

Deeper Into Jesus

A 31-Day Devotional

Challenges and Reflections for a
Transformed Life

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INTRODUCTION

To bondservants in Christ:

Beloved of the Lord - My prayer is that through this devotional your heart will be ignited by the Word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a transformed life and make an undivided commitment to Jesus Christ so that your faith will be active for the kingdom of God.

May you know the love of the Savior and the glory of an undivided heart. May you be encouraged and edified through the love of Christ, in the light of Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, feasting on the Word of God. Love for the Lord is contagious, and my heart's desire is that all who know

Him would be “steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord” (*1 Corinthians 15:58*).

Make it your prayer that you may know the love and joy of the Savior more. Seek His face and serve the Almighty, Living God. Make a difference for Jesus Christ in this dark and immoral world: humble yourself, seek Him, touch the heart of God, and impact your family and community for your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. God has a perfect plan for you. Make it your desire to allow Him to work through you, as His vessel, giving all glory and honor to God.

In His love and service,

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FIRST DAY

Thy Word is Truth

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” - John 17:17

SANCTIFICATION. O, God may I grasp the meaning of my sanctification in Christ Jesus. Glorious Father impart to my soul an understanding of my separateness unto Thee. I have been called apart from this world by Your Living Word. I have been consecrated by the blood of the Lamb unto Thee. I have been made holy by the only One who is worthy to be called Holy.

Stir my heart with a fervent hunger for Your Word. Empty me of my worldly

lusts and desires. Wash away my vanity, pride, and selfishness and fill me with Your holiness and righteousness.

As I feast at your table of truth may I be filled with Your love. May I acknowledge Your Lordship in my life and surrender myself unto Thee.

Lord, help me to accept Your gift of life. Lord, grant me grace to walk in Your ways. Father, make it my precept: “thy Word is truth.”

Reflections:

Are you living a life of separateness unto God?

Have you surrendered yourself unto the Father of truth?

SECOND DAY

My Whole Heart

*“With my whole heart have I sought
Thee” - Psalm 119:10*

WHOLLY. What does it mean to seek after the Lord with a whole heart? In your innermost parts, in the bowels of your soul do you cry unto God - Lord I am yours completely? Our precious Lord and Savior gave Himself completely for you. He suffered the humiliation and rejection of man to bring you into the glory of the Father. Shall you say, Lord, I cannot seek You wholly? Shall you refuse the whole love of your Savior by refusing to surrender completely to your King?

O, beloved of Christ that you might yield yourself to Him who loves you as Jesus yielded himself to the Father. May you be as Jesus, an obedient child, trusting your Father for all of your needs. What unspeakable joy, what overwhelming blessedness when you seek after the Creator with an undivided heart. May you yearn within your deepest parts to know Him more. May you ask the Lord to teach you to seek Him with a wholeness of heart, soul, and mind.

Reflections:

Is there anything in your life which is preventing you from seeking after the Lord with a whole heart?

Make it your prayer to turn yourself wholeheartedly unto Him who loves you abundantly.

Notes:

THIRD DAY

Our Bodies are His

“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ” - 1 Corinthians 6:15

YOU are not your own. You have been purchased by the precious blood of the Lamb. Glory to God that you are His and He is yours. Abide in Him as He abides in you. Shout, “Father, glorify Thy name” (John 12:28) and sing praises unto the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you” (1 Corinthians 3:16). As God’s holy dwelling place, seek

after purity and holiness. “And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the Living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people” (2 Corinthians 6:16). Dwell within the shelter of your loving God. Ask Him to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Return to your first love and allow the Lord to be your fullness of life.

Reflections:

Ask the Lord to search your heart.

Give Him those things which crowd Him out of your life.

Invite Him to occupy you completely.

FOURTH DAY

Lose your Life

“He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal” - John 12:25

LOVE your life and lose it; hate your life in this world and gain eternity. Is your focus on the affairs of this world or on the Lifegiver? O, how easily we are weighted down by the things of this world which encumber us in our walk with our Savior. Beloved of Christ, take this moment and consider the significance of God's truth. Do you love your life? Are the provisions of this world, are the desires of your flesh more important to you than your

Lord, Jesus Christ? Are you willing to walk to the cross and nail your own wants and desires to that somber, barren tree?

Jesus promises you eternal life. He says hate your life in this world and in return have life forever with Me. The choice is yours. Make it your prayer to grieve over the sin of this world. Make it your prayer to be freed from worldly desires. Make it your prayer to lose your life in Life eternal.

Reflections:

Have you asked Jesus into your heart as your personal Lord and Savior?

*Do you love your life in this world
more than you love your Savior?*

Notes:

FIFTH DAY

Love not the World

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” - 1 John 2:15

DEARLY Beloved, take heed that the love of the world has not corrupted your love for your Savior. The warning is clear, “love not the world.” Do you say, I do not? Ask yourself, are you clinging to your reputation? Have you truly surrendered all your ways to the Lord? Are you looking solely into the eyes of your Lord or are you keeping one eye on yourself? O, beloved of the Lord, understand it is not of your works that you perfect

your faith. It is not your job to earn your Christian crowns. Surrender to the Savior and allow the love of the Father to flow through you. Rejoice in overflowing joy and celebration for the greatness and goodness of God. God loves you and desires that you be His vessel of love to all who cross your path. But you cannot love Him while you are loving the world. For if you love the world, “the love of the Father is not in [you].”

Reflections:

Are you living with one foot in the Kingdom and one foot in the world?

Step out in faith and offer all of yourself to your Lord.

SIXTH DAY

Be the Servant of God

“For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ” - Galatians 1:10

JESUS is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). He is your life. He is your path. His is your sufficiency. Do you love Him with your whole heart? Is He all that you desire? Have you lost yourself in His overflowing love? Do you seek to please men? Are you concerned with how you are perceived? Christ is your victory. God is your focus. It is God's wants and desires that must govern your life. Relinquish the opinion of men and

withdraw from approval seeking.
Throw yourself at the foot of the cross
and serve your Lord with a fullness of
heart.

Heed the warning, “if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ” (Gaathians 1:10). A committed life unto Christ does not have room for people-pleasing. God-pleasing must be your heart’s desire. Cry out to the Father, release me from this bondage of other-seeking and teach me to be a bondservant of my Lord, Jesus Christ.

Reflection:

Seek the face of God. Inquire at His throne. Lord, am I seeking the approval of men?

SEVENTH DAY

Commit thy Ways

“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and he shall bring it to pass” - Psalm 37:5

O, what glorious confidence you can have in the promise of your Lord. God has a glorious and perfect plan just for you. He beckons you with His love to “commit your way unto Him, and trust in Him.”

Are you struggling, precious one? Are you fighting against your Lord? Surrender unto His perfect will and “He shall bring it to pass.” It is not within you to lay your own course. It is not your role to handle it all. God,

the Creator, the Almighty, says, I shall bring it to pass. “Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (Ephesians 3:20).

Praise God, there is power in His name. Praise God, He is more than able. Praise, your King for His mercy. Reach out your hand and cling tightly to His truth - “He shall bring it to pass.” Commit your way willingly, lovingly, entirely to the Lord and trust in Him. “For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light (Psalm 36:9).

Reflections:

Is my way committed to the Lord?

Do I trust solely in Him?

Notes:

EIGHTH DAY

Ambassadors for Christ

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God” - 2

Corinthians 5:20

AMBASSADOR. Child of the Living God, you are an emissary for the One who reconciled you unto Himself. You have been touched by the love of Christ and transformed to speak forth His truth in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. When your Savior went to the cross, He did not go forth in hesitation; He went in obedience and submission to the will of the Father.

Submit yourself with determined purpose to grasp the significance of your appointment: an ambassador for Christ. Your life is not your own. You are a representative for the Creator. Give Him your whole heart. Proclaim the message of His love. Call forth your brothers and sisters in Christ to repent and turn from their wicked ways. “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17).

Reflections:

Are you taking a public stand for Christ in this foreign land we call the world?

Are you obedient to the word of God?

Notes:

NINTH DAY

Art thou Lukewarm?

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wast cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth” - Revelation 3:16-17

LUKEWARM. How sad when Christ's beloved fails to commit her ways unto the Lord. He knows your works (Revelation 3:16). God tries the heart (1 Chronicles 29:17). What is it to be lukewarm? The one who says I know the Lord. I prayed to receive Jesus into my heart. I spent some time reading the Bible, I even went to church. I really thought it was fun,

but my friends had other plans. The movies, the television, the mall were all more exciting. Christ died; He rose but no one understood. He asked me to follow Him, but the ways of the world were more exciting. I never denied Him, I just never followed Him. O, lukewarm believer, “I would thou wast cold or hot” (Revelation 3:16). Turn back to your first love. Proclaim His name. He loves you. Allow the flame of the Holy Spirit to kindle a fire for the Lord. Declare today, child of God, “Lord set my heart on fire for You.”

Reflection:

Remember your prayer when you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Remember how you invited

*Him into your heart? Come back to
your first love; come back to Jesus.*

Notes:

TENTH DAY

Keep that which is Committed to
thy Trust

“O, Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee, Amen” - 1 Timothy 6:20-21.

ENTRUSTED. We are entrusted with the Gospel of truth. The powerful Word. The bright, morning Light. Praise the name of your Savior who has entrusted you to follow after His righteousness, His godliness, His faith,

His love, His patience, and His meekness (1 Timothy 6:11). Do not be deceived. Beware of false teachers. Avoid “profane and vain babblings.” Watch for those who come with words which tickle your ears. Check your motives, your attitudes, your intents. Know that the enemy is seeking to stumble you. Seek the truth which is Christ Jesus. Stand firm in the teaching of your heavenly Father that you may keep His commands “without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Timothy 6:14).

Reflections:

Come before the Lord with an undefended heart and ask Him to show you any deceptions in your life.

*What are you worshipping? Confess
your idols and repent. God loves you.*

Notes:

ELEVENTH DAY

Commit Thyself to Him that Judges Righteously

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness by whose stripes ye were healed.” - 1 Peter 2:24.

RIGHTEOUSNESS. Child of God, how glorious is the righteousness of Christ? How splendid to shine forth the righteousness of your Heavenly Father in your life, in your family, in your community, as stars glowing brightly in the vastness of the universe. Step back and consider the purity and holiness of your Creator.

Consider the Son, who willingly obeyed His Father and went to the wooden cross to shed His blood for your sin so that you might know righteousness. By His stripes you are healed. By His blood you are washed clean. “Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light” (Colossians 1:12).

Reflections:

Are you shining forth the love of your Savior in the darkness of the world around you? How?

Are you displaying the righteousness of Christ in your daily life, among your family, among your neighbors, among your co-workers, among your friends? How?

Notes:

TWELFTH DAY

Follow after Godliness

“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” - 1 Timothy 6:11

GODLINESS. There are so many paths, so many ways, so many choices. Do you follow after your flesh? Do you follow after your wants? Do you follow after your desires? Do you follow after godliness? “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you a chaste virgin to Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:2). The path in Christ is narrow, “because strait is

the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:14). Have you found the gate? Are you walking the narrow path of godliness?

Flee temptations which are snares and traps for the child of God. Avoid “hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction” (1 Timothy 6:9). Be alert. Be wise. Walk in the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and rejoice in the godliness and holiness of Him who gives you life. “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life . . .” (1 Timothy 6:12). Stand for Godliness.

Reflections:

Beloved, are you weary? Are you caught in the traps of sin?

Put on your armor (Ephesians 6:10-18); yield yourself to Him; and walk in the Godliness of your Savior.

Notes:

THIRTEENTH DAY

My Soul Follows You, O Lord

“My soul follows hard after thee: thy right hand upholds me.” - Psalm 63:8

FOLLOWING. The Hebrew word for “follow” means to cling or adhere to, to be joined with, cleave to, or abide in. It is not my dear brethren, grudgingly trudging behind one; wearied and beleaguered as if you were on a forty mile hike up a ten-thousand-foot mountain.

It is becoming one with your precious Lord and Savior. It is abiding in Him as He leads you along His path of refinement and refreshment. For His right hand holds you up. It is not your

own abilities which empower you. It is the surrender of your heart and your desire to cleave to the Branch of Life which will sustain you. “Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth” (Hosea 6:3).

Reflections:

Do you know the joy of following hard after the Lord?

Is there anything holding you back from following after Him who loves you and created you?

FOURTEENTH DAY

Walk in Wisdom

*“See then that ye walk circumspectly,
not as fools, but as wise . . .” -*

Ephesians 5:15

WISDOM. Why is it so easy to do things our own way? Why do we think we know the course for our life? We make so many decisions within the course of a day, but are they truly wise? Our wisdom, the world’s wisdom, is but foolishness in the eyes of the Lord (1 Corinthians 3:19). “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of

this world rather than on Christ”
(Colossians 2:8).

But do not despair. God has promised you, His wisdom. “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraid not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5). The Lord will give you insight (2 Timothy 2:7). Seek the counsel of the Lord. Walk in the Way of Light.

Reflections:

Are you walking foolishly, following after your own counsel?

Ask the Lord to pour out His wisdom in abundance upon you. His Word assures you that He will. He loves you.

FIFTEENTH DAY

Redeem the Time

“ . . . Redeeming the time, because the days are evil ” - Ephesians 5:16

REDEEM. How do you spend your time? Is it spent wisely or foolishly? Is it spent glorifying God or glorifying the world? Paul exhorts you to redeem the time. Spend it serving the Lord, whatever your position, location, or circumstance. Can you serve the Lord in your attitudes? Yes. Can you serve the Lord in your actions? Yes. Can you serve the Lord with your words? Yes. Can you serve the Lord with your time? Yes.

It is your choice how you spend your time. Even if you find yourself in the midst of wickedness, you can redeem the time wisely. Words of grace and the love of Christ can fall from your lips in the midst of darkness. Do not be deceived that your success lies in the world's ways. The days are evil and you are in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (Philippians 2:15); yet, you can choose to stand for righteousness.

Choose to spend your time in prayer.
Choose to spend your time in activities which bring glory to God.
Choose to share the life Christ has given you with others. Be a life giver through the Spirit of Life in you.

Reflections:

Ask the Lord to show you how you are spending your time.

Commit your time to the work of the Lord.

Notes:

SIXTEENTH DAY

Follow God

“Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor” - Ephesians 5:1-2

FOLLOWERS. Who do you follow each day? Perhaps you are a leader or in a position of authority; yet you follow someone. Do you follow in the ways of the ungodly? Do you compromise the commandments of your Lord? Paul exhorts you to follow God as a dear child. Children in their innocence trust in the ways of their parents. Are you trusting in the ways

of your Heavenly Father, who loves you?

Follow God and walk in love. Christ died for you because of His love for you. Step off the path of worldly pursuits and step onto the path of righteousness and truth. “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11).

Submit yourself in complete surrender to Jesus as Lord. “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving, us an example, that ye should follow his steps” (1 Peter 2:21).

Reflection:

Take a few moments and make it your heart's prayer to follow in the steps of your Savior.

Notes:

SEVENTEENTH DAY

I Will Freely Sacrifice

“I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good” - Psalm 54:6

SACRIFICE: To willingly give unto God at your own expense. What can you offer your holy and just God? What does God require of you? “. . . to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Thy God” (Micah 6:8). You cannot earn your way with God. He has given you a free gift: life through His Son, Jesus Christ. He desires your free gift of love unto Him. That you would walk in humility with Him; allowing Him to lead you

and guide you in His way according to His Word.

God has given you a free will. He will never force you to sacrifice unto Him. Christ was selfless. He “made himself of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 3:7-8). Humble yourself and offer yourself as a willing sacrifice unto God. Become obedient to your Lord, surrender your ways, and reach out to God’s ways.

Reflections:

Are you freely and lovingly offering yourself to God for His service?

Tell God you desire to surrender your ways unto His perfect will for you.

Notes:

EIGHTEENTH DAY

Your Reasonable Service

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” - Romans 12:1

SERVICE. It is interesting to note that service in the context of this passage, as the Greek word connotes, means sacrifice. Your sacrificial, selfless service unto your Lord. What a gift of God’s grace that He desires to use you as His vessel; to share His love and His truth with a lost and dying generation. What a glorious opportunity you have to present your

body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God (Romans 12:1). Are you walking in the light of Christ's holiness? Is your life pleasing in God's sight? Are you living in availability to the moving of the Holy Spirit in your life? Are you seeking God's perfect will? God desires that you offer yourself to Him to allow Him to do His wondrous works in your life. He loves you. He knows your needs, your desires, your heart; come to Him, just as you are.

Reflections:

It is by God's mercies that you can present yourself to Him for His service. Thank Him for His mercy unto you.

*Ask God to purify your heart and
shape you into His perfect vessel for
His glory and use.*

Notes:

NINETEENTH DAY

Subjection unto God

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God” – Romans 13:1

SUBJECTION. Jesus Christ must have supreme rule in your life. Is He your Lord? Are you in submission to your Lord? So often the thought comes: I am in control. I know what I am doing. I need to . . . It is so easy to forget that Jesus is Lord. “Therefore, let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36).

Jesus your Messiah (Savior). Jesus your Lord.

You will be under authority to someone or something. You will be in subjection. Do you say, No, not me; I am my master. Then you are in subjection to your flesh and your desires. “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18) Put your flesh to death. Surrender yourself to your Lord, Jesus, who died for you and who desires to transform you and fill you with His love, His joy, and His peace.

Reflection:

Know the joy of a heart on fire for Jesus Christ. Place your life in submission to the power and will of God.

Notes:

TWENTIETH DAY

A Broken and a Contrite Heart

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God thou wilt not despise” - Psalm 51:17

BROKENNESS. Dearly Beloved, are you broken before the Lord? Are you free from the pride of life? The lust of the flesh? The lust of the eyes? (1 John 2:16), The arrogance of the heart? Self-importance? Have you allowed the Lord to examine all areas of your life? Are you keeping some areas to yourself? Are you afraid to share all things with the Lord?

Beloved, He knows your heart (Hebrews 4:12). He knows your ways. He wants to heal you. How can you love the Lord with a whole heart if you do not allow Him to examine your heart? Offer your heart to Him. Allow the Living Water to wash over you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Are you willing?

Step out in faith and ask the Lord to break you. Brokenness in Christ is freedom from the flesh. Brokenness in Christ is availability to serve the Lord. Brokenness in Christ is a heart bursting forth with the excitement and anticipation of God's perfect work in your life. Brokenness in Christ is life.

Reflections:

Make it your desire to allow the Lord to transform you.

As Christ was broken for you, allow Him to break you in His love.

Notes:

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Be Preserved Blameless

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” - 1 Thessalonians 5:23

BLAMELESS. It is not enough that the Lord has a part of you. He desires all of you. Paul’s final instructions to the church at Thessalonica included a prayer that God would preserve each believers’ whole, spirit, soul, and body to be blameless until the coming of the Lord.

Have you taken that step of dedication? It is not through your own strength or works that you can be blameless. It is through your resurrected Savior that you can be blameless as He was, is and forevermore shall be.

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of the lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18-19). Allow the God of peace to sanctify you wholly. Commit to live a life after Christ, without blemish or spot, and stand in the grace of your God.

Reflection:

Make it your prayer to be preserved blameless until the coming of the Lord.

Notes:

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Live unto Christ

“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again” - 2 Corinthians 5:15

LIFE. O, glorious Lord how I desire newness of life. Risen Savior, save me from my life of self-centeredness. Are many of your aspirations focused on things of this world? Do you suffer at the hands of those who say they love you?

Lord, you died for me. You shed your blood that I might have life. Lord, I have asked you into my heart. I have

confessed that I am a sinner. Lord, I have accepted you as the Son of God who went to the cross, died for my sins, and rose again; yet I battle my flesh.

Lord, make it my desire that I live not unto myself but unto you. Lord, press deep within me a sense of your presence. Lord, empower me with your Holy Spirit. Come upon me and consume me in You. Lord I want to live for you. I am a new creature “old things are passed away; behold all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Reflections:

*Make this devotion your prayer.
Thank the Lord for His faithfulness.*

Thank the Lord that “I can do all things through Christ Jesus which strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

Notes:

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

With Lovingkindness have I Drawn Thee

“The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, with lovingkindness have I drawn thee” - Jeremiah 31:3

LOVE. How great is God’s love for you? He knew you before He formed you in your mother’s womb (Isaiah 44:2). He sent His only begotten Son to die for you so that you might have life, everlasting. God’s love endures forever (1 Chronicles 16:34). The Lord is gracious and compassionate (Psalm 145:8). He desires to teach you

and instruct you (Psalm 32:8). He desires to bless you; with lovingkindness He has drawn you.

Praise the Lord for His goodness. Praise the Lord for His power. “O, Sovereign Lord, you have begun to show to your servant your greatness and your strong hand. For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do?” (Deuteronomy 3:24). Tell the Lord there is none beside Him. Ask the Lord to manifest His love in your life. “Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you” (James 4:8).

Reflections:

Tell the Lord you will stand in His love today.

*Commit to manifest the love of Christ
in all your ways.*

Notes:

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Glory not in your Flesh

“That no flesh should glory in his presence” - 1 Corinthians 1:29

GLORY. The word glory in the Greek means to boast. Are you puffed-up, dear child of God? Are you boasting in your works or your holiness? Are you blinded toward a yoke of bondage in your life? “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting” (Galatians 6:7-8).

Turn back to the God of love and light. He is able to free you from any bondage. He can open your eyes to the truth. “Know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:19). Ask Him to open your mind to understanding and your heart to His truth. Know the unsearchable riches of Christ. “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:6). “Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (Ephesians 3:20).

Reflections:

Ask God to search your heart. Ask Him to show you any yokes of bondage. Give them to Him who can do exceedingly abundantly.

Notes:

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Be not Entangled

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage” - Galatians 5:1

ENTANGLED: To be enmeshed with the weights which so easily beset you - The affairs of this world which plague you and wear you down. Do not be discouraged. The valleys are low and the mountains high, but you do not walk this path alone. Lay aside your weights. Bring them to the blood-stained cross; surrender them to your Savior.

Rejoice, Christ has made you free. “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” (John 8:36). There is no reason, precious one, to be entangled with the yoke of bondage. “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:24-25).

Every moment of every day, you have a choice: to walk in the freedom of your Savior’s work on the cross or to carry the yoke of bondage. Choose life in Christ. Lift your hands in sweet surrender. Standfast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free.

Reflections:

Come before the Lord in humility. Lift your hands in sweet surrender. Come commune with your Lord.

Notes:

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Be ye Doers

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” - James 1:22

DOERS. A woman of action filled with the love of her Savior - ready to do His will. Are you ready for battle? Are you equipped with your weapons of warfare? Have you put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:13-18)? Are you prayed up? Have you feasted on the Word of God? Have you filled your canteen from the well of Living Water? Are you baptized in the Holy Spirit? “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 28:19).

Allow your life to be one which shines forth the love of Christ. Practice God’s Word in all of your affairs. “Be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19). Do not be a respecter of persons (James 2:1). “Receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21). Take a stand for Jesus Christ. Speak forth the Word of God in truth and in love. “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35).

Reflections:

Ask the Lord to empower you to be a doer of His Word.

Ask God to pour the fullness of His Spirit upon you.

Notes:

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

You are the Lord's

“For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's” – Romans 14:8

BELONGING. Are you very popular? Do you wonder where you fit in? Do you feel estranged from the ways of this world? It is easy to ask, where do I belong? We each long to belong, to fit in, to be popular. Yet so often we are rejected and mistreated. Your Savior was despised by men (Luke 10:16). He was and still is rejected by this world.

Rejoice in your sufferings. Rejoice in your persecution. “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Timothy 3:12).

Whatever your circumstances, whatever your trial, you belong to Jesus Christ. You are the Lord’s. You do fit in; but it is not in this world, it is in the kingdom of God. “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18). Faint not but be reassured that this world is not your home. You have a glorious inheritance in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:11).

Reflections:

Praise God that you have obtained an inheritance and that you belong to the Lord.

Notes:

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Sit Together in Heavenly Places

“But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” - Ephesians 2:4-6

HEAVEN. The Home of your Father. The Home of your Savior. Your home, if you call him Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord. “The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord is on his heavenly throne. He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them” (Psalm 11:4).

Jesus has prepared a place for you. If He is your Lord, you shall sit with Him and praise His holy name. God who is rich in mercy knew you in your sin. God who is great in love quickened you to Christ. God who sent His Son to die for you has given you a gift of eternal life through Faith in Christ Jesus.

Call upon the name of the Lord and be saved. Praise Him for the “exceeding riches of his grace in kindness” (Ephesians 2:7). Acknowledge Him as Lord of your life and sit with Him together in heavenly places.

Reflections:

If Jesus is your Savior but not your Lord, ask Him to be Lord of your life today and forevermore.

Notes:

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Give me Understanding

“Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments” - Psalm 119:73

UNDERSTANDING. Attend unto my cry, O Lord for I desire to know your ways. Lord teach me to walk in your truth. Lord fill my heart with understanding. “Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live for thy law is my delight” (Psalm 119:77).

Place within me, my precious Savior a hunger for your Word. Illuminate your Word unto me that I may grow in your grace. Father, pour your Holy Spirit

out upon me that He may guide me and teach me all things and bring all things to remembrance (John 14:26).

How I crave to know you more. To understand your commandments and to follow you in truth. Lord, take my life and make it yours. Father God, I consecrate myself unto Thee. Lord, you have made me and you know me; fashion me according to your perfect will.

Reflections:

Open your heart and mind to the commandments of your Lord.

Make this your prayer today: Lord fill me with understanding of your Word and your will.

Notes:

THIRTIETH DAY

Love one Another

“A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another” - John 13:34

ANOTHER: One which is not yourself. How easy it is to love yourself, whether it be in self-pity or high exaltation. Yet God’s command is not to love yourself but to love one another. Esteem your brothers and sisters in Christ better than yourself (Philippians 2:3). Be willing to turn the other cheek to him that smites you (Matthew 5:39). Jesus says unto you, “love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate

you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

A committed life is one filled with love for the other. It is not one which is focused inward, on self, but one which is focused outward, on those you can help in the name of your Lord. Surrender those places of selfishness, bitterness, and resentment in your life to your Lord. Come be healed by His stripes. Allow Jesus to fill you with His love and meekness. Know the joy of forgiveness and forgive those whom you have refused to love.

Reflections:

Ask Jesus to teach you to love.

Ask Him to teach you to forgive.

Notes:

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Come, Lord Jesus

“He which testifies to these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus” - Revelation 22:20

PREPAREDNESS. Beloved of the Lord, are you ready for His coming? Are you anxiously awaiting His return? Do you cry out, even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus? Are you prepared? Is your life fully committed unto Christ? Are you walking in His truth according to the precepts of His Word?

“Therefore, be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of

man cometh” (Matthew 24:44). You do not know the day or the hour of his return (Matthew 24:36). “Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thessalonians 5:6).

Holdfast the things which are profitable. Lay your hands to works which give glory to your Lord. Edify your brothers and sisters in Christ. Preach the gospel in boldness through the power of the Spirit which dwelleth within you. “Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Stand in unity with your Lord and go forth in His love.

*“The Lord bless thee and keep thee:
The Lord make his face shine upon
thee and be gracious unto thee: The
Lord lift up his countenance upon thee
and give thee peace” (Numbers 6:24-
26).*