



"The Higher Way Church"  
JONES MEMORIAL

# PRAYER & FASTING GUIDE

Ash Wednesday, February 18 - Resurrection Sunday, April 5

SEEK.  
GROW.  
SURRENDER.

# A CALL TO FAST

Church family, I am grateful for the opportunity to enter this sacred Lenten season together. Beginning Wednesday, February 18, 2026, we invite each member of our congregation to join in a churchwide time of prayer and fasting, setting aside intentional space in our lives to seek God's presence, direction, and renewal.

Fasting is not simply about what we give up; it is about what we make room for in our journey toward discipleship. When we prayerfully set aside certain routines, comforts, or distractions, we create sacred space to listen more closely for God's voice, to deepen our devotion, and to strengthen our spiritual discipline. During this season, we encourage everyone to approach it thoughtfully and prayerfully, choosing a fasting commitment that is meaningful, spiritually challenging, and sustainable for your personal walk with Christ.

Friends, throughout our journey during these next 40 days, we will move together as a church family, lifting our community in prayer, seeking God's wisdom for our lives, interceding for healing and restoration for others, and asking the Lord to renew our hearts and vision for the work He has called us to do. Whether this is your first time participating in a fast or a practice you already know, know that we walk this path together, supporting one another in faith and expectation.

Our prayer is that this season will become a sacred shift for many of us, a time when God strengthens our faith, clarifies our purpose, and reminds us that when His people humble themselves, pray, and seek Him wholeheartedly, He always responds with grace and power.



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# Prayer & Fasting Tips



## \*FASTING SCHEDULE

### EXCLUDING SUNDAYS

WEEK 1: FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 21

WEEK 2: FEBRUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 28

WEEK 3: MARCH 02 - MARCH 07

WEEK 4: MARCH 09 - MARCH 14

WEEK 5: MARCH 16 - MARCH 21

WEEK 6: MARCH 23 - MARCH 28

WEEK 7: MARCH 30 - APRIL 04

**JOIN US EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, 2026**

- Plan and prepare **before** the fast.
- Prayerfully choose a commitment level that is best for you.
- Pray for strength and focus before you start.
- Establish a regular quiet time and location to pray.
- Increase your prayer time.
- As you abstain from food, prayerfully consider what you will “fast from.”
- When you feel weak, pray to the Lord for strength and perseverance.
- Trust and allow the help of the Holy Spirit to guide you.
- Connect or form an accountability group.
- Do not get discouraged.

***\*Consult your physician about fasting if you have medical conditions.***



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# OUR FASTING FOCUS

This year, we are going deeper in our spiritual journey by engaging in a 40-Day Progressive Fast, prayerfully designed to guide us step by step into greater spiritual discipline, deeper prayer, and a renewed dependence on God.

During this Lenten season, our three areas of focus will be **Food, Financial, & Focus**, inviting us to honor God not only through what we consume, but also through how we steward our resources and direct our attention and priorities.

Each week, you are encouraged to build upon the previous week's commitments, moving at a pace that is both spiritually meaningful and physically responsible. This guide includes recommendations to help you through your journey.

As you participate, you are invited to choose your level of commitment, allowing this journey to meet you where you are spiritually: **SEEK, GROW & SURRENDER.**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If you are unable to increase intensity each week, please maintain a safe, responsible, and appropriate fasting level that supports your health and spiritual growth.

*Please consult your medical provider before beginning a food fast, as certain health conditions may limit your ability to participate.*





# FASTING FOCUS: FOOD

To align our journey with the final movement of the fast, **the last 21 days (excluding Sundays) will be observed as the Daniel Fast**, allowing us to finish the Lenten Season with unified discipline and spiritual focus.

As you journey through this fast, we encourage you to engage fully with the daily devotions provided on the following pages.

Allow each day's Scripture reading, reflection, and prayer to guide your heart, strengthen your discipline, and deepen your time with God throughout these 40 days.

Visit <https://ultimatedanielfast.com/> for resources for meal prep ideas, recipes, lists of food items, and other helpful information to help you stay consistent during the fast. Share ideas and tips with members.

## Week 1

Eliminate caffeine, added sugar (including substitutes), and alcohol.

## Week 2

Continue Week 1 commitments and eliminate dairy, red meat, and fried foods.

## Week 3

Maintain Weeks 1–2 commitments and reduce processed foods, focusing on simple, whole-food meals.

## Week 4

Transition toward plant-based eating by limiting meats and refined foods while increasing fruits, vegetables, grains, and legumes.

## Weeks 5-7 (Final 21 Days)

Begin a Daniel Fast from 7am-7pm. (whole grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, beans, legumes, water, and natural fruit/vegetable juices).



# FASTING FOCUS: FINANCE

Throughout this 40-day journey, you are encouraged to practice intentional financial stewardship by progressively strengthening healthy financial habits each week.

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## Week 1

Avoid food delivery purchases. Review or obtain your current credit score and credit report.

## Week 2

Avoid eating out and limit credit card use. Begin creating a realistic monthly budget and track your spending.

## Week 3

Pause non-essential shopping (online and in person), purchasing only necessities such as groceries, medications, and essential household items.

## Week 4

Take a step toward tithing, or commit to faithful tithing (if you are not already doing so) and develop a prayerful, practical plan to reduce and eliminate unnecessary debt while continuing the disciplines from the previous weeks.

## Weeks 5-7

Prayerfully begin preparing for the future by gathering information about wills, trusts, beneficiary designations, and legacy giving.

Consider meeting with a trusted financial or legal professional to ensure your plans reflect your values, protect your family, and steward the resources God has entrusted to you for future generations.



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## FASTING FOCUS: FOCUS

During this 40-day journey, participants are encouraged to intentionally reduce distractions so that greater attention can be given to prayer, reflection, and hearing God's voice.

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### Week 1

Limit gaming and social media use to two hours or less per day, focusing on reducing entertainment-related scrolling.

### Week 2

Fast from gaming and entertainment focused social media. Use the reclaimed time for prayer, Scripture reading, and reflection.

### Week 3

Eliminate digital entertainment and limit non-essential communication to two hours or less per day, practicing greater intentionality with your time.

### Week 4-6

Significantly reduce nonessential texting, phone calls, and digital distractions. Create daily quiet spaces devoted to prayer, listening, and spiritual reflection.

### Weeks 5-7

Practice an extended period of intentional quietness by minimizing nonessential communication and distractions as much as possible, dedicating focused time to silence, prayer, and listening for God's guidance. to you for future generations.

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Because social media is often a source of news and information, participants are encouraged to greatly reduce entertainment-related scrolling, posting, and commenting, while maintaining only essential communication.

## FOOD

### Consider fasting from one or more of the following:

- Caffeine
- Sugar & Sugar Substitutes
- Alcohol
- Dairy
- Red Meat
- Fish
- Chicken
- Pork
- Fried Foods
- Processed Foods
- White Bread
- All Bread
- Potatoes
- Pasta
- White Rice

## FINANCE

### Consider committing to the following:

- No Eating Out
- No Food Deliveries
- No Credit Card Purchases
- No Online Shopping
- No In-Person Shopping
- Review or Obtain Your Credit Score & Credit Report
- Create a Budget
- Commit to Tithing
- Develop a Plan to Eliminate Unnecessary Debt

## FOCUS

### Consider fasting from the following distractions:

- Gaming
- Social Media
- Digital Entertainment (Streaming)
- Excess Technology Use
- Non-Essential Texting
- Non-Essential Communication



## SEEK: DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD

This commitment level is for those who are new to fasting or who are beginning to establish consistent spiritual rhythms.

**Participants commit 3 days each week to:**

- 15 minutes of personal Bible reading/study
- 15 minutes of journaling or reflection
- Join or listen to the Church Prayer & Devotion Call
- Participate in at least one Bible Study during the fast

## GROW: STRENGTHENING SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

This commitment level is for those who are ready to deepen their daily walk and build stronger spiritual disciplines and habits.

**Participants commit 5 days each week to:**

- 20 minutes of daily prayer
- 20 minutes of Bible reading/study
- 20 minutes of journaling or reflection
- Join or listen to the Church Prayer & Devotion Call
- Participate in Bible Study weekly
- Attend at least one Sunday School class

## SURRENDER: FULLY YIELDING TO GOD

This commitment level is for those sensing a call to deeper consecration and spiritual focus during this Lenten fast.

**Participants commit 7 days each week to:**

- 30 minutes of daily prayer
- 30 minutes of Bible reading/study
- 30 minutes of journaling or reflection
- Join or listen to the Church Prayer & Devotion Call
- Attend a weekly Sunday School Class
- Participate in Bible Study weekly
- Commit to serving in ministry regular

# Following Jesus

## THREE THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU START

- **Direction not perfection:** Anyone can start, no matter who you are or what you have done or haven't done; anyone can start the journey. It's a journey by grace and of grace.
- **What matters is your next step:** No matter if you are beginning, halfway through the journey or pulled off at the side of the path. **Take the next step.**
- **Learn to walk at a Jesus pace:** This journey has some uncertainty, some ups and downs. What matters is that you learn to stay connected to Jesus and walk and talk with Him.

## OUR JOURNEY

Over the next 40 days you are invited to **follow Jesus** by choosing to meditate on His words and commands. Enjoying prayer and experiencing scripture are two habits for a thriving life. Habits take focus to form, so prioritize this as a daily practice. Consistency is key, and this can be done in a few focused moments each day. You may even want to do this journey with a friend or family member.

## EACH DAY

### PREPARE:

Invite the Holy Spirit to help you and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

### READ:

Read and Meditate on the words of Jesus in the key verse. Some additional information and scripture is included to help you.

### ASK GOD:

- What do you want to say to me about this verse?
- What are you asking me to say "yes" to?"
- Who can I tell about this?

# Following Jesus

## DAY 1

### Getting Started on “The Way of Jesus”

#### *“Follow Me.”*

At the beginning of His ministry, Jesus invited a few unlikely and unqualified people to change the course of their ordinary lives and embrace a new way of living. Whether you realize it or not, it is an undeniable fact that these people have altered the course of human history.

Following Jesus is a simple invitation and a lifelong pursuit, and it is something that we are all invited to do.

The early Church was known as followers of “the Way,” the Greek word *hodos*. This word describes a way of life and a journey. They had committed to allowing their words, thoughts, and actions to be increasingly shaped by the words and example of Jesus.

Following Jesus is the urgent task of every Christian. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life” — John 14:6 (NIV). He invites us into this new way of life, and we realize that this new life is connected to discovering the truth of who Jesus is and what He requires of us.

Following Jesus means we choose His path for our lives and learn obedience to Him. This is a challenging concept for all of us, but we will discover that it is the gateway to a life of simplicity and freedom.

Over the next 40 days, we will be focusing on the words of Jesus as a daily practice. We encourage you to take these words seriously, meditate on them, allow them to challenge you, and take a step of faith to apply them in your life. Like the first people Jesus invited, you do not have to be qualified to take the first step—jump in and join the journey.



# “FOLLOW ME.”

**DAY 1  
OF 40**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Matthew 4:18-20 NIV**

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

### **John 14:6 NIV**

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

### **Isaiah 30:21 NIV**

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

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 1: February 18  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# LIFE AT A PACE OF JESUS

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:29 (NIV)

DAY 2  
OF 40

## LIFE AT A PACE OF JESUS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 11:29 (NIV)**.

There are two important things to note about the words of Jesus in this passage.

- First, a yoke is a wooden cross piece that fastened two animals and attached them to a plough for farming.
- Secondly, the “yoke of a rabbi” described the teachings of each Jewish rabbi (religious teacher) and was the basis of learning for their followers.

In this passage, Jesus is inviting us to attach ourselves to him and his teachings, walk at His pace and learn His way of living, which is full of grace, gentleness and humility.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 11:29 (NIV)**.

# Daily Devotional

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Day 2: February 19  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# JESUS FIRST.

“ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

**DAY 3  
OF 40**

## JESUS FIRST.

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)**.

Life is full of competing priorities and the task of providing for the necessities of life. It is a daily pressure that most of us feel. In this passage, Jesus is calling us to put Him and His Kingdom first in our lives. It means exchanging the worries and focuses of this life with a deep trust in Him. Putting His Kingdom first means living a life of obedience to Jesus in every area of life, and experiencing the peace and blessing that comes from this.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 6:33 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 3: February 20  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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# BE RENEWED



“ You should not be surprised at my saying,  
‘You must be born again.’”  
John 3:7 (NIV)

DAY 4  
OF 40

## BE RENEWED.

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **John 3:1-18 (NIV)**.

This passage recounts the encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus, a prominent religious leader and teacher (rabbi). Nicodemus was connecting with Jesus as just another teacher. Jesus goes deeper, saying we need more than teaching to have a relationship with God and live out God's ways. Better education and more learning won't get us where we need to go. Better behaviour and more "good" actions won't get us where we need to go. We need renewal, an inside-out transformation that can only happen when we allow God to work within us through His Holy Spirit.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **John 3:7 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 4: February 21  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# TOTAL ATTENTION

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

- Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

**DAY 5  
OF 40**

## TOTAL ATTENTION

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)**.

Eugene Peterson puts this brilliantly in *The Message*. “Don’t look for shortcuts to God. The market is flooded with surefire, easygoing formulas for a successful life that can be practiced in your spare time. Don’t fall for that stuff, even though crowds of people do. The way to life—to God!—is vigorous and requires total attention.”

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 5: February 23  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# SHINE YOUR LIGHT

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl...  
- Matthew 5:14-15 (NIV)

## DAY 6 OF 40

### TOTAL ATTENTION

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)**.

Times of crisis are some of the greatest opportunities to show the light of Jesus, in words and actions. Christianity is at its best when we practice a generosity of life.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 6: February 24  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# ESSENTIAL CHANGE

From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

- Matthew 4:17 (NIV)

**DAY 7  
OF 40**

## ESSENTIAL CHANGE

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 4:17 (NIV)**.

Let's face it, nobody likes being told what to do and Jesus commands us to urgently repent. Repentance is a radical inward change that catalyses a process of renewal; changing your thoughts, desires and ultimately actions. It is the urgent and essential call of Jesus. The goal of repentance is reconciliation with God and a new way of Kingdom living - what an amazing gift of grace! Over the course of history people have responded in so many different ways. How will you respond?

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 4:17 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 7: February 25  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# REDEFINING PERFECT

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven...

- Matthew 4:43-45 (NIV)

DAY 8  
OF 40



## REDEFINING PERFECT

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)**.

Jesus had a habit of completely reorienting people's perspectives on their relationship with God and others. Jesus has just radically redefined perfection in the context of abundant love and grace.

He invites us to extend this grace and love to others, even our enemies and those who aren't following God's ways.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 8: February 26  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# BURNING HEARTS

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.

- Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

**DAY 9  
OF 40**

## BURNING HEARTS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)**.

Is your heart burning with passion for Jesus? Luke 24:32 (NIV) describes a conversation between two guys who had walked and talked with Jesus, *something we are doing in these 40 days.*

*They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”*

When we choose to follow Jesus and focus our desire on him, our hearts start smouldering with passion for him.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Luke 24:32 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 9: February 27  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# STOP WORRYING

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- John 14:27 (NIV)

**DAY 10  
OF 40**

## STOP WORRYING

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)**.

“Do” or “do not”? Is it that easy? Jesus says, “do not” let your hearts be troubled or afraid. Many times we don’t find this easy to do. But is it possible? When we worry, we are creating a list of things that we don’t feel we have the power to change.

Many martial arts train people to use their enemies' power against them. Change your worry list into a prayer list and entrust these things to Jesus. You will transform the negative power of worry into positive prayer. This is one way you can stop worry in your life.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **John 14:27 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 10: February 28  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# STARVE YOUR EGO

Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

- Luke 9:23 (NIV)

DAY 11  
OF 40

## STARVE YOUR EGO

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Luke 9:23 (NIV)**.

What does it mean to deny yourself? One interpretation of this passage is that we learn to “starve our egos”. Tim Keller describes the human ego as empty, painful, busy and fragile.

It is a distorted view of ourselves that requires constant attention, is consumed with comparison and a relentless desire for an unsatisfying more. Regularly practicing humility and repentance, and embracing our true identity in Christ are keys starving our egos so our spiritual life can flourish.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Luke 9:23 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 11: March 2  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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# BE HAPPY WITH HAVE

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

– Luke 12:15 (NIV)

## DAY 12 OF 40

### STOP WORRYING

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Luke 12:15 (NIV)**.

We often set up a competition in our hearts between our desire to follow Jesus and our desire for other things. We assess success based on things, rather than His assessment of our lives.

Would you allow the words of Jesus to land deeply in your heart and challenge you to put him first in every area of your life? It is not a question of possessions, but priority.

Practice being happy with what you do have and ask Jesus to fill your heart with a greater desire for Him.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Luke 12:15 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 12: March 3  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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# EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVES



“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

- Matthew 6:1 (NIV)

**DAY 13**  
**OF 40**

## EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVES

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 6:1 (NIV)**.

Our motives are so important to Jesus. For Jesus, our motives and actions must match. Prayer allows us to “lift the hood” in our inner world. In your daily prayer times, allow yourself to be challenged to align your motives to glorify God and not seek the approval of others.

If you are looking for a model for prayer that incorporates this, consider using the P.R.A.Y. model of prayer.

**P:** Praise & Thanksgiving

**R:** Repent & Receive

**A:** Ask

**Y:** Yes! Commitment of God

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 6:1 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 13: March 4  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# STOP LUST AT THE START

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.  
- Matthew 5:28 (NIV)

DAY 14  
OF 40

## STOP LUST AT THE START

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 5:27-30 (NIV)**.

Most people understand the power of momentum. Little movements can have a BIG impact and have a snowball effect. This week we have been looking at our inner, secret world.

This is a world that Jesus understands and gives us power to change. It is so wonderful and powerful that Jesus directs us to pay attention to our thought life, to stop the little thoughts of lust before they snowball into a destructive force.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 5:28 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 14: March 5  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# SERVE IN SECRET

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

- Matthew 6:3-4 (NIV)

DAY 15  
OF 40

## SERVE IN SECRET

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 6:3-4 (NIV)**.

There are no limits to the ways we can serve others in secret. We can give of our time, energy, prayers, finances, gifts and words of encouragement. How can you serve someone in secret today? Serving in secret has its rewards, one of which is deepening of trust and confidence that God sees our every action and nothing is wasted.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 6:3 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 15: March 6  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray  
for those who persecute you,  
- Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

DAY 16  
OF 40

## LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 5:44 (NIV)**.

What a powerful concept! Easy to talk about, difficult to do. This is how The Message puts it “You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies.

Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the energies of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves.”

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 5:44 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date:

Day 16: March 7  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# TRUST

## YES OR NO

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’  
- Matthew 22:37 (NIV)

**DAY 17**  
**OF 40**

### STOP WORRYING

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 22:37 (NIV)**.

Are you known as someone who can be trusted to do what you said you would do?

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 22:37 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 17: March 9  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'  
- Matthew 22:39 (NIV)

**DAY 18**  
**OF 40**

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 22:39 (NIV)**.

The great author CS Lewis said:

*"Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you love someone, you will presently come to love them."*

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 22:39 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 18: March 10  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# FEAR GOD

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.  
Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.  
- Matthew 10:28 (NIV)

DAY 19  
OF 40

## FEAR GOD

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)**.

Living in the light of eternity changes your perspective on what's really important. The fear of the Lord gives us strength to stand tall in the middle of the most difficult circumstances.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 10:28 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 19: March 11  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# UNLIMITED FORGIVENESS

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

- Luke 23:34-38 (NIV)

**DAY 20  
OF 40**

## UNLIMITED FORGIVENESS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)**.

Jesus not only commanded us to forgive but He modelled unlimited forgiveness and made it possible through the Cross. How can you follow His example in forgiveness today?

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verses: **Matthew 18:22 (NIV)** and **Luke 22:34-38 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 20: March 12  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# OPEN HEARTS

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ 39But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.  
- Matthew 5:38-39 (NIV)

DAY 21  
OF 40

## OPEN HEARTS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)**.

Jesus radically redefines what our response to injustice should be. Many people call this “moving in the opposite spirit”. It’s the practice of responding in love and generosity, no matter how people treat you.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 5:39 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 21: March 13  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# MY FATHER

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

- John 20:17 (NIV)

**DAY 22**  
**OF 40**

## MY FATHER

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **John 20:17 (NIV)**.

The first words Jesus spoke after he rose from the dead were to tell his followers that His Father was now their Father. Relationship with God had been restored and they belonged to the family of God!

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **John 20:17 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 22: March 14  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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# STAY ALERT

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.  
The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”  
- Matthew 26:41 (NIV)

DAY 23  
OF 40

## STAY ALERT

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 26:40-41 (NIV)**.

There are moments when Jesus requires our attention and energy.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 26:41 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 23: March 16  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# PRAY IN FAITH

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”  
- Matthew 21:21 (NIV)

DAY 24  
OF 40

## PRAY IN FAITH

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 21:21-22 (NIV)**.

*“Faith moves Heaven, so that Heaven will move earth.” (Bill Johnson)*

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 21:21 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 24: March 17  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# HOUSE OF PRAYER

...these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”  
- Isaiah 56:7 (NIV)

**DAY 25  
OF 40**

## HOUSE OF PRAYER

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Mark 11:15-17 (NIV)**.

The outer courts of the temple were cluttered with traders, and the result was that non-Jewish people had no space to pray.

Jesus acted with decisive force to clear the temple in order to create space for people to pray and fulfill the words of the prophet Isaiah from over 700 years ago.

We are urged to do the same and clear anything in our lives that stops us from connecting with God.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Isaiah 56:7 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 25: March 18  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# LISTEN UP

Whoever has ears,  
let them hear.  
- Matthew 11:15 (NIV)

## DAY 26 OF 40

### LISTEN UP

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 13:12 (NIV)**.

Jesus wants us to pay attention to His message with a level of urgency. Listening intently creates a readiness to respond. The Message translation puts it this way, “Whenever someone has a ready heart for this, the insights and understandings flow freely. But if there is no readiness, any trace of receptivity soon disappears.”

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 11:15 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 26: March 19  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# PERSISTENT PRAYER

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.  
- Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

**DAY 27**  
**OF 40**

## PERSISTENT PRAYER

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)**.

Is your prayer consistent and persistent? Consistency and persistence in prayer shape the depth of our relationship with God. Prayer is not meant to be an occasional response to crisis but a daily rhythm that keeps our hearts aligned with His will.

When we pray consistently, we learn to depend on God not only for answers but for strength, wisdom, and peace in every season. Persistence in prayer teaches us trust, trust that God hears us even when answers are delayed, trust that He is working even when we cannot yet see the outcome.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 27: March 20  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# REJOICE

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.  
- Matthew 5:12 (NIV)

DAY 28  
OF 40

## REJOICE

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)**.

As followers of Jesus, there are lots of places where we can find joy. Enduring hardships because of our commitment to Jesus is one of them.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 5:12 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 28: March 21  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# PRAY FOR WORKERS

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”  
- Matthew 9:38 (NIV)

**DAY 29  
OF 40**

## PRAY FOR WORKERS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)**.

Let's be encouraged to connect our effort and focus on sharing the Good News of Jesus.

“You have one business on earth: to save souls.” (John Wesley)

Remember, “grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning.”  
(Dallas Willard)

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 9:38 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 29: March 23  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# VALUE CHILDREN

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.”  
- Matthew 18:10 (NIV)

**DAY 30**  
**OF 40**

## VALUE CHILDREN

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 18:10 (NIV)**.

On the whole, children are valued and loved in our society. This wasn't always the case. When Jesus walked the earth children were diminished and forgotten.

His teachings were revolutionary. Today, one of the best ways we can value children is loving, protecting and praying for them to encounter Jesus personally.

We should also support ministry to kids and youth in local churches. What are some other ways you can impact the ministry and lives of our children and youth?

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 18:10 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 30: March 24  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# PROACTIVE FORGIVENESS

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times,  
but seventy-seven times."  
- Matthew 18:22(NIV)

**DAY 31**  
**OF 40**

## PROACTIVE FORGIVENESS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)**.

A key definition of a Christian is someone who has received forgiveness and made peace with God through Jesus. This is great news!

This gift also compels us to be peacemakers in our life. Conflict is messy, but can be fruitful.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 18:22 (NIV)**

### ASK GOD:

- What do you want to say to me about this verse?
- What are you asking me to say "yes" to"?
- Who do you need to forgive and make peace with today?
- Share thoughts with someone.

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 31: March 25  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# WELCOME EVERYONE

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

- Matthew 14:14 (NIV)

**DAY 32**  
**OF 40**

## WELCOME EVERYONE

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Luke 14:12-14 (NIV)**.

Christianity is not a social club. It's a global gathering of people of every background, age, ethnicity, and gender united by our faith in Jesus.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 14:14 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 32: March 26  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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God, who can I tell about this?

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# JESUS IS COMING

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

- Matthew 24:42 (NIV)

## DAY 33 OF 40

### JESUS IS COMING

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 24:42-44 (NIV)**.

Do you live like Jesus could return at any time?

Jesus reminds us to “keep watch” because we do not know the day or the hour of His return. Living with readiness means staying spiritually alert, remaining faithful in prayer, walking in obedience, and living each day with purpose.

Let this moment be a reminder to examine your heart and renew your commitment to live watchfully, faithfully, and prepared.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 24:42-44 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 33: March 27  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

**DAY 34**  
**OF 40**

## WHERE IS YOUR TREASURER?

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)**.

It's easy to see money and possessions as the source of freedom, enjoyment, and security.

Jesus challenges us to see God as the source of these things and of eternal purpose.

Where is your treasure?

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 6:21 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 34: March 28  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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# BEWARE OF RELIGION

“Be careful,” Jesus said to them. “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

- Matthew 16:6 (NIV)

DAY 35  
OF 40

## BEWARE OF RELIGION

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 16:6-12 (NIV)**.

Pharisees were religious rulers, and the word “Pharisee” literally means “separated ones”. They refused to have dealings with the common people, because they were separated to God.

They wanted to control what was taught and Jesus called them out as religious frauds who loved money. Religion will oppose grace, demand sacrifice to achieve status with God and sow seeds of discontent.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 16:6 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 35: March 30  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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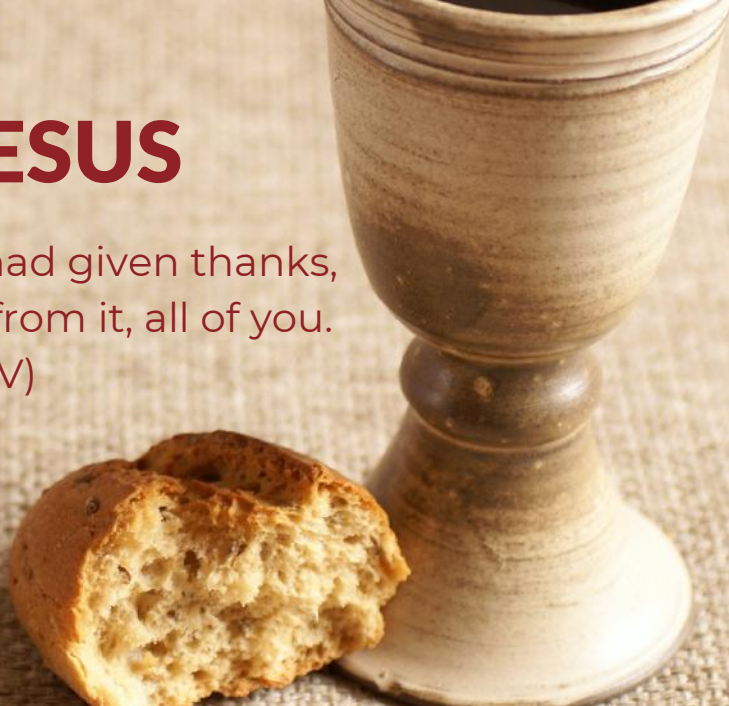
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# REMEMBER JESUS

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

- Matthew 26:27 (NIV)

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## REMEMBER JESUS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 26:26-27 (NIV)**.

Communion is a sacred act in which we remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His saving work on the cross. As you reflect on this passage, prayerfully give thanks for His body given and His blood shed for you.

Whenever you gather with other believers, or during intentional times of worship and reflection in your home, approach Communion with reverence, gratitude, and a heart centered on Christ's sacrifice.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 26:27 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 36: March 31  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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I am thankful for:

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# TELL EVERYONE

He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.  
- Mark 16:15 (NIV)

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## TELL EVERYONE

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Mark 16:15-18 (NIV)**.

Jesus calls every believer to share the good news of the Gospel with others. We fulfill this calling not only through what we say, but also through how we live each day, demonstrating love, integrity, compassion, and faith.

As you reflect on this passage, ask God to give you courage to speak about your faith and boldness to live in a way that points others to Christ.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Mark 16:15 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 37: April 1  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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I am thankful for:

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# TRUE GREATNESS

and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- Matthew 20:27-28 (NIV)

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## TRUE GREATNESS

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV)**.

*“The bottom line in leadership isn’t how far we advance ourselves but how far we advance others.” (John Maxwell)*

Jesus teaches that true greatness is found in serving others. In God’s Kingdom, leadership is not measured by position, status, or how far we elevate ourselves, but by our willingness to humbly serve and help others grow.

Jesus Himself modeled this truth by coming not to be served, but to serve. Reflect today on how you can use your influence to lift, support, and strengthen someone else.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 38: April 2  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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I am thankful for:

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# TRUE POWER

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

- Luke 24:49 (NIV)

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OF 40

## TRUE POWER

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Luke 24:49 (NIV)**.

The late and great evangelist Reinhard Bonnke said,  
*"The supernatural is only of the Spirit, and only according to the Word. No matter how we read Scripture, it is impossible to see there a gospel shorn of the supernatural."*

The promise of the Spirit was made to the disciples and the promise still stands for all who are willing and hungry. Will you receive it?

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Luke 24:49 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 39: April 3  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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I am thankful for:

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# RESTORED TO RESTORE



Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”  
- John 21:15-16 (NIV)

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## RESTORED TO RESTORE

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **John 21:15-16 (NIV)**.

This passage recounts the restoration of Peter after he had publicly denied Jesus. Being restored means you have a responsibility to do the same for others. You are loved to love. You are restored to restore.

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **John 21:15-16 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Resurrection Sunday: April 5  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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I am thankful for:

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# MANDATE TO MULTIPLY

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
- Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY

### MANDATE TO MULTIPLY

**Prepare** by inviting the Holy Spirit to help you, and focus on your desire to follow Jesus.

**Read** the passage of scripture: **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**.

Discipleship is a simple invitation and a lifetime pursuit. We have a mandate to multiply. Every Christian, not just the “professionals”, are called to share their lives and faith with others. It’s our greatest calling.

Let’s go!

**Meditate** on the words of Jesus in the key verse: **Matthew 28:18-29 (NIV)**

# Daily Devotional

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Day 40: April 4  
Bible Verse & Prayer Reflection

God, what do you want to say to me about this verse?

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God, what are you asking me to say "yes" to?

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Personal prayer:

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God, who can I tell about this?

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I am thankful for:

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## BIBLE STUDY



**Tuesdays, 10 AM - In Person & Virtual**

**Wednesdays, 7 PM - Virtual Only**

**Call: 1 346 248 7799**

**ZOOM Meeting ID: 925 3009 8492**

**<https://thehigherwaychurch.zoom.us/j/92530098492>**



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