
THE 21 DAY KICKSTART

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO HELP YOU START YOUR
DEVOTIONAL JOURNEY

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**"THE JOURNEY
OF FAITH
BEGINS WITH A
SINGLE STEP
TOWARDS GOD.
THIS IS YOUR
FIRST STEP."**

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I'M HERE TO HELP YOU

Hi, I'm Henry, The Simple Systems Guy. I am so grateful that you have decided to invest in your spiritual growth through this resource. My goal with this book and every other resource is to help you become EVERYTHING God intended. It is my prayer that you would begin taking steps towards your God-given purpose as you engage with the Word of God through this study.

I believe you have the ability to hear the voice of God so clearly that you would live your life with a greater passion and focus. As you work through these next 21 days, I pray that God would truly reveal Himself to you.

HOW TO USE THIS EBOOK

This resource is intended to help you begin the journey of developing a more authentic relationship with God through His Word. Each day includes the reading for the day, some reflections from me and a space for you to take some notes for reflections.

I have also included a schedule planning sheet to help you take control of your mornings. For the next 21 days, I challenge you to set your devotional time as the priority for the day. Even if you're not a morning person, give a shot for 21 days and see what happens. I believe God will meet you, and you will experience His Word with more clarity than ever before.

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DAY 1

START WITH GOD

DAILY READING

GENESIS 1-3

PROVERBS 1-2

JOHN 1

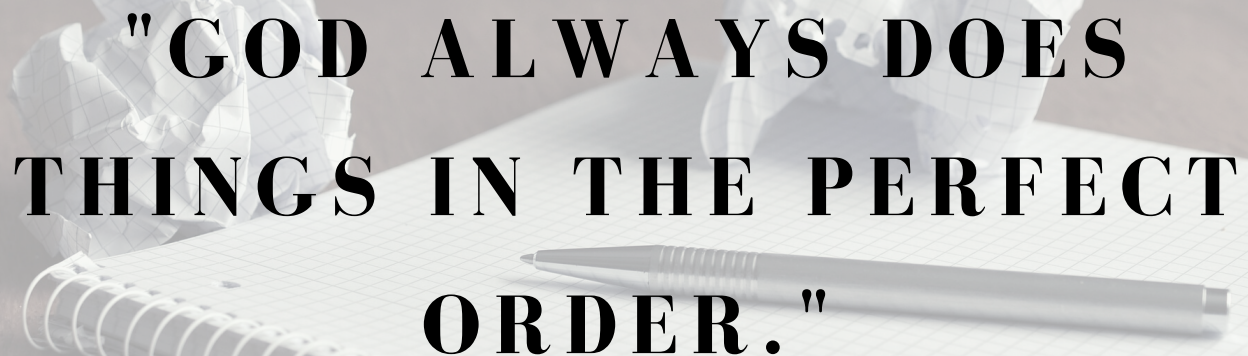
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. Proverbs 1:7

*In the beginning the Word already existed.
The Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1*

God is the beginning of everything. The book of Genesis opens by showing us God's process for creating the world as we know it. One of my favorite things about God's process is that He always created the solution first. He creates water before he creates fish. He creates plants before there are animals. Then at the pinnacle of creation, He creates everything needed before He creates humankind. God always does things in the perfect order.

When you choose to start with God, you invite Him to bring His perfect order into your life. When God is leading the way, he causes every situation and circumstance in your life to find their perfect place. Even the difficult challenges of life begin to make sense. This 21-day journey is about helping you see the kind of life you can live when God is leading the way.



**"GOD ALWAYS DOES
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Lord, thank you for the opportunity of a new beginning. I am so grateful that you have been with me and carried me to this point in my life. I also realize that there are some places where I have struggled to let you lead. I declare that today marks a new beginning for my relationship with you. Teach me to always start with you so that I can see your wisdom in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 2

TRUST
GOD

DAILY READING

GENESIS 4-6

PROVERBS 3

JOHN 2

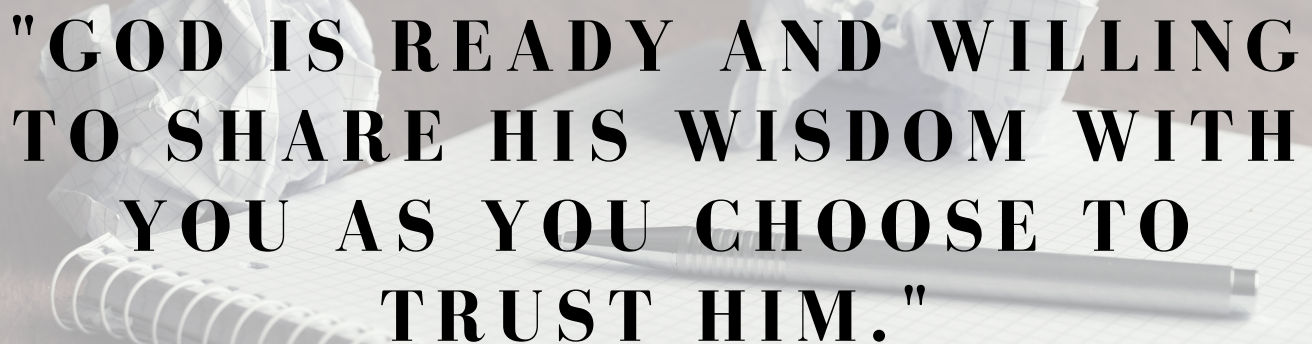
You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.” Genesis 4:7

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6

But his mother told the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” John 2:5

At the core of the Christian life is the idea of trusting God. Trusting God means putting full confidence in Him. Proverbs 3:5-6 shows us one of the benefits of trusting God: CLARITY. Because God is omniscient (all-knowing), He knows the outcome of every scenario in your life. God is ready and willing to share His wisdom with you as you choose to trust Him. To trust God, we must reject our knowledge and understanding.

Where in your life have you rejected the wisdom of God and chosen to lean on your understanding? The problem of trusting our knowledge is that we are limited by the information we have. God is not. Today, I challenge you to memorize Proverbs 3:5-6 and recite it throughout the day. Make a choice to trust God.



"GOD IS READY AND WILLING TO SHARE HIS WISDOM WITH YOU AS YOU CHOOSE TO TRUST HIM."

Father, I am asking you to help me trust you. My trust has been betrayed and broken so many times that I sometimes struggle to depend on anyone. I know that you are not like people. You love me, and you want the best for me. So today, I choose to trust you with ALL of my heart. Lead me, and I will follow. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 3

A SAFE PLACE

DAILY READING

GENESIS 7-9

PROVERBS 4-5

JOHN 3

Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth. He went on board the boat to escape the flood—he and his wife and his sons and their wives. Genesis 7:6-7

Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Proverbs 4:25

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

In the storms of life, God always provides a safe place. Genesis 7 gives us the account of Noah and the flood. As God prepared the Earth for a flood, He created a safe place for his righteous servant and his family. This ark kept the family safe from the 40-day storm.

We see the same principle in arguably the most prominent scripture in all of the Bible, John 3:16. God promises that those who put their trust in Him through His Son Jesus will find a safe place. Jesus is God's solution to help us get from here to Him. Noah's Ark in the Old Testament is a picture of salvation in the New Testament. Through Jesus, we are offered the assurance that we have a safe place from the present and future storms of life. Our only qualification is that we believe that Jesus is God's son and our salvation.



**"IN THE MIDST OF THE
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ALWAYS PROVIDES A
SAFE PLACE"**

Lord, I believe Jesus is the answer. I confess with my mouth, and I believe in my heart that Jesus died and rose again. I place my faith in Him, and I know that I am safe. Thank you for the gift of new life. Help me today to see my life with a new vision as I continue on this beautiful journey with you.

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DAY 4

CHOOSE
GOD'S
PATH

DAILY READING

GENESIS 10-12

PROVERBS 6

JOHN 4

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:1-3

My son, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's instruction. Keep their words always in your heart. Tie them around your neck. When you walk, their counsel will lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up, they will advise you. Proverbs 4:20-22

He had to go through Samaria on the way. John 4:4

God has crafted a custom-made path for your life. John 4 gives us the account of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. She was a woman whose life was filled with issues. She has been married five times and was an outcast in her community. She goes to the well at a time when she expects no one else to be there. Yet, when she arrives, she meets Jesus. What's more surprising is that verse 4 says Jesus "had" to go through that way.

Like Abraham, Jesus was following the path that the Father set for Him, and you must do the same. Obedience to God's Word sets us on God's path for us. His way is best because He knows who you are and what He created you to do.



**"GOD HAS CRAFTED A
CUSTOM-MADE PATH FOR
YOUR LIFE."**

Lord, I am so grateful that you took the time to build a plan for my life. I believe that your plan for me is filled with love, joy, and purpose. I am asking that you would show me your plan. Show me the places where I have ignored your plan and chosen my own so that I can make a correction and move in the right direction. I commit myself to pursue Your will and not my own. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 5

TAKE ACTION

DAILY READING

GENESIS 13-16

PROVERBS 7-8

JOHN 5

When Abram heard that his nephew Lot had been captured, he mobilized the 318 trained men who had been born into his household. Then he pursued Kedorlaomer's army until he caught up with them at Dan. Genesis 14:14

*My words are plain to anyone with understanding, clear to those with knowledge.
Proverbs 8:9*

When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" John 5:6

If you want to see real change in your life, you must take action. In John 5, Jesus has an encounter with a man who had sick for 38 years. Imagine that! Thirty-eight years of having to be carried by others. When the man meets Jesus, He asks a weird question. "Would you like to get well?" Huh? of course He does, right? Even more, Jesus asks the man to prove that he wanted to be better. TRY! Jesus knew something important. Real change requires action! The man had been sick so long that he stopped trying to get better. He accepted that his life would only change if someone else came along to do it for him.

Where in your life do you need to take action? Like the man at the pool, you may have accepted that some parts of your life will never change. You can change that story if you would get the courage to try again.



God, forgive me for the places in my life where I have settled for less than you intended. Show me today how to take the right actions. I want to be EVERYTHING you intended me to be. Help me to overcome fear and procrastination so that I can see your best for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 6

IT'S
NEVER
TOO
LATE

DAILY READING

GENESIS 17-18

PROVERBS 9-10

JOHN 6

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. Genesis 17:1

The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22

After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. John 6:12-13

It's never too late for God to show up. Abram (Abraham) had a promise from God that he would be the father of many nations. He received that promise when he was seventy-five years old, yet at ninety-nine, he still did not have the promised child. Not only that, but Abram's wife was also almost one hundred years old. At the point when many would give up, God showed up.

What have you given up on in your life? Have you given up on God's ability to fulfill His purpose for your life? Even when it seems as though your time has passed, it's never too late for God to show up and show out. We may live in *chronos* (chronological time), but we live by *kairos* (the timing of God). Trust God's timing and live a life that matches your faith.



**" WE MAY LIVE IN
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KAIROS. "**

Lord, forgive me for doubting your timing! You are the God of the universe, and I know nothing is beyond Your control. Sometimes I get so caught up in what I can see that I forget to remember what you said. Help me to rest in your timing. I am asking that you show me how to maximize this season of my life for your glory. I want to let go of the past and the thoughts of what I missed so that I enjoy the time I have now. I WILL NOT WASTE THIS SEASON OF MY LIFE! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 7

PLEASE
GOD

DAILY READING

GENESIS 19-20

PROVERBS 11

JOHN 7

Abraham replied, "I thought, 'This is a godless place. They will want my wife and will kill me to get her.'" Genesis 20:11

Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom. Proverbs 11:2

But after his brothers left for the festival, Jesus also went, though secretly, staying out of public view John 7:10

We all face moments when we must choose between pleasing God and impressing people. So much of our culture is driven by recognition, that we can sometimes focus too much on the approval and applause of people. In reality, we should live our lives to please God, not man. Jesus avoided this mistake. Instead of feeding into the prompts of His friends and family, He chose to live in a way that drew attention to God, not Himself.

In a fast-paced society, it's easy to feel invisible. You can do great work that people don't seem to notice. You can make sacrifices for your family that they don't seem to recognize. This can sometimes leave you grasping to be seen. Here is the good news. God sees your sacrifice, and He is pleased when you obey His word and live the life He intended for you. Let that be enough. When pleasing God is enough for you, you will have the ability to be yourself without expecting something in return.

"WHEN PLEASING GOD IS ENOUGH FOR YOU, YOU WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO BE YOURSELF WITHOUT EXPECTING SOMETHING IN RETURN."

God, I am ready to be free from people-pleasing. So much of my mind is consumed with how others will see me, respond to me, and receive me. I want to know and believe that pleasing you is the ultimate goal of my life. You are the only one with the authority to say "well done." Help me be a person of integrity so that I can be a true reflection of You in every situation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 8

STAY THE COURSE

DAILY READING

GENESIS 21-23

PROVERBS 12

JOHN 8

The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back." Genesis 22:3-5

Wickedness never brings stability, but the godly have deep roots. Proverbs 12:3

Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

True faith must have the ability to stand in the face of opposition. This means that it must remain intact and not fall apart under challenging situations. Abraham is the perfect example. When his faith is tested, and he is asked to sacrifice his only son, he responds amazingly. Many people focus on his willingness to obey God. Still, I think there is another significant moment in Abraham and Isaac's story. When preparing to go up the mountain in verse 5, Abraham tells the servants that he and Isaac will be right back! That's faith. Abraham didn't know how God would do it, but he believed he would, so he stayed the course. This is the kind of faith we must have. When challenges come up, be determined to stay the course, and not abandon your hope because God can be trusted.



"TRUE FAITH MUST HAVE THE ABILITY TO STAND IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION."

Lord, I want to be a person of faith, and I want my life to be pleasing to you. I can point to so many moments in the past when my faith crumbled under pressure. I pray that my faith will mature beyond that. As I continue to read your Word, let it become a part of me. I will be someone you can trust with hard things. Help me to stand against every test and attack the enemy throws my way. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 9

NOW!

DAILY READING

GENESIS 24-25

PROVERBS 13-14

JOHN 9

“O Lord, God of my master, Abraham,” he prayed. “Please give me success today, and show unfailing love to my master, Abraham. Genesis 24:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life. Proverbs 13:12

We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.” John 9:4-5

Time is a limited resource. We only get 24 hours in a day, seven days in a week, and 52 weeks in a year. Time is fixed, but we don't know how much of it we have. Because of this, there is not time like the present for us to accomplish the dreams and visions God has placed in our hearts. Proverbs 13:12 shows us the two choices that stand before us as it relates to our time on Earth. We can either be stuck with a condition known as "heartsick" or we can experience the tree of life.

Jesus said it another way. He admonished His followers to work while it was day. Jesus knew that we would all eventually run out of time. That makes it even more critical for us to maximize THIS moment and become everything God intended for His glory. Now is the perfect time to get moving and begin sharing the light of Christ through a life well-lived.

"WE CAN EITHER BE STUCK WITH A CONDITION KNOWN AS "HEART SICK" OR WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE TREE OF LIFE."

God, I need you to heal the broken parts of my heart so that I can serve you with my whole self. I admit that there are some places in my life where I am stuck. I need you to show me what to do next. I want to be a real believer. Help me to put action to my faith so that lives would be changed because Your light is shining through me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 10

**PROVE
IT!**

DAILY READING

GENESIS 26
PROVERBS 15
JOHN 10

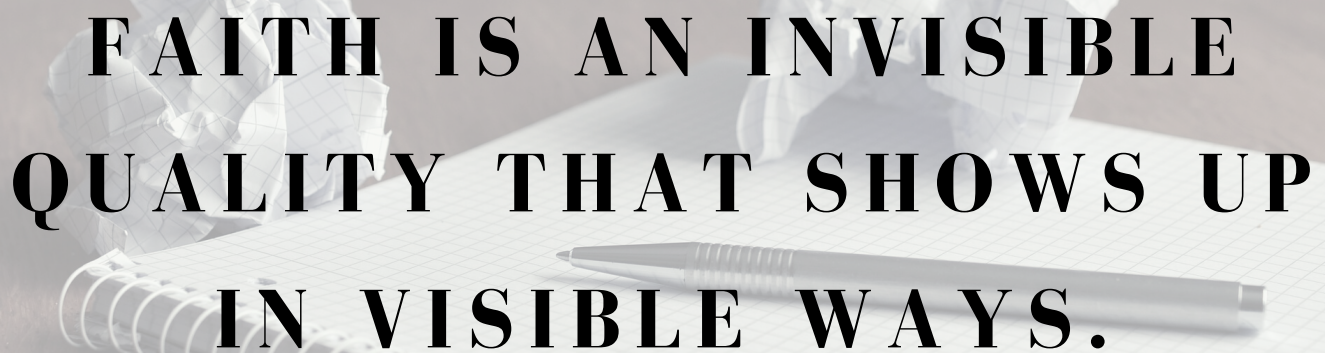
Abandoning that one, Isaac moved on and dug another well. This time there was no dispute over it, so Isaac named the place Rehoboth (which means “open space”), for he said, “At last the Lord has created enough space for us to prosper in this land.” Genesis 26:22

The heart of the godly thinks carefully before speaking; the mouth of the wicked overflows with evil words. Proverbs 15:28

Don't believe me unless I carry out my Father's work. But if I do his work, believe in the evidence of the miraculous works I have done, even if you don't believe me. Then you will know and understand that the Father is in me, and I am in the Father.” John 10:37-38

What we believe is often best seen in how we live. Isaac believed God was for him. So petty disputes could not deter him from continuing the legacy of his father. Jesus said that the proof of who He was would be seen in what He does. His life would speak for Him even more than His words. Faith is an invisible quality that shows up in visible ways.

There will be moments in your life when you must prove what you believe, not by your words, but by your presence. Think of it this way, can the people around you look at how you live and know that you are a believer? Our lives preach louder sermons than our words ever will. Live a life that draws people to see God in you.



**FAITH IS AN INVISIBLE
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God, my life is Yours. I pray that I would have the ability to push through the challenges of the day so that I can be an example for those you have placed around me. I make my life available to be a sermon for others to hear so they can discover Your goodness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 11

TRUST GOD'S VIEW

DAILY READING

GENESIS 27-29

PROVERBS 16

JOHN 11

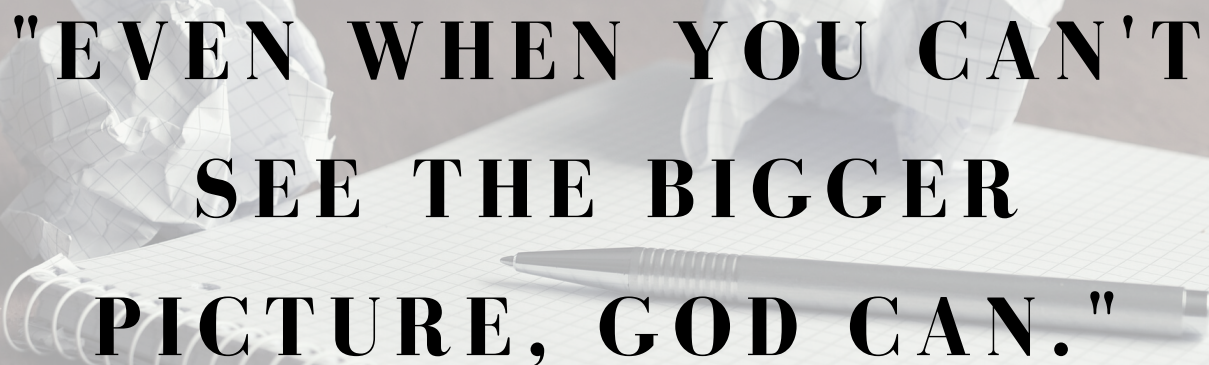
What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you." Genesis 28:15

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps. Proverbs 16:9

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." John 11:21-22

The gospel of John is different from the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) as it provides a unique view of Jesus. John sets out to show us that Jesus is God in the flesh. This is why he spends much of his book showing us the miracles of Jesus. In ancient times, the image of an eagle was often used to signify John's gospel. It spoke to the idea that because Jesus was God, He had a view of our lives that was different from what we could get being on Earth. In essence, Jesus could see our perspective and God's perspective.

You must remember to trust that God can see what we cannot see. Too often, our vision is limited to the minimal range of our human perspective. It doesn't have to be that way. Even when you can't see the bigger picture, God can. Trust His view so that you can live according to the truth, not your reality.



**"EVEN WHEN YOU CAN'T
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God, I trust you. I believe in your ability to care for me and to guide me along the right path for my life. As I spend more and more time in your Word, teach me to see things the way you do. It is exhausting living my life based on what I can see. I am so easily discouraged, distracted, and frustrated by the things that seem to block my path. Teach me discernment that I may see my life from Your point of view. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 12

A SURRENDERED LIFE

DAILY READING

GENESIS 30
PROVERBS 17-18
JOHN 12

As a result, Jacob became very wealthy, with large flocks of sheep and goats, female and male servants, and many camels and donkeys. Genesis 30:43

Giving a gift can open doors; it gives access to important people! Proverbs 18:16

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity. Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me. John 12:24-26

One of your foundational responsibilities of a believer is to surrender your life to Christ. To surrender your life means to give Christ full control and to trust that His plan for your life is better than your own. This is a principle that Jesus lived to the fullest. He surrendered His life so that we could find life. Jesus did this because He realized that His life was the seed that would produce a harvest of greater blessing in the future.

What you see in your life right now is not the end. Like Jesus, we must give the lives we have so that we can receive the life that God has for us. As you surrender your past, your pain, your struggles, your hurt, and everything else that marks your life to Jesus, you position yourself to experience God's best.



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Lord, my life belongs to you. I believe in my heart that you have called me to a specific ministry. At this moment, I surrender to you, and I offer you my life as a seed. Use my life to bring a harvest of souls into Your kingdom. Help me to fight my selfish tendencies so that I can be more selfless. When people see me, I pray that they would see you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 13

LET GOD
BE GOD

DAILY READING

GENESIS 31-32
PROVERBS 19-20
JOHN 13

He said to them, "I have noticed that your father's attitude toward me has changed. But the God of my father has been with me. You know how hard I have worked for your father, but he has cheated me, changing my wages ten times. But God has not allowed him to do me any harm. Genesis 31:5-7

*People ruin their lives by their own foolishness and then are angry at the Lord.
Proverbs 19:3*

"No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me." John 13:8

Even when you live a godly life, you will face various challenges. After working for his father-in-law for fourteen years, Jacob was ready to branch out on his own. However, his father-in-law was not prepared for him to go, and Jacob could sense that things were moving in the wrong direction. Instead of taking matters in his own hands, Jacob reminded himself that God had looked out for him in the past and would do it again in the future.

As a believer, you will not have the luxury of only living in comfortable situations. There will be seasons where God challenges you to grow in your faith despite your surroundings. In those moments, set your focus on Christ and ask God to show you what He would have you learn from where you are. Trust God enough to let Him be God.

**"THERE WILL BE SEASONS
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Lord, help me to trust you enough to be patient. Sometimes I want to move faster that you want me to. It is so hard for me to be silent in situations where I want to speak up. It's hard for me to wait for you when I'm ready to go. But today, your word has shown me that you will work things out in Your perfect way and in Your perfect time. I commit to doing my best while I wait for you to do Your best. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 14

**HE WILL
DO IT!**

DAILY READING

GENESIS 33-35

PROVERBS 21

JOHN 14

And I will give you the land I once gave to Abraham and Isaac. Yes, I will give it to you and your descendants after you.” Genesis 35:12

Whoever pursues righteousness and unfailing love will find life, righteousness, and honor. Proverbs 21:21

Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! John 14:14

God can do for you what you could never do for yourself. That's one of the benefits of obedience. As we align ourselves with the Word of God, He is prepared to fulfill His promises to us. As Jacob overcame his family challenges to pursue God's will for him, God affirmed His commitment that HE would give Jacob the land He had previously promised.

One of the reasons that prayer is so vital in the life of the believer, is because it aligns our hearts with the will of God. Prayer is not an attempt to move God. It's an attempt to move us. Jesus has promised that HE would accomplish anything we ask. This means that when our prayers are in alignment with the will of God, Jesus steps in to make it happen. I challenge you to live as though you believe God will accomplish His will in your life.



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DAY 15

LIVE INSIDE OUT

DAILY READING

GENESIS 36-37

PROVERBS 22

JOHN 15

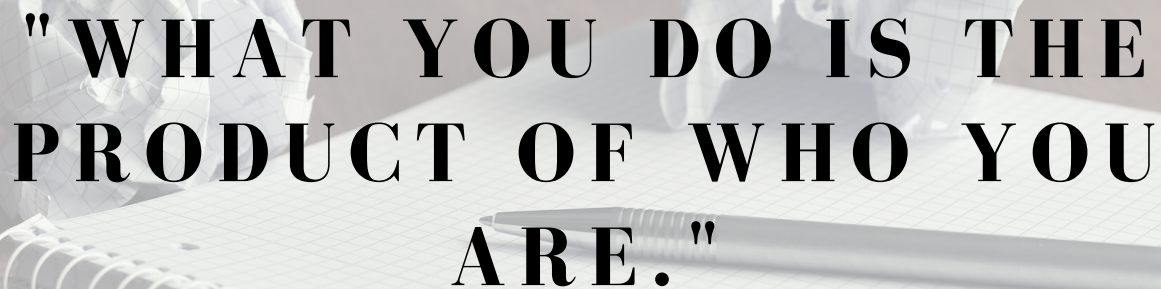
One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. Genesis 37:5

Choose a good reputation over great riches; being held in high esteem is better than silver or gold. Proverbs 22:1

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. John 15:8

Everything you do is born out of something you believe. So it is our task to allow Christ to guide what we think so that He can grow who we are. Jesus shared that internal change was a big part of our growth as disciples. The reality is that our inner spiritual growth should show itself as external change, or fruit. When we produce fruit, we are allowing the world to see the impact of Christ on our lives.

What you do is the product of who you are. Instead of focusing your attention on DOING something for Christ, focus on BEING in an authentic relationship with Christ. As you BECOME a true disciple of Jesus, you will begin to see that external change is the result of internal change. Take a moment to reflect on the positive changes that are taking place in your life as a result of Christ's work in you.



**"WHAT YOU DO IS THE
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Lord, help me become a true disciple. I want to love what you love and hate what you hate. I know that your desire is for me to maximize the life that you have given me. Work IN me so that I can work WITH you. Remove jealousy and anger from my heart, so that you can use me to encourage and uplift others on their journey with you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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DAY 16

DO THE
RIGHT
THING

DAILY READING

GENESIS 38-40

PROVERBS 23-24

JOHN 16

But Joseph refused. "Look," he told her, "my master trusts me with everything in his entire household. No one here has more authority than I do. He has held back nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How could I do such a wicked thing? It would be a great sin against God." Genesis 39:8-9

The godly may trip seven times, but they will get up again. But one disaster is enough to overthrow the wicked. Proverbs 24:16

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. John 16:8

God wants you to win. He desires to see you succeed by avoiding the pitfalls that would trip you up. God is so invested in your victory that He has given you His Holy Spirit. One of the roles of the Holy Spirit in your life is to remind you when you have stepped outside of God's will. He is often a gentle voice that comes as a warning to alert you to abort any course of action that goes against the will of God. The Holy Spirit does not come to beat you up or condemn you; He comes to guide you towards God's best for your life.

As you live, you can be guided by your circumstances, or the Holy Spirit can guide you. The dangerous thing about being guided by circumstances is that the enemy is willing to pay whatever price necessary to see you fall.

Determine in your heart to allow the Holy Spirit to lead you.

"GOD IS SO INVESTED IN YOUR VICTORY THAT HE HAS GIVEN YOU HIS HOLY SPIRIT."

Father, let the voice of the Holy Spirit grow louder in my life. I want to hear Him so that I may receive His guidance. Help me to recognize His voice above the noise in my life. There are so many voices and opinions around me, but I know that only you have the truth that will change my life. I choose to be guided by You, and I know you will never lead me in the wrong direction. Help me to do what is right in Your eyes. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE 21 DAY KICKSTART

DAY 17

**LET THEM
SEE
JESUS**

DAILY READING

GENESIS 41
PROVERBS 25
JOHN 17

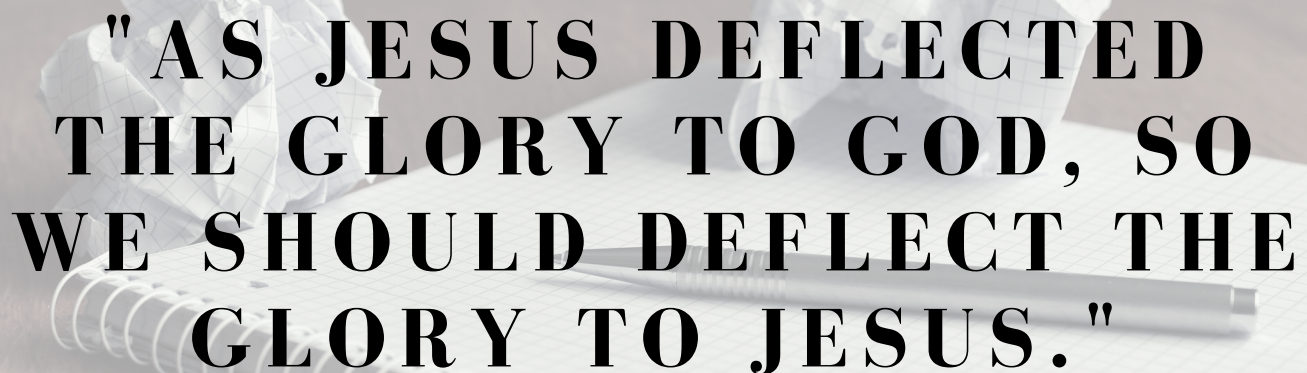
“It is beyond my power to do this,” Joseph replied. “But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease.” Genesis 41:16

If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink. You will heap burning coals of shame on their heads, and the Lord will reward you. Proverbs 25:21-22

I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.” John 17:26

The first purpose of your life is to bring glory to God. While you have a specific purpose and calling that God has given you, it still points back to your first purpose. When given the opportunity to step into the spotlight, Joseph points to Pharaoh to God. He deflects the glory so that God would be worshipped, not him. Likewise, Jesus deflects the glory and gives it to the Father.

As Jesus deflected the glory to God, so we should deflect the glory to Jesus. While God ultimately gets the glory, we know that Jesus is the connector between Heaven and Earth. For people to get to God, they must go through Jesus. As God continues to open opportunities for you to walk in purpose, make sure that everyone who sees you, sees Jesus.



**"AS JESUS DEFLECTED
THE GLORY TO GOD, SO
WE SHOULD DEFLECT THE
GLORY TO JESUS."**

God, thank you for the opportunities that you are bringing about in my life. It is exciting to believe that you are using my experience to help others come into a relationship with you. I pray that my life would be a sermon that helps others know the peace and joy of being with Jesus Christ. Help me to deflect the glory so that Christ receives the glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE 21 DAY KICKSTART

DAY 18

DOWN BUT
NOT OUT

DAILY READING

GENESIS 42-43

PROVERBS 26-27

JOHN 18

Since Joseph was governor of all Egypt and in charge of selling grain to all the people, it was to him that his brothers came. When they arrived, they bowed before him with their faces to the ground. Genesis 42:6

A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. Proverbs 27:12

But one of the household slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Didn't I see you out there in the olive grove with Jesus?" Again Peter denied it. And immediately a rooster crowed. John 18:26-27

Failure is never the end of your journey. God can turn the lowest moments of your life into the most excellent show of His glory and power. Peter is an excellent example of a life redeemed. After being one of the most outspoken disciples, his faith is challenged, and he denies even knowing Christ. Imagine the embarrassment of deserting your savior when He needed you most. However, Peter would learn a valuable lesson. Your most significant message is often born of your most significant mess.

You will fall. It's a consequence of the human experience. Wisdom calls you to prepare for that day by setting your mind to get up. Falling is okay; staying down is not. Get back up, get back on track, and get moving in the right direction.



"YOUR GREATEST MESSAGE IS OFTEN BORN OF YOUR GREATEST MESS."

Father, forgive me for the times when I denied you with my words and with my actions. I deeply regret the moments when I did not let your light shine through me. Help me to control my emotions and my thoughts better so that I can live for you. In the moments when I fall, I know you are there to pick me up and put me back on track. Show me how to take my messes and turn them into messages for Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE 21 DAY KICKSTART

DAY 19

IT'S A
FIXED
FIGHT

DAILY READING

GENESIS 44-45

PROVERBS 28

JOHN 19

But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt. Genesis 45:5-8

The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are as bold as lions Proverbs 28:1

When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. John 19:30

You already have the victory. When Jesus gave His life on the cross, He secured eternal triumph for those who choose to put their faith in Him. Because of His sacrifice, you are not fighting FOR victory; you are fighting FROM victory. Jesus' declaration that "It is finished" has sealed the redemption of every believer.

As you continue to pursue God's best for you, be reminded that you already have the victory. Fight the urge to measure your life based on the world's standards. Money, status, popularity, and other symbols of success are temporary. Your victory is eternal!



"YOU ARE NOT FIGHTING FOR VICTORY, YOU ARE FIGHTING FROM VICTORY."

God, thank you for giving me the victory through Jesus Christ! I thank you that I am victorious and that with this victory comes the gift of freedom. I am free to be who you called me to be. I do not live according to the pressures of this world because I am enough in your eyes. Thank you for loving me enough to draw me closer to you. I receive Your gift of grace, and I will live a life of freedom in You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE 21 DAY KICKSTART

DAY 20

LIFE ON MISSION

DAILY READING

GENESIS 46-48
PROVERBS 29-30
JOHN 20

“I am God, the God of your father,” the voice said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for there I will make your family into a great nation Genesis 46:3

When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan. Proverbs 29:2

Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” John 20:21

You are never alone. When God sends His people on a mission, He always goes with them. He has promised that He will be with us to guide us along the journey. In a moment of indecision, God assures Jacob that He has been orchestrating this plan all along and that He would be with him in the next season of his life.

Change can be scary. When we walk into the unknown, there is often a sense of fear. With God, you can live without fear because He is the ultimate tour guide. God is not a travel agent that books your trip. He is a tour guide who goes with you to brave whatever challenges may come. Remind yourself that God is with you for every part of the journey into your new season. As seasons change, God's provision and protection will evolve to meet your every need. Rest in His promise to be with you and bless you.

"GOD IS NOT A TRAVEL AGENT THAT BOOKS YOUR TRIP. HE IS A TOUR GUIDE WHO GOES WITH YOU TO BRAVE WHATEVER CHALLENGES MAY COME."

Lord, today I ask for courage. As you send into Your mission, I ask that you would give me the inner strength I need to do what You created me to do. Help me to overcome the insecurities that I sometimes feel. Sometimes it feels as though I am so far behind where I should be. But I am grateful to be living on this faith journey with You. Show me the people You created me to serve so that I may love them the way you love me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE 21 DAY KICKSTART

DAY 21

FOR
YOUR
GOOD

DAILY READING

GENESIS 49-50

PROVERBS 31

JOHN 21

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. Genesis 50:20

Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Proverbs 31:30

Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it. John 21:6

You are God's prized possession. When He looks at you, He sees someone precious to Him. That is why He has taken great care to protect you and guide you. Even during the challenging seasons of your life, God preserved you for this time. Like Joseph, people may have meant you harm, but God is using it for your good.

Trials have an essential place in your life. They develop your character and allow you to experience the God that you will eventually share with others. A part of your development includes allowing God to transition your gifting from secular use to kingdom use. It is a beautiful thing as He teaches you to see how He will use your past to lead others to Him through Christ. Take a moment to reflect on your journey and think about how others could be blessed by hearing your story.



**"YOU ARE GOD'S PRIZED
POSSESSION."**

Lord, thank you for bringing me through this 21-day journey. Through Your word, I have learned so much about You and myself. I pray that I have created a new normal for my life. Help me to continue to give you priority in my life so that I can serve You and Your people to the best of my ability. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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