him, will change us. Our habits, our thoughts, our preferences even, will be subject to change as we surrender our very lives to Him. He is worthy of this. So, when you come to His word, slow down, meditate, and find what is in your life that He doesn't delight and remove it, then watch blessedness follow.

Prayer

Almighty, Patient, Father God in Heaven, Your Name is Great! To think You could change a stubborn sinner into a surrendered soldier is astounding to me. Keep changing me and molding me in the person You want me to be. I want You, oh God, to be delighted in me, and I choose each day to be delighted in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Season Of Fruitfulness
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Writer:	Mee Na Stone
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Scripture Reference:	Psalm 1:3
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Day 25

Scripture Text

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Devotional

When we are studying God's word and meditating on it day and night as the author of Psalm 1 describes, we will be rooted and grounded in the truth of God's character and love for His people. We will not be shaken or caught off guard by the winds and storms because we know not only did God create us and sustains us, but He also works all things for our good. We are to be obedient to God in all areas. Out of our obedience God will produce the fruit in us because apart from Him, we can do nothing. Trust and obey God, and in His perfect time, He will produce bountiful fruit for His glory. I encourage you to pray God's word back to Him. The psalms are great scriptures to hide in your heart and to pray back to God. Meditating on God's word day and night includes studying it, internalizing it, applying it, sharing it, and even praying it. May God's word richly dwelling in our hearts and minds so that it pours out of us when speaking and interacting with others.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Word. You have given us everything we need for life and godliness in scripture. May You give us a burning desire to know Your Word so that we will be firmly planted by the waters. May we be fruitful in building Your Kingdom for Your glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Who are you close to?
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Writer:	Min Mark Shingler
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Scripture Reference:	Proverbs 22:24-25
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Day 26

Scripture Text

24 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, 25 or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

Devotional

The writer of Proverbs warns us that anger is contagious, showing us that character is often caught in community rather than built in isolation. James 1:20 reminds us that human anger never produces the righteousness God desires, yet when we surround ourselves with hot-tempered people, we inadvertently put ourselves close enough to learn their ways. The danger isn't just a bad afternoon; it is a "snare" for your very soul. We must be aware of those we are close to ensure we are not being influenced. Are the people closest to you helping you reflect the peace of Christ, or are they teaching you "ways" that lead to a downfall? Wisdom isn't just knowing the right path; it is choosing the right friends/brothers/sisters.

Prayer

Dear Lord, Please grant us the discernment to recognize when the 'ways' of others are leading us into a snare rather than toward Your righteousness. Help us to be intentional with our inner circle, choosing friends, brothers, and sisters who sharpen us and reflect the character of Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Not Everyone Will Follow The Truth
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Writer:	Duane Kyles
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Scripture Reference:	2 Peter 2:1-2
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Day 27

Scripture Text

1But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

Devotional

The truth is, we live in a culture where preachers desire fame, fortune and a following and will use fraudulent information to attempt to garner it. And with the rise of artificial intelligence, lies aren't as easy to discern as they used to be. This is why we must live like the Bereans in Acts chapter 17 verse 11. **They EXAMINED before they EMBRACED!** You see, the broad path is not the way of following Jesus. It is narrow and full of conviction and hardships. Yet the joy in embracing the truth far outweighs the pain and eternal separation that comes from embracing the lies. Today, which one will you choose?

Prayer

Lord, thank you for your word! Thank you for giving us the ability to examine the scriptures for ourselves. Lord, give us supernatural discernment in these last days. Help us to walk the straight and narrow with integrity and honor. We love You Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Called Out Lifestyle
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Writer:	Freddie Jackson
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Scripture Reference:	1 Peter 2:9
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Day 28

Scripture Text

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV) — 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Devotional

We are not just an ordinary people, we are chosen by God with purpose and direction. 1Peter 2:9 says that our identity isn't based on what we've been through or what we're going through or what other people think or say about us, God says we are valued and set apart. We have been purchased with the blood of Jesus and are deeply loved. He has called us out of darkness, confusion and sin, into a life filled with light and His presence. The Bible teaches us that He will never leave and because of that our lives should reflect His goodness, knowing that we belong to Him.

Prayer

Father God, thank You for choosing me. I thank You for Your direction and purpose that You have given me. I thank You for my identity in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Lord help me to live a life that reflects Your righteousness and holiness every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	The Cultural Christian
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	Acts 19:18-20
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Day 29

Scripture Text

¹⁸ And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. ¹⁹ Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned *them* in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and *it* totaled fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

Devotional (4–6 sentences)

Believers today have to be careful not to be so relatable that we are actually conformed. Jesus called us to be in the world but not of the world (John 17:15-16) so we are supposed to be set apart and different yet approachable and humble (James 4:6). These people were all in the world, so much they practiced and invested in abominations. God's rules have not slacked up! Even the early church had to hold the standard on what was not acceptable to God and what should be completely removed. We must ask ourselves, "What have we culturally accepted that God has clearly said was unacceptable?" God is not outdated, neither is His law. Jesus came to fulfill the law, not abolish it (Matthew 5:17). May we fulfill our role in this world while remaining unconfirmed to this world (Romans 12:1-2).

Prayer (2–4 sentences)

Jesus, my King, thank You for being the Perfect Example of Holy and Sanctified, yet Humble Savior! Please help me see You more and desire the world less. Let me have Your heart for the lost without losing sight of You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Will you believe?
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Writer:	Tiffany Vinson
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Scripture Reference:	Ezekiel 37:3
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Day 30

Scripture Text

3 And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

Devotional

The context of the scripture is that Ezekiel is in the midst of a valley of dead, unusable things - dry bones. In the midst of this reality the Lord speaks to Ezekiel and asks him a question of faith “can these bones live?” In 2026, with so much knowledge readily accessible, it is very easy to try and figure it all out; figure it out for ourselves, figure it out for our family; figure it out on our jobs. The simplicity of faith is that we don’t have to know or understand how but simply believe God can and He knows. So Ezekiel responds “O Lord God, you know.”

Prayer

O Lord God, our kind and gracious Father, help us today to relinquish the control and need to figure it all out. Give us faith to believe that You know all things and You are trustworthy. In Jesus’ Name, Amen

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	A Living Hope
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Writer:	Howard Newsome
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Scripture Reference:	1 Peter 1:3
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Day 31

Scripture Text

1 Peter 1:3 (NASB95) — 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Devotional

Praise God that we have a merciful God who loves us enough that He created a way for us to spend eternity with Him. Only God could orchestrate such a plan that we would be able to experience all the benefits of a relationship with a perfect and Holy God without the punishment of sin. This is all accomplished because of the resurrection of our Savior, because without the resurrection we would have no hope of salvation on our own.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for the hope we have in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. This faith affords us the assurance that we belong to Your family and will experience all the blessings that being a part of Your family entails. Thank You for Jesus' death sacrifice so that I don't have to die for my sins. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Will You Respond Rightly?
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Writer:	Launzetta Newsome
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Scripture Reference:	Esther 4:14
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Day 32

Scripture Text

Esther 4:14 (NASB95) — 14 “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”

Devotional

Mordecai’s declaration hit Ester’s heart with precision. She was left with a choice between two outcomes with either one leading to death. She could stay silent and die with her people or she could stand before a king whose rule of appearing without being summoned meant instant death if not shown favor. However, something in Mordecai’s words also had a flicker of hope, a promise remembered about the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob. He would not abandon His people and if deliverance was not through her, it would come from somewhere else, but it would come. Mordecai offered Esther the chance to be part of the deliverance. She responded and capitalized on that moment!

Prayer

Dear Lord, please help me rely on Your strength to walk by faith and make a decision to follow You and not give in to fear. Give me the strength to walk into hard situations and stand on Your Word. Thank You, Lord, for being a God who promised to be with me always until the end of the age. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Only God Saves
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	Titus 3:9-11
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Day 33

Scripture Text

⁹ But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. ¹⁰ Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, ¹¹ knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

Devotional

One of the hardest lessons I have ever had to learn was that I can't save anyone. I used to think if I give more effort, more time, more wisdom, more examples, more money, more sacrifice, more prayer, more sleeplessness, more fasting... you get the picture... that they would one day "get it" and be converted or at least stop their foolishness and they would begin to 'try' for themselves. That was a hard lesson learned, and a costly one. Does that mean I stopped praying for people. No. Or that I stopped caring for people who didn't care about me? No. What it meant was I needed to sow where the soil was receptive and pour where the vessel was holding. People are not saved on debating the Word, only by God's grace. People only come to themselves after God reveals them to themselves. Pray, fast, seek, trust, and believe. Waiting is not wasteful, but believing you can do what only God can is wasteful. Meditate on where God is calling you to let go and let God.

Prayer

Lord of Heaven and earth, thank You for being an Awesome God! We remain in desperate need of You. Change me where I need to be changed, mold me where I don't look like You, and help know what is for You to do and for me to let go. I surrender my fears and anxieties for those I exhaust myself for, knowing You love them more than me. Have Your way. You are the Way. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Get Right Pray Right (Hear, Obey, Pray)
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Writer:	Patrick Toland
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Scripture Reference:	Proverbs 28:9
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Day 34

Scripture Text

9 He who turns away his ear from listening to the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

Devotional

Prayer is a personal loving relationship used to communicate with the One True Living God. But sometimes in that relationship we take God's goodness for granted. We sometime overlook His great love for us while displaying abominating things towards Him. We do this by not listening to God and refusing to do what God has clearly told us in His law. But we expect His favor (grace, mercy, protection, healing, provision) in our everyday events of life. God say's No . God does not want our prayers to become a religious performance when our ear doesn't seek His voice, and we are disobedient to His law. This is an abomination to God. which means it's deeply offensive to God and must be corrected with repentance. Before you pray ask yourself these two questions: 1) Did I make time to hear God's voice today? If your answer is "No" repent and turn you ear back to God so you can hear His voice. 2) Did I ignore God in anyway today through Scripture, conscience, or wise counsel? If your answer is "Yes" repent and obey His law so your prayer is not hindered.

Prayer

Dear Lord, I thank You for another day filled with Your grace, Your mercy and Your unconditional love in spite of how I treated You. Please forgive me, Lord, for turning my ear away from Your voice and didn't follow Your law while expecting You to answer my prayers. I thank You, Lord, for showing me that my action has been an abomination to You and therefore my prayers are too. Teach me, Lord, how to hear Your voice, obey Your law so my prayers and action are pleasing to You. I pray this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	No Faith In God, No Pleasing Him
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Masolwa
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Scripture Reference:	Hebrews 11:6
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Day 35
Scripture Text

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

But without faith it is impossible to please Him (God); for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Devotional

Without faith it is impossible to please God. You cannot please God with good work or good heart. Obedience out of legalism may have moral benefits, but it cannot please God without faith. True faith believes God is Real, and that He is. God exists absolutely— that God did not come into being. He will never go out of being; He is not becoming or changing or growing. God is the Rewarder or Benefactor of those who seek and trust Him. God is so full and so completely self-sufficient that He overflows with good things. He does not need our service or anything to serve Him. He is the never-ending Spring of life , energy , joy, beauty, goodness and power.

Prayer

Lord, give me saving faith to believe in You (Psalm 51:10-12). Produce obedience in me that is energized by genuine faith in You. Help me to believe that You Lord, are absolutely real, uncreated, unchangeable and eternal. Thank You Lord because You are my rewarder, benefactor. I'm the beneficiary of all Your good and perfect gifts (James 1:17-18).

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	What are you really mad about?
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Writer:	Min Mark Shingler
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Scripture Reference:	Jonah 4:4
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Day 36

Scripture Text

4 But the Lord replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

Devotional

We are invited into a private and raw conversation between Jonah and the Lord. Jonah is expressing his frustration with the Lord choosing to relent against Ninevah. Jonah says he is angry enough to die. The Lord responds with Is it right for you to be angry? While Jonah thought it was wrong for the Lord to spare Nineveh, he failed to see that the Lord had extended that same mercy to him in his own disobedience. Grace and mercy belong solely to the Lord to give, and we must be careful not to begrudge others the same compassion we have already received. We should instead stand in awe when the King of Heaven and Earth extends His grace and mercy to us and to those we might deem unworthy.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You that You are a compassionate God. You are slow anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Soften our hearts so that we do not resent the grace You give to those we find difficult to love. Help us to remember that we are all equally in need of Your mercy, and let our lives be a reflection of Your heart. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Going For The Goal
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Writer:	Duane Kyles
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Scripture Reference:	Philippians 3:13-14
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Day 37

Scripture Text

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Devotional

When I think about this passage, it reminds me that my aim, or “my why” in all that I do should be “for the prize of the upward call of God is Christ Jesus”. For God’s glory to be on display and for His kingdom to be magnified. And truthfully, I love that. I believe having something to look forward to in correlation to our current work is absolutely essential. With that said, I thought of the “how” that Paul gave us in Philippians chapter 2:3-5 where it says, “3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus”. We can attain this prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus, **ONLY** by living like Him every single day. By fleeing from selfish ambition and embracing Godly devotion. By avoiding self-centeredness and embracing others-centeredness. Simply, by living like **JESUS, WITH JESUS, AND FOR JESUS**. So right now, I want you to ask yourself. “Why do I do what I do day in and day out?” “What is my goal?” “When will I have achieved it?”

Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your Word. Thank You for giving us desires and ambitions and goals. Right now, I ask that You help me to have heavenly ambition and not selfish ambition. Lord, help me to honor Your Kingdom over culture. Help me to put down the idols in my life that hold me back from serving You. Lord, renew my mind, my heart and my spirit. Thank You, Lord. In Jesus’ Name, Amen!

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	From Familiar Chains to a Fruitful Future
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	Exodus 14:12
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Day 38

Scripture Text

¹² *Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For *it would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.”*

Devotional

Change can be scary or exciting. Both are emotional responses created in our minds that don’t really change the outcome, but it will drastically impact how we experience the moment. Here, Israel was just freed from generations of bondage and now at the zenith of real freedom, like no one in this generation had ever seen. But, instead of celebrating what God has done and encouraged to imagine what God could do, many defaulted to fear and doubt! They chose to believe that familiar chains would be better than a fruitful future! May this not be us. Not as believers, not as individuals, not as a church,... not us! Freedom in Jesus is better than bondage in sin. Just like the Israelites wrongly thought that Pharoah’s oppression was more promising than God’s promise, the same way today, we often turn back to familiar chains expecting a different result. Choose God and His promises, today. Trust Him and obey Him with your next steps.

Prayer

Great and Mighty God, thank You that You don’t not forsake Your chosen children, even in our doubts. You give us hope in our hardships by being ever-present. Thank You for being dependable and lifegiving. We need You, not the chains of the past, but the joy of the future in You! Please, help me see that today. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	Most Powerful Protector
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Writer:	Jessica Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	2 Thessalonians 3:3
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Day 39

Scripture Text

3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard *you* from the evil one.

Devotional

In a world that often feels unpredictable, this verse anchors us in the unwavering faithfulness of God. He doesn't simply offer encouragement from a distance – He actively strengthens and protects His people. When fear or uncertainty tries to creep in, we can rest in the assurance that God's commitment to us never wavers.

His faithfulness becomes our stability, His protection our peace. Today, let this promise settle your heart and remind you that you are never walking alone.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for your faithfulness in every season of my life. When I feel uncertain or overwhelmed, remind me that You are the One who strengthens and protects me. Guard my mind from fear, my steps from distractions, and my heart from anything that pulls me away from You. Establish me in Your truth today and help me walk with confidence in Your constant presence. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

Title:	He Will Do It!
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Writer:	Pastor Stephen Splawn
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Scripture Reference:	I Thessalonians 5:23-24
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Day 40

Scripture Text

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful, who also will do *it*.

Devotional

Sanctification is only possible after salvation. If you have been converted, you will change. Being ‘unchanged’ and being ‘Spirit-filled’ don’t fit with scripture. Even in baptism, if you have been converted, you going under is an outward representation of the inward... change! Your old sinful self died and the new Spirit led self is alive to glorify God and show Jesus to the world. But... if you never change, you only got wet and truly don’t know the hope of Jesus and what He has done. Jesus is coming back. Those who fear Him are eagerly awaiting His return and working diligently to reach the lost before that day. Jesus followers are actively pursuing the bond of unity in the body of Christ so we can show this world what sanctified looks like. Be encouraged, its not too late to be changed!

Prayer

Come soon, Lord Jesus! Oh, what a day of rejoicing that will be! Great God, help me see where I need to surrender to You and convict me where I know I have not been converted to a vessel of salt and light for Your glory. I only want to please You. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Journal Questions

1. What Did I Learn Today?

2. What has the Lord said to me to do?

3. What must I pray, now?

