


# KINGDOM LIFE

**TWENTY-ONE DAYS OF FASTING & PRAYER**









Welcome to our twenty-one day prayer and fasting journal. Over the next twenty-one days you will deepen your relationship with God. This journal provides a new theme each day with distinct opportunities to read a selected passage of scripture, consider the message and pray. Reflect and record whatever God is telling you. Each day is unique and will encourage you to draw closer to our great God. It's time to refocus, reposition and relaunch. We don't want a better version of the past. We are stepping into **Kingdom Life**.

—Pastor Gordon Banks







# FAST

Here are five simple ways to fast. Choose the one that best fits you. Remember, the best fast is the one you can do. This is not a contest, but a journey with God.

1. **Abstain from all food.** This is called a full fast. It is difficult to do a full fast for an extended period of time. This might be a good fit if you have experience with fasting for extended periods of time (a week or more).
2. **Eat sparingly or only certain kinds of food.** This is a great way to fast if you are still very active at work or other activities and desire to participate in an extended fasting and prayer time. Decide in advance what you are going to do for the duration of the fast. You should pick the least amount of food to be consumed (i.e., only small meal at lunch or dinner). Remember that sugar products and sweets should always be excluded in a fast.
3. **Abstain entirely from a specific food.** This is a good choice if you are choosing to abstain from certain foods during the fast, like meat, desserts, or bread.
4. **Abstain from media outlets.** Fasting from television, movies, and other forms of entertainment will allow you to focus with greater intensity on the things of God.
5. **Abstain from all media.** A powerful option for the mature believer is to fast from all media—including movies, TV shows, sporting events, entertainment apps, video games, etc., while coupling it with the food fast of your choice.

Natural hunger will subside after about three days. Drink plenty of water. Your body needs water to flush out toxins during the fast. As your fasting and prayer continues, your body will sleep less, but you will wake up refreshed and energized.

# PRAY

In conjunction with this journal, you should also pray and ponder on your own. Write down any notes or inspirational ideas God gives you. Be open to the Lord. Pray every day as often as you are able. It is amazing how much time you regain when you are not preparing, eating or cleaning up after a meal. Spend that time with the Lord. Someone may ask, “How often should I pray?” My answer is, “as much as you can everyday.” When we communicate with God, our lives are elevated.

# STUDY

Read the word. Meditate on it. Pray for wisdom and direction. Commit to living a lifestyle that is harmonious to God’s word. It is essential if you are going to live in the victory Jesus has provided for you. Your trip into his presence will be fruitful and effective when you fast, pray and study.



# DAY ONE

# HEAVEN

## MATTHEW 22:2-14 CSB

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his servants to summon those invited to the banquet, but they didn’t want to come. <sup>4</sup>Again, he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: See, I’ve prepared my dinner; my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>“But they paid no attention and went away, one to his own farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged, and he sent out his troops, killed those murderers, and burned down their city. <sup>8</sup>“Then he told his servants, ‘The banquet is ready, but those

who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go then to where the roads exit the city and invite everyone you find to the banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>So those servants went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding banquet was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>When the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed for a wedding. <sup>12</sup>So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. <sup>13</sup>“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”





## THE PERSPECTIVE

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God is the creator of everything. He is the King of the kingdom. He has invited all of humanity to walk in unity with him. After all, he made us in his own image and likeness. But we can often act like wild animals. Selfish, uncontrollable, and filled with wicked ideas. In this parable, humanity continually rejects God's offer of reconciliation. Come to the wedding and celebrate with me. He is offering you the gift of eternal life. Join your life to Jesus. Step into the family of God. People however are rebels. Instead of joining God and accepting his offer of eternal life, we reject the message and murder the messengers. This is a repetitive pattern throughout the history of humanity. Hatred, war, and rejection of all

things good. At some point in time, the pursuit will come to an end and God's just verdict for humanity will be rendered. For those who have lived wild and reckless—a great awakening is coming. For those who are born again, the days of rejoicing will begin.

The Lord is opening the doors for everyone to be born again. Remember—this is a story about what the kingdom of heaven is like. Everyone is invited to the kingdom. The banquet hall is packed with the good and the bad. Sinners are being saved. Even those perceived as crazy are being born again. Multitudes are coming to Jesus.

However, someone is trying to enter the kingdom who has not lived for God. His life does not reflect the spirit and culture of the kingdom. There is no room for deceivers in heaven. You can't get into heaven if you don't love Jesus. Conversely, you cannot be rejected if you do. This deceiver is tossed into the pit of pain, sorrow, death, and regret. He had every opportunity to live for God.

If you have drifted away from Yeshua—change now. Love God and serve his people. Influence others to do the same. The door of the kingdom is open to those who are willing to live God's way.





## THE PRAYER

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Father, give me a heart that loves as Jesus loves. Open up my heart Lord. Help me to embrace the many that are still on the outside of your kingdom. Father, give me the wisdom, power, and might to reach them. Open my eyes to see them. Help me push past my desire for comfort so that I can live as a gatherer of

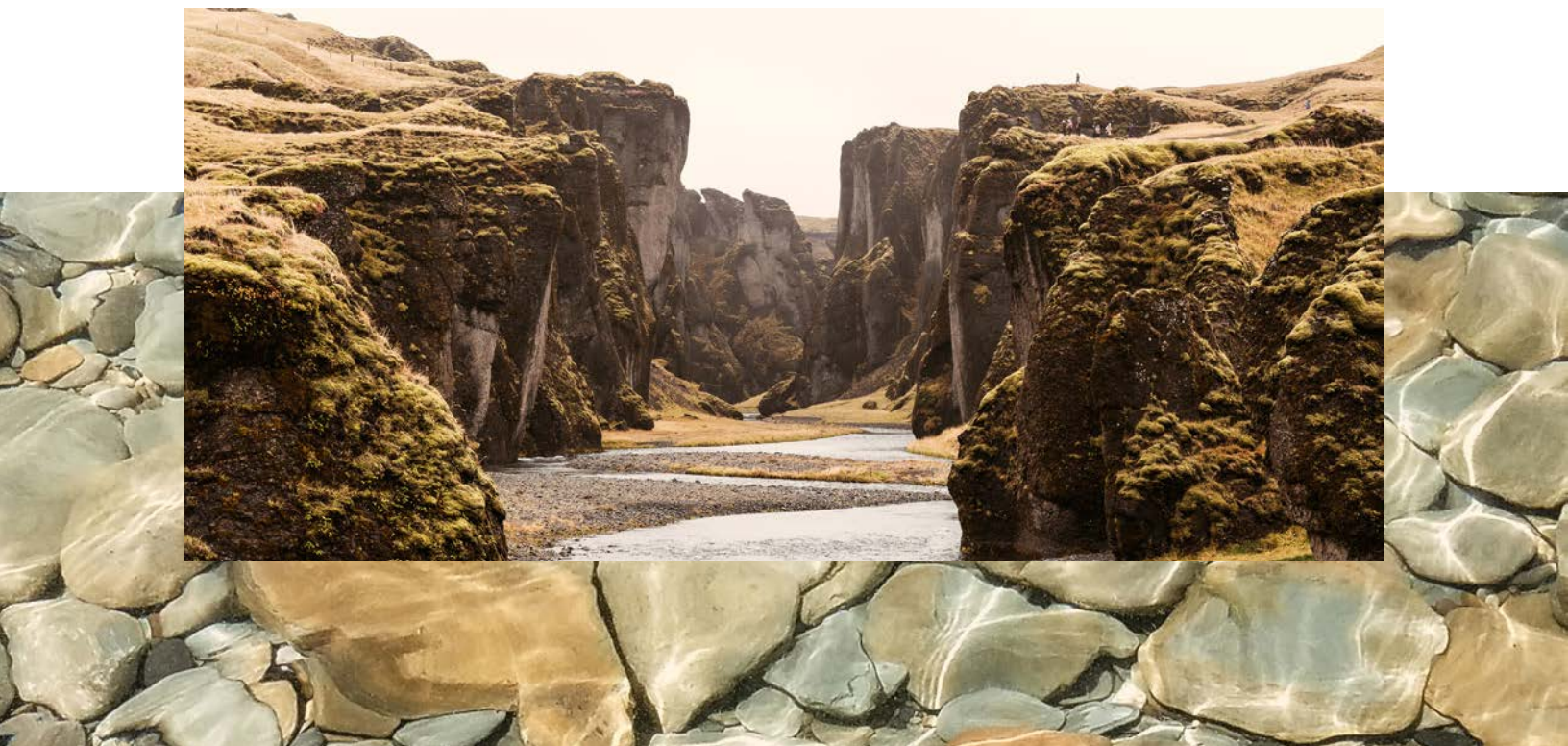
souls for you. Strengthen me Lord so I can live a lifestyle of purity and faith. Let your ways become exclusively my way. I choose to forgive others who have hurt me. I choose a lifestyle of love and mercy without compromise. Father give me the passion to sustain it. Amen

## THE PROCESS

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Talk with God throughout the day. It may take some time to recognize the Spirit of the Lord's voice. Hang in there. It will happen. Stay in the word. It will teach you God's ways. As you get to know God's ways, your spirit will come alive and recognize God's culture. You will become familiar with the culture of the kingdom. Create daily hang-out sessions

with Jesus. He loves you. Everyone is different. But we will overcome together. God responds to the radical prayers of holy people. He will respond to you. Record what happens each day for the next twenty-one days. Whether things happen quickly or slowly. It will happen at the time the Father has appointed. Stay faithful to your call to pray and study the word.





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## DAY TWO

# WISDOM ON DISPLAY

### MATTHEW 22:15-22 CSB

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Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to trap him by what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are truthful and teach truthfully the way of God. You don’t care what anyone thinks nor do you show partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” <sup>18</sup>Perceiving their malicious

intent, Jesus said, “Why are you testing me, hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” They brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>“Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked them. <sup>21</sup>“Caesar’s,” they said to him. Then he said to them, “Give, then, to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

### THE PERSPECTIVE

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The Pharisees and the Herodians have gone astray. If they considered Jesus’ teachings God-inspired, they would have followed them faithfully. Instead, they have become satanic roadblocks that work to keep others from coming to salvation. Yet who can stop the plans of God the most high? The wisdom of Yeshua is unparalleled.

Taxes on Israel by the Romans are a burden. Even today, taxes levied by our governmental entities are not generally greeted with happiness and joy. It seems that there are varying opinions about either taxing too much or using the tax dollars in inefficient, ridiculous ways.

The Pharisees were attempting to put Jesus in a paradoxical position. Either favor the government that is overwhelming people with taxes or side with the people and become an adversary of Rome. Keep in mind—there are faithful governmental employees who are the companions of Jesus. Matthew is an apostle of The Lord and he is a tax collector. Jesus responds with unassailable wisdom. May God grant you wisdom as you represent Jesus in your own hallways of influence.





## THE PRAYER

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Father God, make me smarter than my adversaries. We will lead the nations to you, Lord. Teach me your ways and give me insight like King Jesus. Help me to become the master of what to say, and when to say it. Give me

understanding in advance. Lord, give me the discernment to respond as Jesus responds. Give me your heart and show me your way. Every day! Pray your own prayer.

## THE PROCESS

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God's plan will prevail. Call and check on your family, friends, and coworkers. Write down any noteworthy happenings of the day.

## REFLECTION

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DAY THREE

# THE RESURRECTION

**MATTHEW 22:23-33 CSB**

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That same day some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came up to him and questioned him: <sup>24</sup>“Teacher, Moses said, if a man dies, having no children, his brother is to marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>25</sup>Now there were seven brothers among us. The first got married and died. Having no offspring, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup>The same thing happened to the second also, and the third, and so on to all seven. <sup>27</sup>Last of all, the woman died. <sup>28</sup>In the resurrection, then, whose wife will she be of the seven? For they all had married her.”

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “You are mistaken, because you don’t know the Scriptures or the power of God. <sup>30</sup>For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup>Now concerning the resurrection of the dead, haven’t you read what was spoken to you by God: <sup>32</sup>I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living.” <sup>33</sup>And when the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Jesus knows everything. He is not from the earth. He is from heaven. He is the son of God. He came to the earth for a purpose. What's his purpose you ask? To save humanity by offering us eternal life. The Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection. They are power-hungry, prestige-seeking, and money-driven wolves. How can you be a spiritual leader who does not believe in the spiritual realm? They do not believe in angels, or the afterlife. What a warped perspective. That's like being a swimmer that can't swim. They believe that God created us to live on a planet filled with corrupt people, in corrupt systems who experience pain, sorrow, and suffering. Then you die and that's it! That's sad you see! Sorry. I couldn't resist it.

Wake up people. Jesus speaks to the afterlife by describing life after death. The marriage covenant that a man and woman have now is supplanted with a better covenant in heaven. We will be united with God as one body. No sin, sorrow, or death. No fear, pain, or loneliness. We are like angels always bonded to God and each other. Family members who have died in Christ are alive in the kingdom. We will see them again. In fact, everyone that is born again is alive in God's kingdom. They are perfect, flawless, God-loving human beings. Rejoice. That's good news!



## THE PRAYER

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Thank you, Father, for creating a plan of salvation for all of humanity. Thank you for drawing me and my family into your plan. Let no one be missing Lord. Call them all into your kingdom. We will always be bonded to you. We are one family, united with the

angels as your special people. Help me to make good decisions that meet your approval. Decisions that bless others. Decisions that bless my family. Decisions that bless my friends. Decisions that turn my enemies into kingdom friends as they give their lives to you.

## THE PROCESS

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Live your life in agreement with the Lord's desires. Seek to honor him and bring glory to him in all that you do. Ask him to direct you in your ministry to others. Align your

life with God's plans. Take an hour and pray for breakthrough in every possible way: spiritual, physical, emotional, and financial. Breakthrough is coming!



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## DAY FOUR

# SILENCE THE NOISE

### MATTHEW 22:34-46 CSB

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When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. <sup>35</sup>And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and most important command. <sup>39</sup>The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup>All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

<sup>41</sup>While the Pharisees were together, Jesus questioned them, <sup>42</sup>“What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They replied, “David’s.” <sup>43</sup>He asked them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? <sup>44</sup>The Lord declared to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet’? <sup>45</sup>“If David calls him ‘Lord,’ how, then, can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to answer him at all, and from that day no one dared to question him anymore.

### THE PERSPECTIVE

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Jesus answers the expert’s question because He is the true expert. Which command is the greatest? Jesus gives two answers to his question. Love God with everything you have and love your neighbors like they are you. It’s Jesus’ turn to ask the law experts a question. Who is the Messiah’s father? They reply, “David.” Which was true. Jesus’ human lineage was through

King David. But there is so much more to the story! He was also God manifest in human form. Emmanuel. God with us. And he was standing in front of them. The Pharisees missed it. This was their golden moment—if only they had realized the opportunity that was right in front of them.



## THE PRAYER

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Father, help me realize the special moments you have created in order for me to meet you. Open my heart to love your people. Open my eyes to see you in the people you bring my way. Open my heart to the opportunities that are right before my face. Or the precious

moments you choose for me to be a blessing to someone you love. Help me Lord to be your hands and your feet. Help me be your voice of comfort. I choose to love you with all my heart as I demonstrate love to all my neighbors throughout the world.

## THE PROCESS

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Get after it. Meet people with the love of God and the compassion of Jesus. Don't be silent,

reclusive, or inaccessible. Get out of your shell. Be Jesus. Today!

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## DAY FIVE

# SORROW TO SIGNIFICANCE

### 1 SAMUEL 1:1-18 CSB

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There was a man from Ramathaim-zophim in the hill country of Ephraim. His name was Elkanah son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives, the first named Hannah and the second Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah was childless. <sup>3</sup>This man would go up from his town every year to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of Armies at Shiloh, where Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were the LORD's priests. <sup>4</sup>Whenever Elkanah offered a sacrifice, he always gave portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to each of her sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup>But he gave a double portion to Hannah, for he loved her even though the LORD had kept her from conceiving. <sup>6</sup>Her rival would taunt her severely just to provoke her, because the LORD had kept Hannah from conceiving. <sup>7</sup>Year after year, when she went up to the LORD's house, her rival taunted her in this way. Hannah would weep and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>"Hannah, why are you crying?" her husband, Elkanah, would ask. "Why won't you eat? Why are you troubled? Am I not better to you than ten sons?" <sup>9</sup>On one occasion, Hannah got up after they ate and drank at Shiloh. The priest

Eli was sitting on a chair by the doorpost of the LORD's temple. <sup>10</sup>Deeply hurt, Hannah prayed to the LORD and wept with many tears. <sup>11</sup>Making a vow, she pleaded, "LORD of Armies, if you will take notice of your servant's affliction, remember and not forget me, and give your servant a son, I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and his hair will never be cut." <sup>12</sup>While she continued praying in the LORD's presence, Eli watched her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was praying silently, and though her lips were moving, her voice could not be heard. Eli thought she was drunk <sup>14</sup>and said to her, "How long are you going to be drunk? Get rid of your wine!" <sup>15</sup>"No, my lord," Hannah replied. "I am a woman with a broken heart. I haven't had any wine or beer; I've been pouring out my heart before the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Don't think of me as a wicked woman; I've been praying from the depth of my anguish and resentment." <sup>17</sup>Eli responded, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant the request you've made of him." <sup>18</sup>"May your servant find favor with you," she replied. Then Hannah went on her way; she ate and no longer looked despondent.

## 1 SAMUEL 1:19-28 CSB

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The next morning Elkanah and Hannah got up early to worship before the LORD. Afterward, they returned home to Ramah. Then Elkanah was intimate with his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>After some time, Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, because she said, “I requested him from the LORD.” <sup>21</sup>When Elkanah and all his household went up to make the annual sacrifice and his vow offering to the LORD, <sup>22</sup>Hannah did not go and explained to her husband, “After the child is weaned, I’ll take him to appear in the LORD’s presence and to stay there permanently.” <sup>23</sup>Her husband, Elkanah, replied, “Do what you think is best, and stay here until you’ve weaned him. May

the LORD confirm your word.” So Hannah stayed there and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>When she had weaned him, she took him with her to Shiloh, as well as a three-year-old bull, half a bushel of flour, and a clay jar of wine. Though the boy was still young, she took him to the LORD’s house at Shiloh. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull and brought the boy to Eli. <sup>26</sup>“Please, my lord,” she said, “as surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>I prayed for this boy, and since the LORD gave me what I asked him for, <sup>28</sup>I now give the boy to the LORD. For as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.” Then he worshiped the LORD there.





## 1 SAMUEL 2:12-26 CSB

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Eli's sons were wicked men; they did not respect the LORD<sup>13</sup> or the priests' share of the sacrifices from the people. When anyone offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged meat fork while the meat was boiling<sup>14</sup> and plunge it into the container, kettle, cauldron, or cooking pot. The priest would claim for himself whatever the meat fork brought up. This is the way they treated all the Israelites who came there to Shiloh.<sup>15</sup> Even before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the one who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast, because he won't accept boiled meat from you—only raw."<sup>16</sup> If that person said to him, "The fat must be burned first; then you can take whatever you want for yourself," the servant would reply, "No, I insist that you hand it over right now. If you don't, I'll take it by force!"<sup>17</sup> So the servants' sin was very severe in the presence of the LORD, because the men treated the LORD's offering with contempt.<sup>18</sup> Samuel served in the LORD's presence—this mere boy was dressed in the linen ephod.<sup>19</sup> Each year his mother made him

a little robe and took it to him when she went with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice.<sup>20</sup> Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife: "May the LORD give you children by this woman in place of the one she has given to the LORD." Then they would go home.<sup>21</sup> The LORD paid attention to Hannah's need, and she conceived and gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.<sup>22</sup> Now Eli was very old. He heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they were sleeping with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting.<sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Why are you doing these things? I have heard about your evil actions from all these people."<sup>24</sup> No, my sons, the news I hear the LORD's people spreading is not good.<sup>25</sup> If one person sins against another, God can intercede for him, but if a person sins against the LORD, who can intercede for him?" But they would not listen to their father, since the LORD intended to kill them.<sup>26</sup> By contrast, the boy Samuel grew in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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God is looking for a prophet to lead in Israel. It's an early time in the development of a burgeoning nation. King David was not born yet. The Lord picks Samuel. He will be a great leader. However, there is a slight problem—he hasn't been born yet either. Small issue to God. He can do anything, at any time for anybody. He's doing something great through Hannah. Hannah doesn't realize that God has chosen her. She is stuck in the misery of her current dilemma. She is a married barren woman with a rival—Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah. What a challenge. But God is working in the household. He is setting her up for a grand finish. Hannah turns the tide with sacrificial giving. She gives the son that she does not have to The Lord. The child is completely devoted to God from birth. A Nazarite! Before she even has Samuel, she has given him away. As you give to God what he is looking for, your life elevates. You make a sacrifice for God. He makes a sacrifice for you. You give big. God

gives bigger. Hannah has more children. God gives her three more sons and two daughters. The blessing of the high priest is on display. He is God's servant. His mismanagement of his house cost him all of his sons lives. Yet God hears his word regarding Hannah. After all, he is the high priest. God challenges you to be faithful to him.

Generational shifts follow faithful people. They are God's game changers. You might feel weak and insecure. Trust God to make a way. Find out what the Father is looking for and be obedient, immediately. Your life will harvest bushels of blessings.

Samuel grows over time. He will ultimately become a central figure in Israel. He anoints David as King. He wins battles. He becomes a powerful spiritual leader of the nation. God has a plan for you and he is working it out.





## THE PRAYER

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Show me Lord if I have not done something you long for me to do. I desire to do your will. Help me to be like Hannah—her sacrifice to give Samuel away even before He was born was a milestone moment in heaven. Her

desperation becomes a useful tool that pushes her to do what you want her to do: pledge Samuel. Lord, open me up. What do you see Lord? My future lies before you. I will do whatever you want. I am all in.

## THE PROCESS

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The Father is always working together his desires. He moves in the darkest seasons of our lives. The dark is light to him. He knows what needs to happen and he makes it happen. He

is perfect in all his ways. Design a plan to bring the gospel to your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, city, and state. Start small. God will make things grow.



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## DAY SIX

# AGREED!

### 2 CHRONICLES 6:12-42 CSB

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Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the entire congregation of Israel and spread out his hands. <sup>13</sup>For Solomon had made a bronze platform 7 ½ feet long, 7 ½ feet wide, and 4 ½ feet high and put it in the court. He stood on it, knelt down in front of the entire congregation of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven. <sup>14</sup>He said: LORD God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven or on earth, who keeps his gracious covenant with your servants who walk before you with all their heart. <sup>15</sup>You have kept what you promised to your servant, my father David. You spoke directly to him, and you fulfilled your promise by your power, as it is today. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, LORD God of Israel, keep what you promised to your servant, my father David: “You will never fail to have a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons take care to walk in my Law as you have walked before me.” <sup>17</sup>Now, LORD God of Israel, please confirm what you promised to your servant David. <sup>18</sup>But will God indeed live on earth with humans? Even heaven, the highest heaven, cannot contain you, much less this temple I have built. <sup>19</sup>Listen to your servant’s prayer and his petition, LORD my God, so that you may hear the cry and the prayer that your servant prays before you, <sup>20</sup>so that your eyes watch over this temple day and night, toward the place where you said you

would put your name; and so that you may hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. <sup>21</sup>Hear the petitions of your servant and your people Israel, which they pray toward this place. May you hear in your dwelling place in heaven. May you hear and forgive. <sup>22</sup>If a man sins against his neighbor and is forced to take an oath and he comes to take an oath before your altar in this temple, <sup>23</sup>may you hear in heaven and act. May you judge your servants, condemning the wicked man by bringing what he has done on his own head and providing justice for the righteous by rewarding him according to his righteousness. <sup>24</sup>If your people Israel are defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against you, and they return to you and praise your name, and they pray and plead for mercy before you in this temple, <sup>25</sup>may you hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your people Israel. May you restore them to the land you gave them and their ancestors. <sup>26</sup>When the skies are shut and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place and praise your name, and they turn from their sins because you are afflicting them, <sup>27</sup>may you hear in heaven and forgive the sin of your servants and your people Israel, so that you may teach them the good way they should walk in. May you send rain on your land that you gave your people for an inheritance.





## 2 CHRONICLES 6:12-42 CSB CONTINUED

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<sup>28</sup>When there is famine in the land, when there is pestilence, when there is blight or mildew, locust or grasshopper, when their enemies besiege them in the land and its cities, when there is any plague or illness, <sup>29</sup>every prayer or petition that any person or that all your people Israel may have—they each know their own affliction and suffering—as they spread out their hands toward this temple, <sup>30</sup>may you hear in heaven, your dwelling place, and may you forgive and give to everyone according to all their ways, since you know each heart, for you alone know the human heart, <sup>31</sup>so that they may fear you and walk in your ways all the days they live on the land you gave our ancestors. <sup>32</sup>Even for the foreigner who is not of your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your great name and your strong hand and outstretched arm: when he comes and prays toward this temple, <sup>33</sup>may you hear in heaven in your dwelling place, and do all the foreigner asks you. Then all the peoples of the earth will know your name, to fear you as your people Israel do and know that this temple I have built bears your name. <sup>34</sup>When your people go out to fight against their enemies, wherever you send them, and they pray to you in the direction of this city you have chosen and the temple that I have built for your name, <sup>35</sup>may you hear their prayer and petition in heaven and uphold

their cause. <sup>36</sup>When they sin against you—for there is no one who does not sin—and you are angry with them and hand them over to the enemy, and their captors deport them to a distant or nearby country, <sup>37</sup>and when they come to their senses in the land where they were deported and repent and petition you in their captors' land, saying, "We have sinned and done wrong; we have been wicked," <sup>38</sup>and when they return to you with all their mind and all their heart in the land of their captivity where they were taken captive, and when they pray in the direction of their land that you gave their ancestors, and the city you have chosen, and toward the temple I have built for your name, <sup>39</sup>may you hear their prayer and petitions in heaven, your dwelling place, and uphold their cause. May you forgive your people who sinned against you. <sup>40</sup>Now, my God, please let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the prayer of this place. <sup>41</sup>Now therefore: Arise, LORD God, come to your resting place, you and your powerful ark. May your priests, LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and may your faithful people rejoice in goodness. <sup>42</sup>LORD God, do not reject your anointed one; remember your servant David's acts of faithful love.

## 2 CHRONICLES 7:1-5 CSB

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When Solomon finished praying, fire descended from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of The Lord filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>The priests were not able to enter The Lord's temple because the glory of The Lord filled the temple of The Lord. <sup>3</sup>All the Israelites were watching when the fire descended and the glory of The Lord came on the temple. They bowed down on the

pavement with their faces to the ground. They worshiped and praised The Lord: For he is good, for his faithful love endures forever. <sup>4</sup>The king and all the people were offering sacrifices in The Lord's presence. <sup>5</sup>King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand cattle and one hundred twenty thousand sheep and goats. In this manner the king and all the people dedicated God's temple.

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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If you want to measure what “all in” looks like, I present to you King Solomon. He is a devoted man. He loves God and serves him wholeheartedly. I am not saying Solomon won't make mistakes in the future, and realistically, who can control their future while living in the present? Solomon offered the Lord one hundred and forty-two thousand animals. That is extravagant giving. Solomon had built an incredible temple that he is dedicating to The Lord. It was incomparable in its day. He loves God and has accepted the fact that he is God's servant. So he prays an extravagant prayer to complement his gift. His prayer for Israel invokes the Father to bless Israel at all times. When they are faithful, bless them. When they are unfaithful, God brings correction and they are humbled by their enemies. Look to this temple and bless them. Turn the tide. Bless the nation. Just be faithful every day.

Solomon takes another step—he prays for Israel's allies. The foreigners who come to Israel and worship God in this temple. “Bless them too,” he asks. When you bless an ally, they

become a friend. The temple is a representation of God's people. To all of us that love and serve Jehovah and Yeshua The Lord most high—The Lord also blesses us. Born-again believers, spiritually speaking, are the temple of God. The body of Christ. The Holy Spirit dwells in us. Receive the joy that comes from a faithful lifestyle with God. If you make a mistake, repent. Change your mind and confess your sins. He hears you and will forgive you.





## THE PRAYER

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King Solomon built a great temple. Thank you, Lord for giving me a picture of the grandeur of the former temple. It was extravagant. I know you are the great God. Nothing can compare to you. The temple you have made with us in Christ Jesus is greater. You have promised, Father, to dwell in us. Your people. Thank you for allowing me to

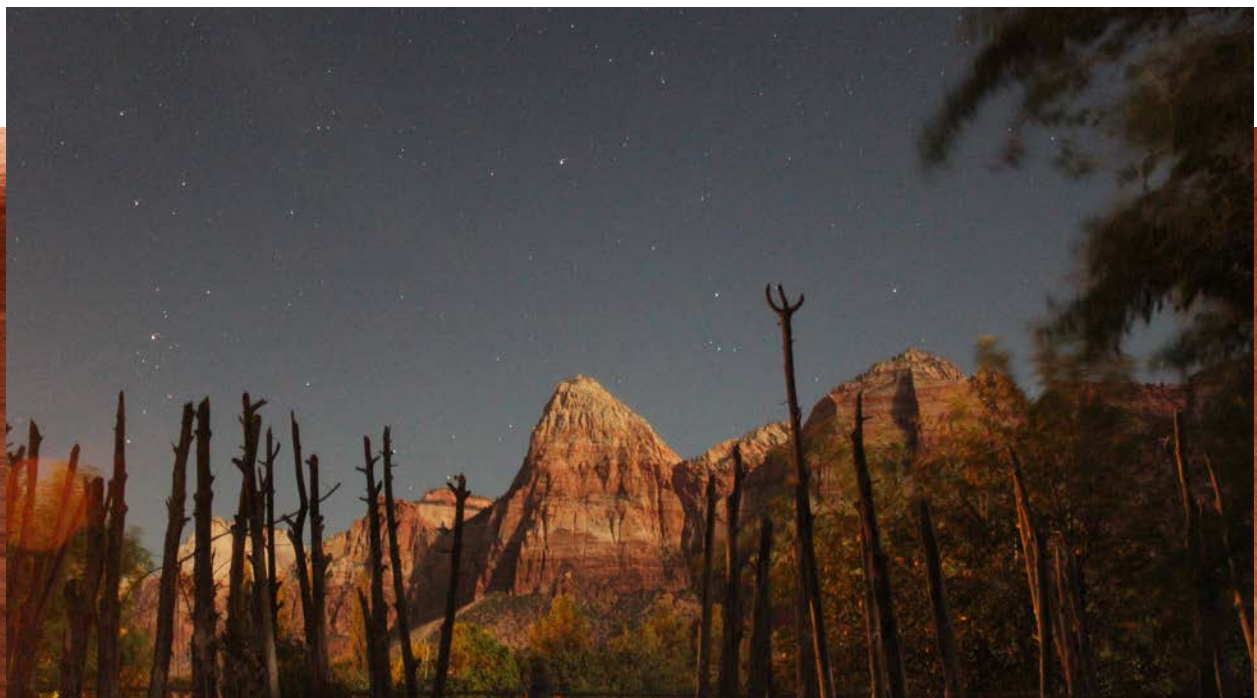
live in unity with you. I am not a foreigner or a slave. We are sons and daughters of you, God. You are the creator of everything. Bless me your servant today. Hear my prayers Lord as I pray in this temple, the body of Christ. The temple of God. You have promised that your dwelling place will be with mankind. Thank you, Lord. So be it.

## THE PROCESS

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Live your life as though you are the dwelling place of God. The Lord is not a visitor but the owner of the house—and you are his house. Be faithful in all your ways. May your giving

and serving, in addition to your acts of love and devotion, show a broken world that God is alive and well on earth. Be aggressively good! You are the answer to someone's prayers.





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DAY SEVEN

# CHANGE THE FUTURE

**NEHEMIAH 1:1-11 CSB**

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The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah: During the month of Chislev in the twentieth year, when I was in the fortress city of Susa, <sup>2</sup>Hanani, one of my brothers, arrived with men from Judah, and I questioned them about Jerusalem and the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile. <sup>3</sup>They said to me, “The remnant in the province, who survived the exile, are in great trouble and disgrace. Jerusalem’s wall has been broken down, and its gates have been burned.” <sup>4</sup>When I heard these words, I sat down and wept. I mourned for a number of days, fasting and praying before the God of the heavens. <sup>5</sup>I said, LORD, the God of the heavens, the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps his gracious covenant with those who love him and keep his commands, <sup>6</sup>let your eyes be open and your ears be attentive to hear your servant’s prayer that I now pray to you day and night for your servants, the Israelites. I confess the sins we

have committed against you. Both I and my father’s family have sinned. <sup>7</sup>We have acted corruptly toward you and have not kept the commands, statutes, and ordinances you gave your servant Moses. <sup>8</sup>Please remember what you commanded your servant Moses: “If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples. <sup>9</sup>But if you return to me and carefully observe my commands, even though your exiles were banished to the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place where I chose to have my name dwell.” <sup>10</sup>They are your servants and your people. You redeemed them by your great power and strong hand. <sup>11</sup>Please, Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant and to that of your servants who delight to revere your name. Give your servant success today, and grant him compassion in the presence of this man. At the time, I was the king’s cupbearer.





## NEHEMIAH 9:9-38 CSB

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You saw the oppression of our ancestors in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea.

<sup>10</sup>You performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, all his officials, and all the people of his land, for you knew how arrogantly they treated our ancestors. You made a name for yourself that endures to this day. <sup>11</sup>You divided the sea before them, and they crossed through it on dry ground. You hurled their pursuers into the depths like a stone into raging water. <sup>12</sup>You led them with a pillar of cloud by day, and with a pillar of fire by night, to illuminate the way they should go. <sup>13</sup>You came down on Mount Sinai, and spoke to them from heaven. You gave them impartial ordinances, reliable instructions, and good statutes and commands. <sup>14</sup>You revealed your holy Sabbath to them, and gave them commands, statutes, and instruction through your servant Moses. <sup>15</sup>You provided bread from heaven for their hunger; you brought them water from the rock for their thirst. You told them to go in and possess the land you had sworn to give them. <sup>16</sup>But our ancestors acted arrogantly; they became stiff-necked and did not listen to your commands. <sup>17</sup>They refused to listen and did not remember your wonders you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and appointed a leader to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love, and you did not

abandon them. <sup>18</sup>Even after they had cast an image of a calf for themselves and said, “This is your god who brought you out of Egypt,” and they had committed terrible blasphemies, <sup>19</sup>you did not abandon them in the wilderness because of your great compassion. During the day the pillar of cloud never turned away from them, guiding them on their journey. And during the night the pillar of fire illuminated the way they should go. <sup>20</sup>You sent your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst. <sup>21</sup>You provided for them in the wilderness forty years, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell. <sup>22</sup>You gave them kingdoms and peoples and established boundaries for them. They took possession of the land of King Sihon of Heshbon and of the land of King Og of Bashan. <sup>23</sup>You multiplied their descendants like the stars of the sky and brought them to the land you told their ancestors to go in and possess. <sup>24</sup>So their descendants went in and possessed the land: You subdued the Canaanites who inhabited the land before them and handed their kings and the surrounding peoples over to them, to do as they pleased with them. <sup>25</sup>They captured fortified cities and fertile land and took possession of well-supplied houses, cisterns cut out of rock, vineyards, olive groves, and fruit trees in abundance. They ate, were filled,

## NEHEMIAH 9:9-38 CSB CONTINUED

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became prosperous, and delighted in your great goodness. <sup>26</sup>But they were disobedient and rebelled against you. They flung your law behind their backs and killed your prophets who warned them in order to turn them back to you. They committed terrible blasphemies. <sup>27</sup>So you handed them over to their enemies, who oppressed them. In their time of distress, they cried out to you, and you heard from heaven. In your abundant compassion you gave them deliverers, who rescued them from the power of their enemies. <sup>28</sup>But as soon as they had relief, they again did what was evil in your sight. So you abandoned them to the power of their enemies, who dominated them.

When they cried out to you again, you heard from heaven and rescued them many times in your compassion. <sup>29</sup>You warned them to turn back to your law, but they acted arrogantly and would not obey your commands. They sinned against your ordinances, which a person will live by if he does them. They stubbornly resisted, stiffened their necks, and would not obey. <sup>30</sup>You were patient with them for many years, and your Spirit warned them through your prophets, but they would not listen. Therefore, you handed them over to the surrounding peoples. <sup>31</sup>However, in your abundant compassion, you did not destroy them or abandon them, for you are a gracious



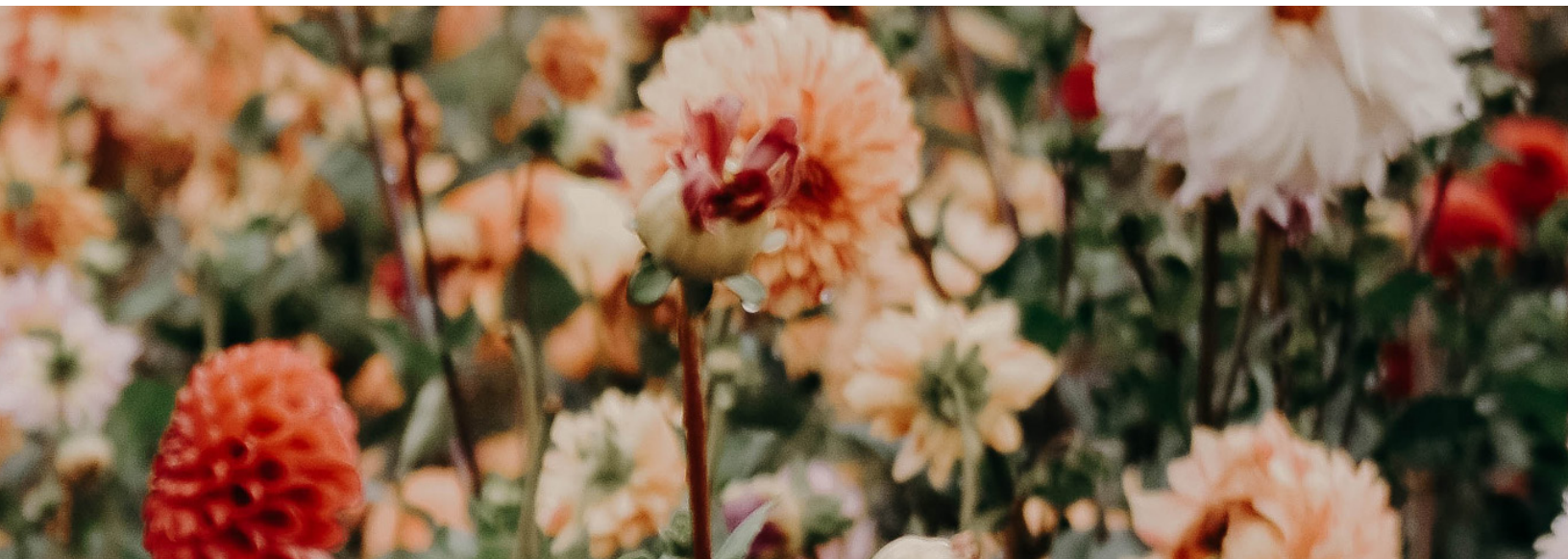
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and compassionate God. <sup>32</sup>So now, our God—the great, mighty, and awe-inspiring God who keeps his gracious covenant—do not view lightly all the hardships that have afflicted us, our kings and leaders, our priests and prophets, our ancestors and all your people, from the days of the Assyrian kings until today. <sup>33</sup>You are righteous concerning all that has happened to us, because you have acted faithfully, while we have acted wickedly. <sup>34</sup>Our kings, leaders, priests, and ancestors did not obey your law or listen to your commands and warnings you gave them. <sup>35</sup>When they were in their kingdom, with your abundant goodness that you gave them, and in the spacious and

fertile land you set before them, they would not serve you or turn from their wicked ways.

<sup>36</sup>Here we are today, slaves in the land you gave our ancestors so that they could enjoy its fruit and its goodness. Here we are—slaves in it! <sup>37</sup>Its abundant harvest goes to the kings you have set over us, because of our sins. They rule over our bodies and our livestock as they please. We are in great distress. <sup>38</sup>In view of all this, we are making a binding agreement in writing on a sealed document containing the names of our leaders, Levites, and priests.





## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Nehemiah is an important intercessor for Israel. He has a prominent position in the spiritual realm. He also has a significant voice of influence with the presiding rulers over Israel. He recognizes important changes can be made in this season of his life. He is a warrior of prayer. He is a champion in heaven and his role is to move God. We know that God can't be moved unless he wants to be moved. He wanted to be moved in Nehemiah's day and we need him to move on our behalf today. It is time for the intercessors to rise.

Nehemiah reminds God of his great victories for Israel in the past. He is moving the Father to do it again. Remember your covenant, Lord. "Do great things again," Nehemiah cries. He is in a battle and now we find ourselves in battle

formation today. Do not be afraid. Petition the creator of heaven and earth. The Lord is faithful to act on behalf of his loyal servants.

But the Lord does not protect those who continue in evil. Holiness is required to live in unity with God. The Lord is just and merciful. He abundantly pardons those who repent of their sins. But he will also punish the unrighteous ones. Lean into God. Let him hear your voice, see your tears and he will heal a contrite and broken heart. He is the provider of everything you need. The great God who has done miracles before, is the same God who does miracles today. When you find yourself in overwhelming trouble, relief will always come from the same source. Jehovah, Yahweh, Adonai, Yeshua. The one and only Great God.

## THE PRAYER

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Lord, you have spoken your word of truth. It is fixed and firm. We trust in your character and rely on your authority and power. You can deliver your people with the breath of your mouth. You elevate nations according to your own desire. Bless your people God. Be gracious to us. Bless Israel and the United

States of America. These nations have a covenant with you, Lord. Do not turn your head away from us, Lord. Hear your servants and act according to your righteousness. You honor your word to never leave us or forsake us. We believe, Lord, that your word is true. Overcome Lord. Overcome!

## THE PROCESS

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We have the privilege of calling on the name of the Lord in prayer and intercession for the nations. Be faithful to God's will and way so

that your prayers will be effective. Stay the course.

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## DAY EIGHT

# OVERCOMING YOUR ENEMIES

### PSALM 35:1-28 CSB

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Oppose my opponents, LORD; fight those who fight me. <sup>2</sup>Take your shields—large and small—and come to my aid. <sup>3</sup>Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers, and assure me, “I am your deliverance.” <sup>4</sup>Let those who intend to take my life be disgraced and humiliated; let those who plan to harm me be turned back and ashamed. <sup>5</sup>Let them be like chaff in the wind, with the angel of The Lord driving them away. <sup>6</sup>Let their way be dark and slippery, with the angel of The Lord pursuing them. <sup>7</sup>They hid their net for me without cause; they dug a pit for me without cause. <sup>8</sup>Let ruin come on him unexpectedly, and let the net that he hid ensnare him; let him fall into it—to his ruin. <sup>9</sup>Then I will rejoice in The Lord; I will delight in his deliverance. <sup>10</sup>All my bones will say, “LORD, who is like you, rescuing the poor from one too strong for him, the poor or the needy from one who robs him?” <sup>11</sup>Malicious witnesses come forward; they question me about things I do not know. <sup>12</sup>They repay me evil for good, making me desolate. <sup>13</sup>Yet when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting, and my prayer was genuine. <sup>14</sup>I went about mourning as if for my friend or brother; I was bowed down with grief, like one mourning for a mother. <sup>15</sup>But when I stumbled, they gathered in glee; they gathered against me. Assailants I did

not know tore at me and did not stop. <sup>16</sup>With godless mockery they gnashed their teeth at me. <sup>17</sup>Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue me from their ravages; rescue my precious life from the young lions. <sup>18</sup>I will praise you in the great assembly; I will exalt you among many people. <sup>19</sup>Do not let my deceitful enemies rejoice over me; do not let those who hate me without cause wink at me maliciously. <sup>20</sup>For they do not speak in friendly ways, but contrive fraudulent schemes against those who live peacefully in the land. <sup>21</sup>They open their mouths wide against me and say, “Aha, aha! We saw it!” <sup>22</sup>You saw it, LORD; do not be silent. Lord, do not be far from me. <sup>23</sup>Wake up and rise to my defense, to my cause, my God and my Lord! <sup>24</sup>Vindicate me, LORD my God, in keeping with your righteousness, and do not let them rejoice over me. <sup>25</sup>Do not let them say in their hearts, “Aha! Just what we wanted.” Do not let them say, “We have swallowed him up!” <sup>26</sup>Let those who rejoice at my misfortune be disgraced and humiliated; let those who exalt themselves over me be clothed with shame and reproach. <sup>27</sup>Let those who want my vindication shout for joy and be glad; let them continually say, “The Lord be exalted. He takes pleasure in his servant’s well-being.” <sup>28</sup>And my tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praise all day long.



## THE PERSPECTIVE

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The most powerful defender in the universe is the Lord. His authority and power are without rival. His commands are final. There is no controversy. Satan knows that this is true. God alone is the supreme master of all things. King David goes directly to the Lord to petition him for help against his many foes. He reminds the Lord that he has been faithful. He is a friend to the friendless. A source of hope to the hopeless. A provider to the poor. He asks the Lord to

look and see—to examine his dealings with these unscrupulous scoundrels. He asks the Lord to find favor with his servant. David knows that the Father’s judgments will be just.

The Lord will examine our faithfulness before he condemns our enemies. If you will do good things, God will do great things. You will experience God’s joy. His decisions are final. His word is certain.





## THE PRAYER

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Father God, forgive me for my secret sins. I will not hide behind a cloak of darkness. I will live a holy life before you. Let my enemies be ashamed as my life is examined before you. Let them examine my ways themselves. They

will find holiness, faithfulness, and love for you, God, and your people. I want to live like you, Jesus. So when you look into my face you see a life that reflects you. So be it. Amen.

## THE PROCESS

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This is an important day. May the Lord accept all of your confessions. We cannot ask God to destroy our adversaries if we are practicing the sins that they practice. He will not cover you if you refuse to change your own evil ways. His decisions are just. He rejoices when His children overcome. If you are continuing in sin—it must stop. Really. It must stop. There

will be some pain. But a habitual lifestyle of sinning must be eradicated from your ledger. Stop! The Lord will find favor with you again. You will rise like the sun. Your enemies will be defeated. Your poverty will be crushed. Good things will emerge. God's favor will ensue. Start Now!



## REFLECTION

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## DAY NINE

# FASTING & PRAYER

### MATTHEW 6:5-21 CSB

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“Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup>When you pray, don’t babble like the Gentiles, since they imagine they’ll be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Don’t be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup>“Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from

the evil one. <sup>14</sup>“For if you forgive others their offenses, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. <sup>15</sup>But if you don’t forgive others, your Father will not forgive your offenses.

<sup>16</sup>“Whenever you fast, don’t be gloomy like the hypocrites. For they disfigure their faces so that their fasting is obvious to people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting isn’t obvious to others but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Don’t store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don’t break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Prayer is a powerful conduit. Let's say you are cooking breakfast. Eggs, hash browns with sausage, and biscuits. Not the healthiest first meal of the day, but tasty. But it won't happen without a conduit that distributes the heat throughout the surface of the cooking pan. Prayer is your conduit in the Spirit. It transfers your prayers, hopes, and dreams to The Lord. Prayer is your private time with Jesus. Prayer offers you hours of seclusion with God. In the secret place, you can pray and fast. Make

your requests to God. Repent from your sins. Receive forgiveness. Release debts. Purify your own heart through forgiveness. Get in your secret place with King Jesus. Call out to God. He will come to you. Fasting is designed to make you hungry for more of God. It will help develop your spiritual muscles. Fasting will make you humble. It will refocus your mind on your God-given assignment. Access the power found in prayer and fasting.

## THE PRAYER

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I know, Lord Jesus, that you are a prayer warrior. Help me to become one too. A person who is locked into the desires of Father God.

## THE PROCESS

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Keep a journal—even beyond these twenty-one days. It is a great tool that you can use to record the victories and setbacks of this life.

It will renew your mind and keep you focused on your God assignment.





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## DAY TEN

# THE GREATEST TREASURE

**MATTHEW 13:44-58 CSB**

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“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. <sup>46</sup>When he found one priceless pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea. It collected every kind of fish, <sup>48</sup>and when it was full, they dragged it ashore, sat down, and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw out the worthless ones. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out, separate the evil people from the righteous, <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all these things?” They answered him, “Yes.”

<sup>52</sup>“Therefore,” he said to them, “every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom treasures new and old.” <sup>53</sup>When Jesus had finished these parables, he left there. <sup>54</sup>He went to his hometown and began to teach them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? <sup>55</sup>Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother called Mary, and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? <sup>56</sup>And his sisters, aren’t they all with us? So where does he get all these things?” <sup>57</sup>And they were offended by him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his household.” <sup>58</sup>And he did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.



## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Nothing is more valuable than the kingdom of Heaven. To get into the kingdom is greater than anything else—and Jesus gives it to you for free. A wise man sells everything he has to get into the kingdom of God. A business exchanges all its inventory to acquire this one thing: the kingdom of heaven. It's hard for us to imagine the wonder of the kingdom because we are bound to our earth suits. Ask God to open our spiritual eyes so we can see the wonders of heaven. Jesus is the captain of eternal life. Without it, you cannot live in the

kingdom. He offers it to us free of charge. Yet some belittle its immense value and continue their own way, nullifying their ability to enter into the kingdom. Others don't recognize its worth so they lose it through reckless living.

Jesus is the open door to heaven. If you miss him you will suffer forever. Submit to Jesus today. Right now. You will receive the greatest gift known to man. Eternal life in God's kingdom.

## THE PRAYER

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If you are ready to secure your place in the kingdom of God, pray with me out loud. Lord Jesus, today I give you my life. To live with you in heaven is the greatest gift a person can receive. I accept your gift. Forgive me for

the sinful things I did in my past. I am sorry. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. I pledge my life to serving you and being a faithful witness in your kingdom.

## THE PROCESS

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Go to church and tell someone on the pastoral team that you recently gave your life to Jesus. Ask for resources to begin your journey as a Christian. You can also visit [overcomercc.org/contact](https://overcomercc.org/contact)

and they will connect with you to help you get started. Tell your family, friends, and co-workers about your decision.



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## DAY ELEVEN

# THE ROAD TO PERFECTION

### MATTHEW 19:21-30 CSB

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“If you want to be perfect,” Jesus said to him, “go, sell your belongings and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When the young man heard that, he went away grieving, because he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup>Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>25</sup>When the disciples heard this, they were utterly astonished and asked, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With

man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” <sup>27</sup>Then Peter responded to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you. So what will there be for us?” <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, in the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields because of my name will receive a hundred times more and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

### THE PERSPECTIVE

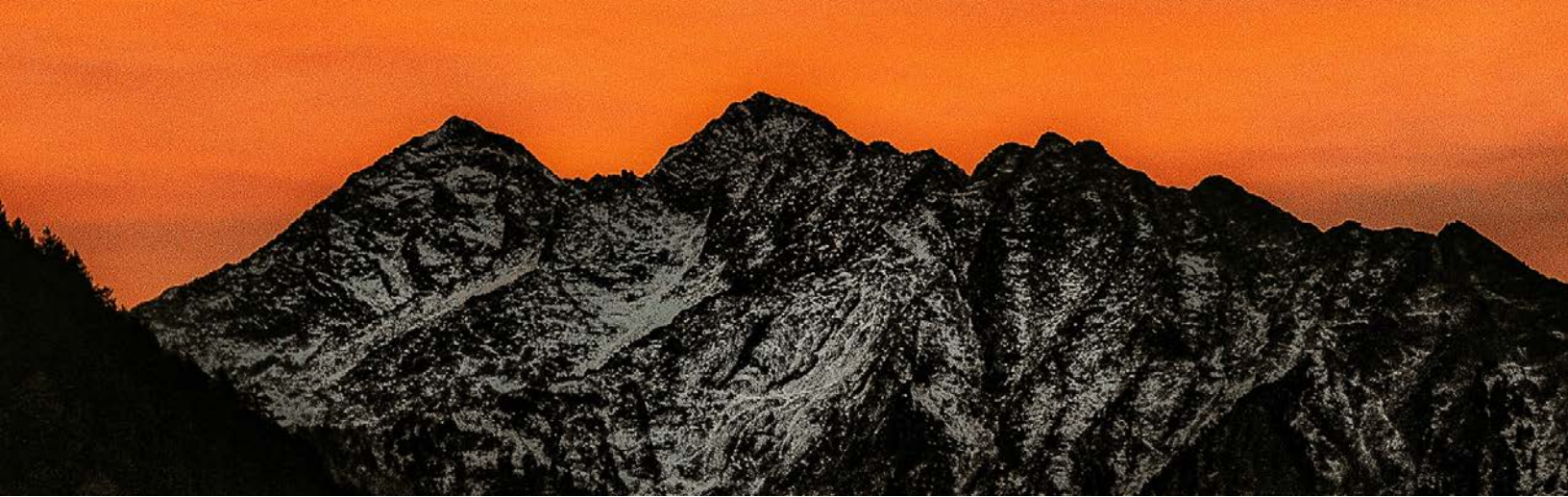
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What a tough predicament to find yourself in. Jesus asks the young man to choose earthly wealth or life in the kingdom of God. He is torn between the two. Here’s why: he has never experienced a moment in the kingdom. He loves God but he also loves money. We know that money is a powerful earthly force. He is accustomed to that power. He has wealth and he is not ready to give it up for future access into heaven.

He is more focused about what he is losing rather than what he is gaining. Once he frames it correctly, he can make the right decision.

Don’t let money fool you. Trust God. Give it all to Jesus. He will multiply it and give you back eternal joy forever. Don’t be selfish or shortsighted. Follow God. Invest your life into a walk with Jesus. You will be eternally glad you did.





## THE PRAYER

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Help me, Lord, to choose the winning proposition. I want to honor you in every decision that I make. Open my eyes to see the path that you are walking on and follow. Give

me wisdom to decide the right way to live. Earthly wealth is pleasing for a moment but eternal life is forever. Empower me to always choose life.

## THE PROCESS

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Give your life to God. What an opportunity this young man is given, to walk with Jesus. He turns it down for mere money. How often does an opportunity to serve God come in conjunction with an opportunity to serve yourself? What do you choose? What is best

for you and what honors God? Give it all to Jesus. He is the creator of creation! Hello. Give it all to Jesus. You can't out-give him. His gift is and always will be better than yours. I challenge you to bless a dozen people today just because you love Jesus.

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## DAY TWELVE

# UNQUENCHABLE FAVOR OF GOD

### GENESIS 39:1-23 CSB

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Now Joseph had been taken to Egypt. An Egyptian named Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and the captain of the guards, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him there. <sup>2</sup>The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, serving in the household of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup>When his master saw that The Lord was with him and that The Lord made everything he did successful, <sup>4</sup>Joseph found favor with his master and became his personal attendant. Potiphar also put him in charge of his household and placed all that he owned under his authority. <sup>5</sup>From the time that he put him in charge of his household and of all that he owned, The Lord blessed the Egyptian's house because of Joseph. The Lord's blessing was on all that he owned, in his house and in his fields. <sup>6</sup>He left all that he owned under Joseph's authority; he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate. Now Joseph was well-built and handsome. <sup>7</sup>After some time his master's wife looked longingly at Joseph and said, "Sleep with me." <sup>8</sup>But he refused. "Look," he said to his master's wife, "with me here my master does not concern himself with anything in his house, and he has put all that he owns under my authority. <sup>9</sup>No one in this house is greater than I am. He has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. So how could I do this immense evil, and how could I sin against God?" <sup>10</sup>Although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her. <sup>11</sup>Now one

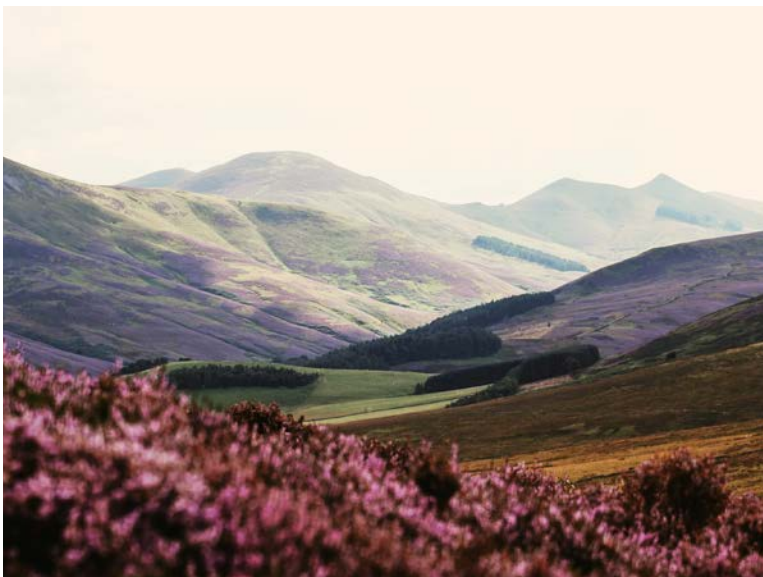
day he went into the house to do his work, and none of the household servants were there. <sup>12</sup>She grabbed him by his garment and said, "Sleep with me!" But leaving his garment in her hand, he escaped and ran outside. <sup>13</sup>When she saw that he had left his garment with her and had run outside, <sup>14</sup>she called her household servants. "Look," she said to them, "my husband brought a Hebrew man to make fools of us. He came to me so he could sleep with me, and I screamed as loud as I could. <sup>15</sup>When he heard me screaming for help, he left his garment beside me and ran outside." <sup>16</sup>She put Joseph's garment beside her until his master came home. <sup>17</sup>Then she told him the same story: "The Hebrew slave you brought to us came to make a fool of me, <sup>18</sup>but when I screamed for help, he left his garment beside me and ran outside." <sup>19</sup>When his master heard the story his wife told him—"These are the things your slave did to me"—he was furious <sup>20</sup>and had him thrown into prison, where the king's prisoners were confined. So Joseph was there in prison. <sup>21</sup>But The Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him. He granted him favor with the prison warden. <sup>22</sup>The warden put all the prisoners who were in the prison under Joseph's authority, and he was responsible for everything that was done there. <sup>23</sup>The warden did not bother with anything under Joseph's authority, because The Lord was with him, and The Lord made everything that he did successful.

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Joseph has the unquenchable favor of God upon his life. God loves Joseph. He is a faithful man. His brothers sell him into slavery and he doesn't get bitter. He forgives them. He has a loyal heart toward God and does things God's way. This is not a one-and-done decision by Joseph. He lives a holy lifestyle that is fully devoted to our King. He refuses to compromise. Put God's agenda in first place in your everyday activities. Prioritize his desire ahead

of yours. I am not saying your things are less important. Your family, work, resources, etc. are focus worthy. It is just that when you are devoted to the Lord you will always overcome. He watches over your family, work and resources because you are focused on him. Make the necessary adjustments. Your life will soar. Difficult challenges arise but they cannot defeat you. You are an overcomer. God's desires triumph.







## THE PRAYER

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Father, help me build the supreme trust in you that Joseph displays. When I am hurt, help me forgive. When things are bad I will remain faithful. You, Lord, are always with me. Even when I lose sight of that and drift. I know you

are God. Make your desires surface and allow them to become primary. Bless those who have hurt me. Forgive me for hurting others. Thank you for the favor that is upon my life. Make your name great God. Do your will.

## THE PROCESS

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The Holy Spirit will give you the power to live a refuse-to-compromise, holy lifestyle. Don't buy into the "nobody's perfect" mantra. That's just an excuse to be average, mediocre and unfocused. Reject those thoughts. The Holy Spirit lives in you. Step into your shoes. Serve the Lord. Forget the past. Today, God is

giving you a new start. Make the most of this new lifestyle. Put God first. Start the day with prayer and studying God's word. Be active in helping others. Bless your family. Then your friends. Then your enemies. No compromises. Live devoted to Yeshua.

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## DAY THIRTEEN

# THE MISSION

### LUKE 9:1-17 CSB

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Summoning the Twelve, he gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. <sup>2</sup>Then he sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup>“Take nothing for the road,” he told them, “no staff, no traveling bag, no bread, no money; and don’t take an extra shirt. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there and leave from there. <sup>5</sup>If they do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup>So they went out and traveled from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing everywhere. <sup>7</sup>Herod the tetrarch heard about everything that was going on. He was perplexed, because some said that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup>some that Elijah had appeared, and others that one of the ancient prophets had risen. <sup>9</sup>“I beheaded John,” Herod said, “but who is this I hear such things about?” And he wanted to see him. <sup>10</sup>When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus all that they had done. He took them along and withdrew privately to

a town called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds found out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. <sup>12</sup>Late in the day, the Twelve approached and said to him, “Send the crowd away, so that they can go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find food and lodging, because we are in a deserted place here.” <sup>13</sup>“You give them something to eat,” he told them. “We have no more than five loaves and two fish,” they said, “unless we go and buy food for all these people.” <sup>14</sup>(For about five thousand men were there.) Then he told his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup>They did what he said, and had them all sit down. <sup>16</sup>Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed and broke them. He kept giving them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>Everyone ate and was filled. They picked up twelve baskets of leftover pieces.



## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Jesus mobilizes His team. He gives him authority over the demons and grants them the power to heal the sick. Armed with Yeshua's authority they shift the atmosphere. Thousands are ignited to come to Jesus. Multitudes come from everywhere. So much so that they create another problem: food shortage. Sometimes a big victory can also present a big challenge. The disciples are still governed by a limited mindset. Jesus has unlimited power. He has shared that authority with them, yet they don't even try to feed them. I get it. It's a bit overwhelming. You are never going to experience God's miracles

unless you get out of your comfort zone. Jesus is standing with them. He is standing with you too. Right here, right now. What challenge is ready to bow its knee to Yeshua's power granted to you? He is Lord of all. You are his servant. Pray for direction and do what Yeshua tells you to do. Trust that God will finish what he has started in you.

He sent out seventy-two disciples. Luke 10:17 CSB says that the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."



## THE PRAYER

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Father, you have given us a mission to preach the gospel and heal the sick. Thank you, Lord, for the power and authority to do your will. Break the spirit of fear, anxiety and uncertainty off of your servant. As a humble servant, I

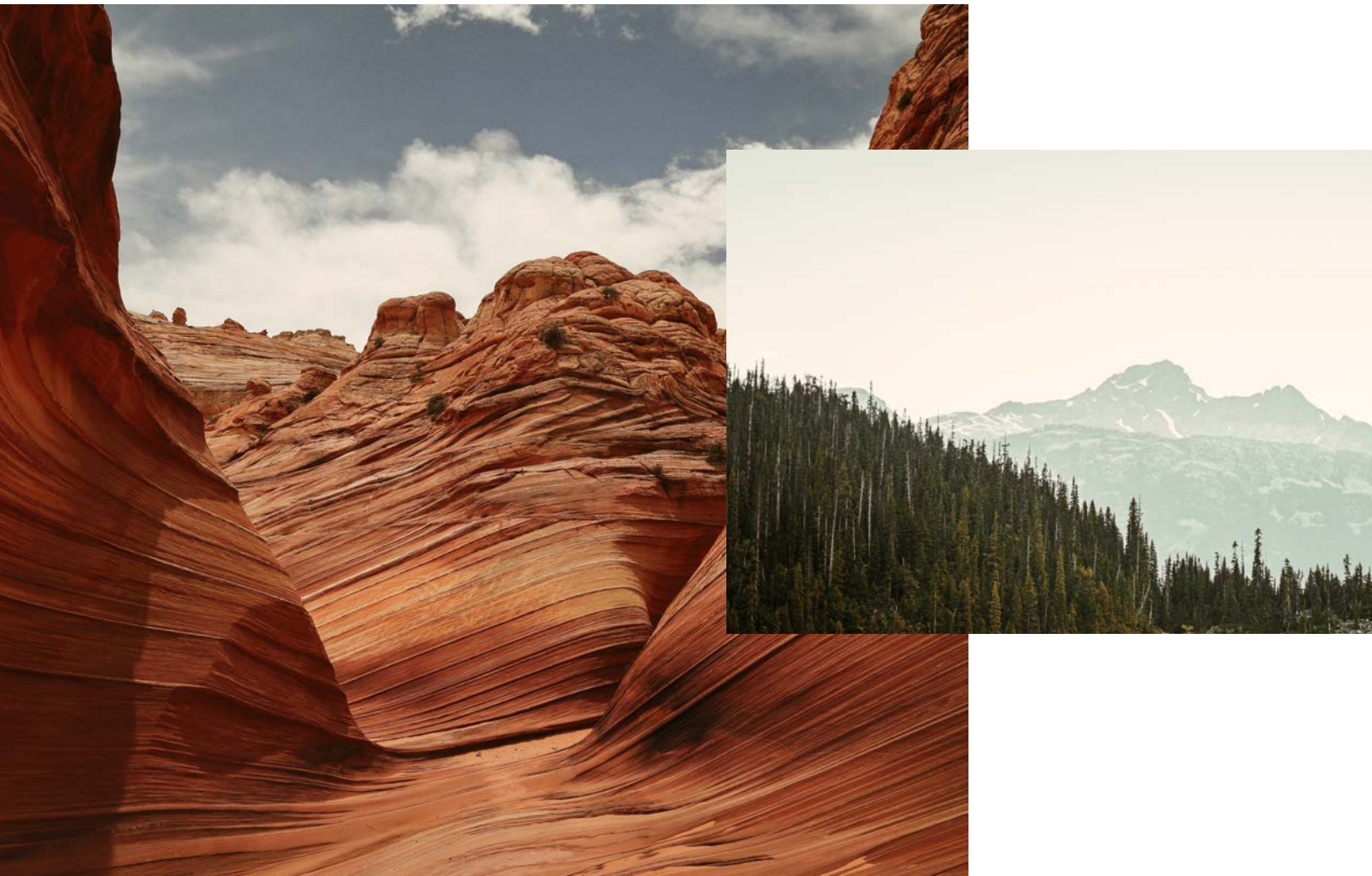
desire to do your will. You have chosen me. You put your word and the Holy Spirit in my heart. I live for you Jesus. This is the hour for me to show your glory to a world walking in darkness. Be with me Lord. Amen.

## THE PROCESS

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Your responsibility is to pray. Put your faith in God to hear your prayer and respond. Hurting people need to be saved and healed. Tell them about Jesus and pray for their healing. They

will accept Jesus as their Lord. Do not be afraid. God is with you. Walk it out day by day. Look for opportunities to demonstrate the love and power of The Lord.



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## DAY FOURTEEN

# THE END OF CORRUPTION IS NEAR

### REVELATION 17:1-18 CSB

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Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me: “Come, I will show you the judgment of the notorious prostitute who is seated on many waters. <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth committed sexual immorality with her, and those who live on the earth became drunk on the wine of her sexual immorality.” <sup>3</sup>Then he carried me away in the Spirit to a wilderness. I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast that was covered with blasphemous names and had seven heads and ten horns. <sup>4</sup>The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, jewels, and pearls. She had a golden cup in her hand filled with everything detestable and with the impurities of her prostitution. <sup>5</sup>On her forehead was written a name, a mystery: BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE DETESTABLE THINGS OF THE EARTH. <sup>6</sup>Then I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses to Jesus. When I saw her, I was greatly astonished. <sup>7</sup>Then the angel said to me, “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast, with the seven heads and the ten horns, that carries her. <sup>8</sup>The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up from the abyss and go to destruction. Those who live on the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the

world will be astonished when they see the beast that was, and is not, and is to come.

<sup>9</sup>This calls for a mind that has wisdom. “The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated. They are also seven kings:

<sup>10</sup>Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes, he must remain for only a little while. <sup>11</sup>The beast that was and is not, is itself an eighth king, but it belongs to the seven and is going to destruction. <sup>12</sup>The

ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they will receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. <sup>13</sup>These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. <sup>14</sup>These will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those with him are called, chosen, and faithful.” <sup>15</sup>He also said to me,

“The waters you saw, where the prostitute was seated, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages. <sup>16</sup>The ten horns you saw, and the beast, will hate the prostitute. They will make her desolate and naked, devour her flesh, and burn her up with fire. <sup>17</sup>For God has put it into their hearts to carry out his plan by having one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God are fulfilled. <sup>18</sup>And the woman you saw is the great city that has royal power over the kings of the earth.”

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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This demonic spirit is wicked and perverse. It seemingly operates in every nation. Satan is a master of deception who specializes in manipulating the masses. He uses sexual perversion, lies, deceit and the like to keep the

unsaved from submitting to The Lord. Jesus however, will break his grip. He is the King of kings and The Lord of all lords. There will be a short season of demonic warfare, but God, the creator of everything, will prevail.

## THE PRAYER

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Father, we know that you work all things together for good for those who love you. Your plans are always fulfilled. Help your people, Lord, stand firm during tough times. Help me

to live in unity with you above everything else. I reject the spirit of compromise that will enter into the world. My heart is committed to you, Lord Jesus. Sealed and settled. Amen

## THE PROCESS

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It's important to encourage yourself during tough times. Reinforce the truth of God's word. Live his way. Speak life into your mind, your family and your community. I know that

God always wins and so do I. Encourage your inner circle today. Send them a message that God is for them and so are you.



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## DAY FIFTEEN

# BY WHAT AUTHORITY

### LUKE 20:1-19 CSB

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One day as he was teaching the people in the temple and proclaiming the good news, the chief priests and the scribes, with the elders, came <sup>2</sup>and said to him, “Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “I will also ask you a question. Tell me, <sup>4</sup>was the baptism of John from heaven or of human origin?” <sup>5</sup>They discussed it among themselves: “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘Why didn’t you believe him?’ <sup>6</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ all the people will stone us, because they are convinced that John was a prophet.” <sup>7</sup>So they answered that they did not know its origin. <sup>8</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.” <sup>9</sup>Now he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, leased it to tenant farmers, and went away for a long time. <sup>10</sup>At harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers so that they might give him some fruit from the vineyard. But the farmers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>He sent yet another servant, but they beat that one too, treated him shamefully,

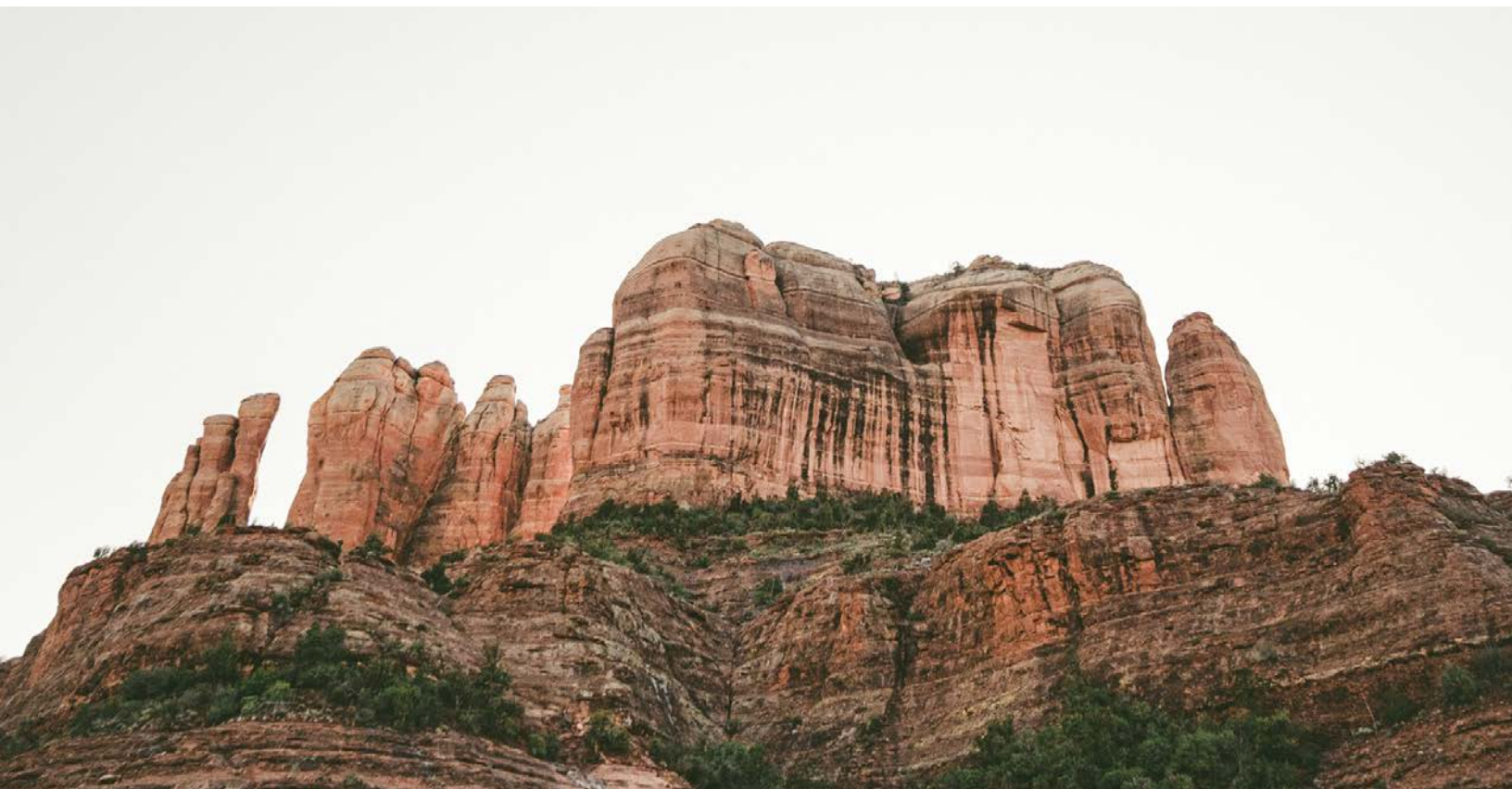
and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third, but they wounded this one too and threw him out. <sup>13</sup>“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What should I do? I will send my beloved son. Perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>“But when the tenant farmers saw him, they discussed it among themselves and said, ‘This is the heir. Let’s kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. “What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and kill those farmers and give the vineyard to others.” But when they heard this they said, “That must never happen!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked at them and said, “Then what is the meaning of this Scripture: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone? <sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but on whomever it falls, it will shatter him.” <sup>19</sup>Then the scribes and the chief priests looked for a way to get their hands on him that very hour, because they knew he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Jesus speaks to the unfaithful leaders in Israel through parables and illustrations. They are wise enough to discern the point of each story and come to a place of repentance. But they never do. Jesus spends years teaching these unfaithful leaders. They are obstinate and unrepentant—a bad combination when eternal life is at stake. They are the tenant farmers but refuse to accept Jesus as Lord despite the incredible miracles and messages. They could

have done what many others did: embrace Yeshua as the Messiah. Instead, they will ultimately nail him to the cross. Yet that too happens in accord with God's plan, the plan to save our lives. Today, if you will accept the Lord Jesus, He will grant you eternal life. It's a simple but poignant truth. You will say yes to either eternal life or eternal death. Choose life so that you, and your family, can live.





## THE PRAYER

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Thank you, Lord, for devising a plan to save my life. You designed a way to save humanity. You sent Jesus to illuminate the path to eternal

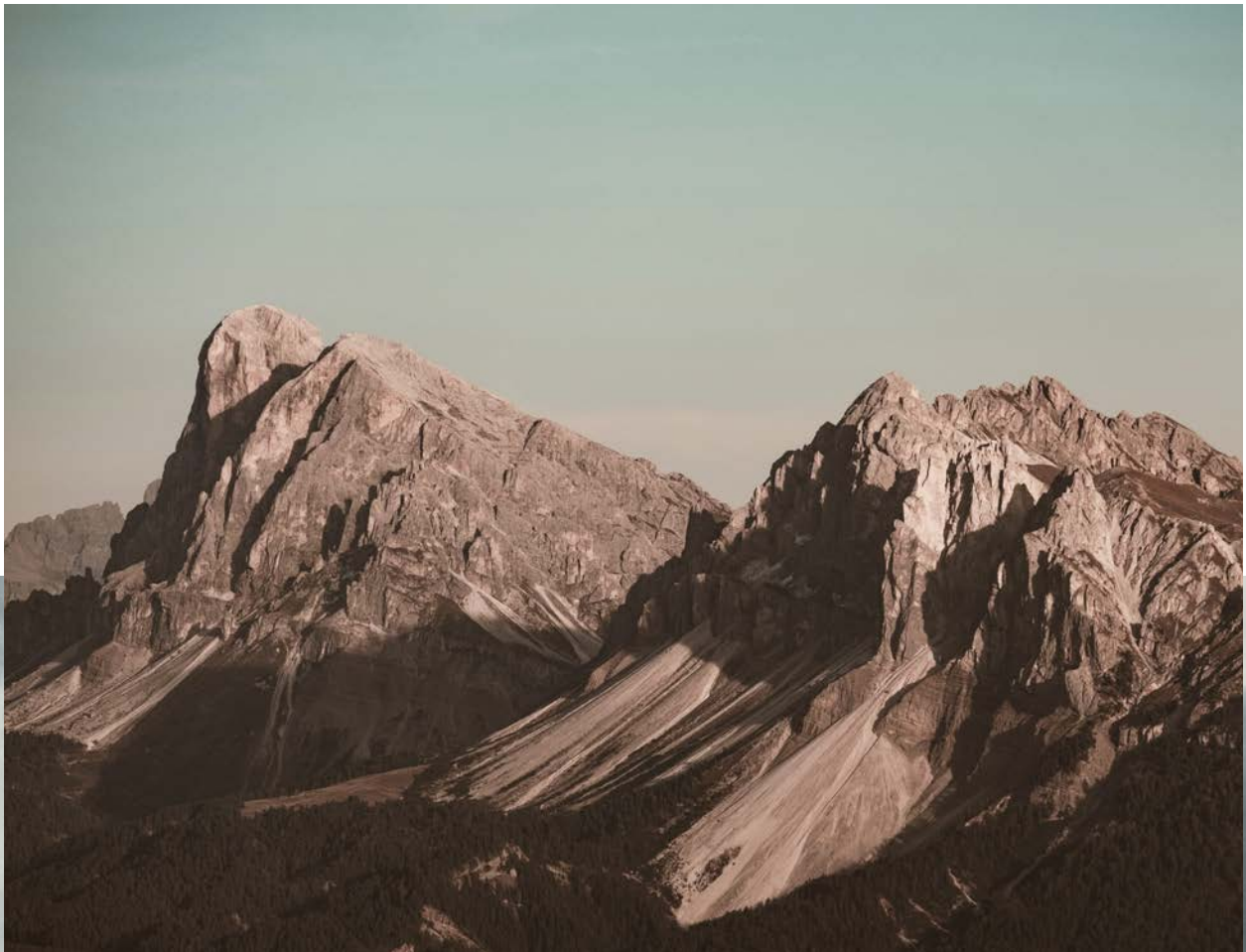
life. Today, I accept you Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I say YES to eternal life! I choose life so that I can live. So that my family can live.

## THE PROCESS

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Today is another salvation call. Focus on praying for or witnessing to at least one person who doesn't know Yeshua. Do your best to plant a seed in their heart today. Your effort

will draw them closer to the kingdom of God. Reach out to a friend or a foe. You can do it. Jesus is working things out in your favor. Be nice. Have fun. Plant some seeds.



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## DAY SIXTEEN

# THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### JOHN 10:1-39 CSB

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“Truly I tell you, anyone who doesn’t enter the sheep pen by the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don’t know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus gave them this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said again, “Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, since he is not the shepherd and doesn’t own the sheep, leaves them and runs away when he sees a wolf coming. The wolf then snatches

and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>This happens because he is a hired hand and doesn’t care about the sheep. <sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>But I have other sheep that are not from this sheep pen; I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.” <sup>19</sup>Again the Jews were divided because of these words. <sup>20</sup>Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and he’s crazy. Why do you listen to him?” <sup>21</sup>Others were saying, “These aren’t the words of someone who is demon-possessed. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?” <sup>22</sup>Then the Festival of Dedication took place in Jerusalem, and it was winter. <sup>23</sup>Jesus was walking in the temple in Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>24</sup>The Jews surrounded him and asked, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>“I did tell you and you don’t

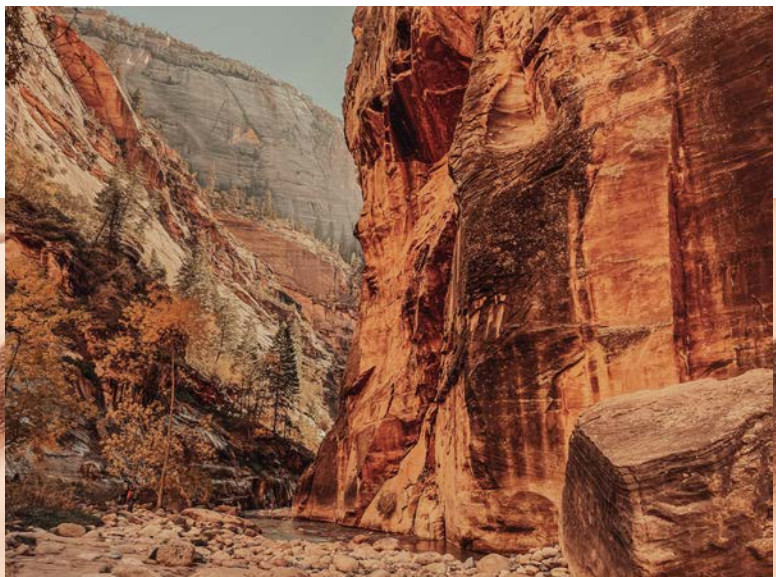


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believe,” Jesus answered them. “The works that I do in my Father’s name testify about me. <sup>26</sup>But you don’t believe because you are not of my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.” <sup>31</sup>Again the Jews picked up rocks to stone him. <sup>32</sup>Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these works are you stoning me?” <sup>33</sup>“We aren’t stoning you for a good work,” the Jews

answered, “but for blasphemy, because you—being a man—make yourself God.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Isn’t it written in your law, I said, you are gods? <sup>35</sup>If he called those to whom the word of God came ‘gods’—and the Scripture cannot be broken—<sup>36</sup>do you say, ‘You are blaspheming’ to the one the Father set apart and sent into the world, because I said: I am the Son of God? <sup>37</sup>If I am not doing my Father’s works, don’t believe me. <sup>38</sup>But if I am doing them and you don’t believe me, believe the works. This way you will know and understand that the Father is in me and I in the Father.” <sup>39</sup>Then they were trying again to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.



## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Jesus is the shepherd of the sheep. He speaks to the religious leaders in parables. Yeshua knows their hearts. They are not focused on loving and knowing God. They do not belong to Jesus. Their desires, like others in humanity, are focused on their own self-centered ambitions. The Father has sent Jesus into the world to offer us eternal life. He is the gatekeeper who opens the door to the sheep. He gives us eternal life. These men simply cannot accept the truth.

Jesus is the Messiah who has come into the world to save the whole world. Jews and Gentiles. We

all are God's sheep. Jesus calls us to be one holy people who are submitted to the creator of heaven and earth. All others are counterfeits. They don't love God or his people. They are all demonic liars. Satan is not a giver of Life. He is a thief and a liar. Jesus offers salvation to the world. He became flesh and blood, born into the world as a human being. Yet He is the son of God. The gate is humanity. Satan is a spirit. A deceiving spirit at that. He is a liar. The door of truth found in Yeshua is the only way into the kingdom of God.

## THE PRAYER

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Father, we ask that you send the Spirit of truth into the world. Let men and women, boys and girls, young and old feel the impact of your love and mercy. Help the lost surrender their

lives to you. You are the open door to eternal life. Help us find the way back to the Good Shepherd. Save us all, Lord. Save us all.

## THE PROCESS

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Be the voice of goodness when the world is shouting hatred. Be the voice of salvation when the world is shouting destruction. Be the voice of truth when the world is spewing lies. Be the voice of purity when the world embraces corruption. Be the voice of unity as delusion

seeks isolation. Be the voice of truth that's found in Jesus Christ. Be the voice! He is the voice of love, of mercy and of justice. He is the voice of victory. He is your voice. My voice. Our voices!

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## DAY SEVENTEEN

# EMPOWERED

### EZRA 7:1-28 CSB

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After these events, during the reign of King Artaxerxes of Persia, Ezra- Seraiah's son, Azariah's son, Hilkiah's son, <sup>2</sup>Shallum's son, Zadok's son, Ahitub's son, <sup>3</sup>Amariah's son, Azariah's son, Meraioth's son, <sup>4</sup>Zerahiah's son, Uzzi's son, Bukki's son, <sup>5</sup>Abishua's son, Phinehas's son, Eleazar's son, the chief priest Aaron's son <sup>6</sup>—came up from Babylon. He was a scribe skilled in the law of Moses, which The Lord, the God of Israel, had given. The king had granted him everything he requested because the hand of The Lord his God was on him. <sup>7</sup>Some of the Israelites, priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, and temple servants accompanied him to Jerusalem in the seventh year of King Artaxerxes. <sup>8</sup>Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, during the seventh year of the king. <sup>9</sup>He began the journey from Babylon on the first day of the first month and arrived in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month since the gracious hand of his God was on him. <sup>10</sup>Now Ezra had determined in his heart to study the law

of The Lord, obey it, and teach its statutes and ordinances in Israel. <sup>11</sup>This is the text of the letter King Artaxerxes gave to Ezra the priest and scribe, an expert in matters of The Lord's commands and statutes for Israel: <sup>12</sup>Artaxerxes, king of kings, to Ezra the priest, an expert in the law of the God of the heavens: Greetings. <sup>13</sup>I issue a decree that any of the Israelites in my kingdom, including their priests and Levites, who want to go to Jerusalem, may go with you. <sup>14</sup>You are sent by the king and his seven counselors to evaluate Judah and Jerusalem according to the law of your God, which is in your possession. <sup>15</sup>You are also to bring the silver and gold the king and his counselors have willingly given to the God of Israel, whose dwelling is in Jerusalem, <sup>16</sup>and all the silver and gold you receive throughout the province of Babylon, together with the freewill offerings given by the people and the priests to the house of their God in Jerusalem. <sup>17</sup>Then you are to be diligent to buy with this money bulls, rams, and lambs,

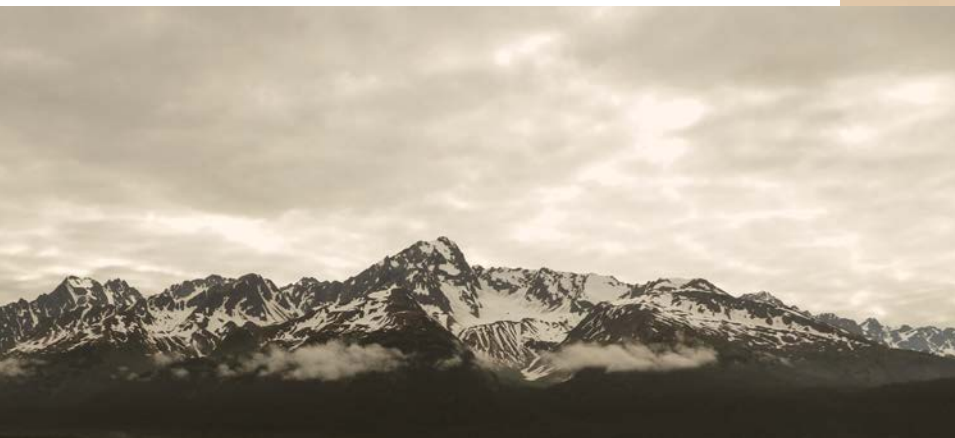


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along with their grain and drink offerings, and offer them on the altar at the house of your God in Jerusalem. <sup>18</sup>You may do whatever seems best to you and your brothers with the rest of the silver and gold, according to the will of your God. <sup>19</sup>Deliver to the God of Jerusalem all the articles given to you for the service of the house of your God. <sup>20</sup>You may use the royal treasury to pay for anything else needed for the house of your God. <sup>21</sup>I, King Artaxerxes, issue a decree to all the treasurers in the region west of the Euphrates River: Whatever Ezra the priest, an expert in the law of the God of the heavens, asks of you must be provided in full, <sup>22</sup>up to 7,500 pounds of silver, 500 bushels of wheat, 550 gallons of wine, 550 gallons of oil, and salt without limit. <sup>23</sup>Whatever is commanded by the God of the heavens must be done diligently for the house of the God of the heavens, so that wrath will not fall on the realm of the king and his sons. <sup>24</sup>Be advised that you do not have authority to impose tribute, duty, and land tax on any

priests, Levites, singers, doorkeepers, temple servants, or other servants of this house of God. <sup>25</sup>And you, Ezra, according to God's wisdom that you possess, appoint magistrates and judges to judge all the people in the region west of the Euphrates who know the laws of your God and to teach anyone who does not know them. <sup>26</sup>Anyone who does not keep the law of your God and the law of the king, let the appropriate judgment be executed against him, whether death, banishment, confiscation of property, or imprisonment. <sup>27</sup>Blessed be The Lord, the God of our ancestors, who has put it into the king's mind to glorify the house of The Lord in Jerusalem, <sup>28</sup>and who has shown favor to me before the king, his counselors, and all his powerful officers. So I took courage because I was strengthened by the hand of The Lord my God, and I gathered Israelite leaders to return with me.



## THE PERSPECTIVE

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There are very few things better than favor that comes from the king. The king has the authority and power to quickly advance the work of the Lord. King Artaxerxes is motivated to do the work of restoration of the temple in Jerusalem. He supplies everything needed to get the job done. Ezra comes to oversee the work. He is an expert concerning the things of God. This is a golden season when the heart of the earthly king has aligned himself with the heart of the King of Glory. Important transformations take place. Revenue is

released. Gifted workers rise. It takes Ezra four months to travel from Babylon to Jerusalem. It is a big undertaking. Remember there are no airplanes, helicopters or ocean liners. You traveled in large groups. You had to pack food, establish security, climb mountains and cross valleys. There are wild animals to confront, weather challenges to overcome and enemies to defeat. But we know that nothing stops the work of the Lord. Be unstoppable. God is with you. Let's Go.

## THE PRAYER

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Lord, your servant is listening for your commands. I am not afraid to take on anything you have given me. Nothing is too hard with you. As I survey my life, reveal to me the obstacles that I have not overcome. Open my eyes to see, my ears to hear and my

mind to understand what you require from me. Deposit wisdom, favor and courage in your servant. I'm in alignment with you, Lord. As the prophet Joshua said, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

## THE PROCESS

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Have you completed all the things God has called you to do? Think about it. Make a list. What challenges remain unconquered? Why are you waiting? The Lord is with you. Don't be afraid. Rise up. Get organized. Gather your

team. Stay focused on the end. Jesus is leading the way. His favor is on your life. Whatever the project. Identify it. Prepare for it. Proceed with it. Triumph!





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## DAY EIGHTEEN

# DEMONS FLEE

### MARK 1:21-45 CSB

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They went into Capernaum, and right away he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. <sup>22</sup>They were astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes.

<sup>23</sup>Just then a man with an unclean spirit was in their synagogue. He cried out, <sup>24</sup>“What do you have to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” <sup>25</sup>Jesus rebuked him saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit threw him into convulsions, shouted with a loud voice, and came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and so they began to ask each other, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once the news about him spread throughout the entire vicinity of Galilee. <sup>29</sup>As soon as they left the synagogue, they went into Simon and Andrew’s house with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Simon’s

mother-in-law was lying in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>So he went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>When evening came, after the sun had set, they brought to him all those who were sick and demon possessed. <sup>33</sup>The whole town was assembled at the door, <sup>34</sup>and he healed many who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying. <sup>36</sup>Simon and his companions searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and when they found him they said, “Everyone is looking for you.” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Let’s go on to the neighboring villages so that I may preach there too. This is why I have come.” <sup>39</sup>He went into all of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out



## MARK 1:21-45 CSB CONTINUED

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demons. <sup>40</sup>Then a man with leprosy came to him and, on his knees, begged him, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” <sup>41</sup>Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him. “I am willing,” he told him. “Be made clean.” <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>Then he sternly warned him and sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup>telling him, “See that you say nothing

to anyone; but go and show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” <sup>45</sup>Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely and to spread the news, with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly. But he was out in deserted places, and they came to him from everywhere.

## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Jesus is the teacher of God’s word. He takes every opportunity to teach the people about the ways of the great God. Do everything under the authority of Father God. Satan knows who you are. Do you? The Spirit of Jesus is in you. Be strong and courageous. Rebuke the enemy that fights against you. He cannot rise against Jesus and prevail. Stand

firm in your God-given authority. Every day somebody is waking up and submitting to the authority and power in Yeshua. They will walk in freedom. Peter sees his mother-in-law restored. He’s in. The word spreads and the whole town is at his house before sunset.

One of the key components in Yeshua is compassion. He has a heart for people. He loves them and wants to heal their bodies and their souls. Be a healer like Jesus. He lives in you. As you embrace Him, he will embrace you. He will make you a fountain of refreshment to others.





## THE PRAYER

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Lord, make me a fountain of refreshment to others. Break any fear that I have allowed to settle in me. I will not dwell in uncertainty. I am bold in Christ. Strong, firm and resolute

in Jesus. I know who I am and whose I am. I belong to Jesus. A new season of faith is rising in me. Your servant is ready.

## THE PROCESS

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Pray. Pray. Pray. Pray in the morning. Pray at noon. Pray in the evening and at midnight too. Pray for your children. Pray for your friends. Pray for the sick. Pray for the Lord to do something quick. Pray for our cities. Pray for the nations. Pray for the poor. Pray

for those who can't take much more. Pray for your enemies. Pray for the hopeless. Pray for the weak. Watch the Lord do a marvelous feat. Be a part of something mighty. The Lord is working here. Pray and act in faith. The God of wonders is near.



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## DAY NINETEEN

# TEACH THE TEACHER

### ACTS 28:16-31 CSB

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When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself with the soldier who guarded him. <sup>17</sup>After three days he called together the leaders of the Jews. When they had gathered he said to them, “Brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our ancestors, I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. <sup>18</sup>After they examined me, they wanted to release me, since there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. <sup>19</sup>Because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar; even though I had no charge to bring against my people. <sup>20</sup>For this reason I’ve asked to see you and speak to you. In fact, it is for the hope of Israel that I’m wearing this chain.” <sup>21</sup>Then they said to him, “We haven’t received any letters about you from Judea. None of the brothers has come and reported or spoken anything evil about you. <sup>22</sup>But we want to hear what your views are, since we know that people everywhere are speaking against this sect.” <sup>23</sup>After arranging a day with him, many came to him at his lodging. From dawn to dusk he expounded

and testified about the kingdom of God. He tried to persuade them about Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets. <sup>24</sup>Some were persuaded by what he said, but others did not believe. <sup>25</sup>Disagreeing among themselves, they began to leave after Paul made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah <sup>26</sup>when he said, Go to these people and say: You will always be listening, but never understanding; and you will always be looking, but never perceiving. <sup>27</sup>For the hearts of these people have grown callous, their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes and hear with their ears, understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. <sup>28-29</sup>Therefore, let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.” <sup>30</sup>Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house. And he welcomed all who visited him, <sup>31</sup>proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about The Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.





## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Paul is arrested for preaching the gospel. The religious leaders in Israel have come against Paul primarily because of his effectiveness in reaching the Jews for Jesus. He is taken to the magistrate in Rome to stand trial there. The Jewish leaders in Rome have not been notified that Paul is coming. They are caught by surprise. Meanwhile the gospel is advancing. God is allowing Paul freedom without fear of reprisals. He preaches to the Jews in Rome with mixed reviews. Some embrace the Good News of salvation. Others do not. Paul in turn shifts his efforts to reaching the Gentiles. What a

favorable shift for the church. While in Rome the gospel is preached everywhere. God uses Paul to spread the message of Jesus the Christ. Every born again believer today is, in part, a result of Paul making that transition. The gospel goes global. Our assignment is united to Paul's—preach the gospel of Jesus. That assignment has changed the world. And we are not finished yet. There are billions of people marked to hear the gospel and in doing so they will give their life to the Lord Jesus. Paul's seed planted is our harvest reaped.

## THE PRAYER

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Father, bless your sons and daughters as we preach the gospel. Strengthen us to be unstoppable—an impenetrable force for God. Make us people that do good, heal the sick,

care for the poor and preach the gospel. Make us a band of warriors that work miracles in your name. Make us soldiers who break fear and build faith. Amen.

## THE PROCESS

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Ask the Father to establish the good things that you have picked up during these twenty-one days of dedication. May the good things

become great things. May they become life habits that elevate your lifestyle. Stay in go mode. There is a lot to do and limited time to do it.

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## DAY TWENTY

# ALWAYS OVERCOMING

### REVELATION 19:1-21 CSB

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After this I heard something like the loud voice of a vast multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah! Salvation, glory, and power belong to our God, <sup>2</sup>because his judgments are true and righteous, because he has judged the notorious prostitute who corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality; and he has avenged the blood of his servants that was on her hands. <sup>3</sup>A second time they said, Hallelujah! Her smoke ascends forever and ever! <sup>4</sup>Then the twenty four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, who is seated on the throne, saying, Amen! Hallelujah! <sup>5</sup>A voice came from the throne, saying, Praise our God, all his servants, and the ones who fear him, both small and great! <sup>6</sup>Then I heard something like the voice of a vast multitude, like the sound of cascading waters, and like the rumbling of loud thunder, saying, Hallelujah, because our Lord God, the Almighty, reigns! <sup>7</sup>Let us be glad, rejoice, and give him glory, because the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has prepared

herself. <sup>8</sup>She was given fine linen to wear, bright and pure. For the fine linen represents the righteous acts of the saints. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those invited to the marriage feast of the Lamb!" He also said to me, "These words of God are true." <sup>10</sup>Then I fell at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "Don't do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers and sisters who hold firmly to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God, because the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." <sup>11</sup>Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True, and with justice he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on his head. He had a name written that no one knows except himself. <sup>13</sup>He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. <sup>15</sup>A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule



## REVELATION 19:1-21 CSB CONTINUED

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them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. <sup>16</sup>And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. <sup>17</sup>Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he called out in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying high overhead, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup>so that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of military commanders, the flesh of the mighty, the flesh of horses and of their riders, and the flesh of everyone, both free and slave, small and great.” <sup>19</sup>Then I saw

the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to wage war against the rider on the horse and against his army. <sup>20</sup>But the beast was taken prisoner, and along with it the false prophet, who had performed the signs in its presence. He deceived those who accepted the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image with these signs. Both of them were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. <sup>21</sup>The rest were killed with the sword that came from the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds ate their fill of their flesh.





## THE PERSPECTIVE

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Salvation, glory and power are coming. The Father is flexing his muscles. He is destroying the sexual perversion that has filled this planet. It is a culture of corruption. It is being swept from the earth. Praise God. That spirit is headed to the pit of pain and suffering. It will never deceive mankind again. The smoke from the punishment ascends forever. There is a celebration commencing in heaven. The

destroyer is defeated. Sin and corruption is being destroyed. The spirit of unity and joy is released. The best is coming quickly. The body of Christ is being united as one. All people, nations, tribes and tongues. One people walking together under God's authority and power forever. The devil is defeated. Crushed forever.

## THE PRAYER

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Thank you, Lord, for defeating our enemy. You have made a way for humanity to be reunited with God as one. You, Lord, are great and mighty. Praise God. You have defeated

our enemies. You have reunited us to God our Father. Thank you for including us in the great victory over darkness.

## THE PROCESS

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Check for stragglers—those who have not recognized Jesus as Lord. We want everyone to be a part of the celebration of eternal life.

Approach them with a sense of urgency, but not panic. Share the love of Jesus. Be a witness.

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# DAY TWENTY-ONE

# FOLLOW JESUS

## REVELATION 22:1-17 CSB

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Then he showed me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, <sup>3</sup>and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>Night will be no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because The Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever. <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." <sup>7</sup>"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." <sup>8</sup>I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who had shown them to me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, "Don't

do that! I am a fellow servant with you, your brothers the prophets, and those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" <sup>10</sup>Then he said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. <sup>11</sup>Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy still be filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; let the holy still be holy." <sup>12</sup>"Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me to repay each person according to his work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. <sup>14</sup>"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. <sup>16</sup>"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to attest these things to you for the churches. I am the Root and descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup>Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears, say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.



## THE PERSPECTIVE

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People love access. When I am on an airplane, I prefer a first class seat. When I'm at a Cowboys football game, a sideline seat is better than a nose-bleed, upper deck seat. A road trip in a new Maserati sounds like a lot more fun than the same trip in a 1968 Buick Special. I know. I've driven the Buick Special. Yeshua has

opened the door for all of us to have access to Father God. It doesn't get any better than a seat in his presence. Full access is granted in heaven. Access to the best life has to offer. Every sliver of wickedness is removed from heaven. It's perpetually perfect.

## THE PRAYER

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If you have not yet said yes to Jesus, say it now. Yes. I want to live with you forever Jesus. Forgive me for anything I have done that was

an offense in your kingdom. I am sorry. Today, I say yes to eternal life. I choose to live the rest of my days walking in unity with you.

## THE PROCESS

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Live holy. Live devoted to God. Be quick to forgive. Be quick to repent from wrongdoings. Choose your friends wisely. Evil companions can draw you back into a sinful lifestyle. Offer a relationship with Jesus to them. If they join

you in Christ, then Hallelujah. If not, then lose contact over time with the compromisers. Stay clean and pure before God everyday. The Best Life is waiting for you. Grab it and Live!

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