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“Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”
Zechariah 4:7 (ESV)

“It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, 32 but it becomes...” Mark 4:31-32
NLT

Beloved,

Sometimes, we don't know how we could possibly begin again. We make declarations and rationalizations about how busy we are or that maybe we would get to it later — at a more convenient time.

When God gives us something to do, He always gives us the enabling grace to do it, regardless of how daunting the task may seem. God's Grace, that wonderful enabling Grace, will help us get through it with a spirit of ease, causing dreams to manifest and come to pass.

God doesn't change his mind. His plans are brilliant for us. He diligently wrote our stories, thought up every last detail, and sequentially numbered the pages of our bios long before we were born and before one day came to pass.

What is God asking us to resurrect today? What dreams and ideas have we been laying aside? What have we been putting off in sheer avoidance or because the enemy's voice whispers thoughts of failure, incompetence, and lack of qualifications? What has kept us at a stand-still; frozen in our steps? When have we become so complacent in our thinking that we would rather succeed at nothing than fail at something?

God does not call the qualified; he qualifies the called! It's when we are obedient in the small things that He so proudly and lovingly bestows more trust in us and gives us bigger assignments.

I believe the Lord is saying it is time to begin again; it is time to hope again. It's time to get the vision again. It is time to believe in ourselves again. It is time to bring it forth with shouts of *Grace, Grace!*

Grace, Grace over the child who needs salvation! *Grace, Grace* over the marriage in crisis! *Grace, Grace* over that business idea! *Grace, Grace* over the book that hasn't been written! *Grace, Grace* over the dream that has been laid aside for fear of failure! **Shout *Grace, Grace!***

I'm declaring *Grace, Grace* over every unfinished dream, over every unrealized calling, over every desire of our hearts that has not yet come to pass! It's time to pick it up. It's time to begin again! It's time to see the victory! When we bring it forth with shouts of *Grace, Grace* - all the help we need will come running! God does not give us an assignment and then abandon us.

God will help us realize our dreams, but He's asking us to step forth in faith, grab hold of it, believe! Dream Big!

We take the first steps ... we do *something*. It's time for our old dreams to be resurrected. It's never too late to begin again! What dream is laid aside? It's time to go pick it up again! In the Name of JESUS—BEGIN AGAIN!

In His Service

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DAY 1 Wednesday
March 5

Wrestling with God

BIBLE READING: GENESIS 32

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

²⁵ *When he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him.* ²⁶ *Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."*

Genesis 32:25-26 NASB

PRAYER

Father, I long to have a more intimate relationship with you. Speak to me. Teach me. Reveal more of Your truth to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen

By the time Jacob returned to his homeland, he had a large family and many servants. On this journey, he faced continual challenges. He also wondered whether his brother Esau was still angry that Jacob had taken his birthright and stolen his blessing.

When his messengers heard that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men, Jacob imagined the worst. He divided his entourage and sent them ahead. Finally, everyone had gone, and Jacob was along.

While he was alone, *"a man wrestled with him until daybreak"* (v24). This was no ordinary man, for Jacob later *"named the place Peniel"* and said, *"I have seen God face to face"* (v.30)

The two grappled for hours. The man had superior strength, even dislocating Jacob's thigh with a touch. Yet Jacob would not give up. As dawn broke, the man asked Jacob to let him go, but he refused: *"I will not let you go unless you bless me."* In response, the man said Jacob would be known as Israel, *"For you have contended with God and with men and have prevailed"* (v. 28)

This life-changing moment happened when Jacob was along. Remember the importance of spending time alone with God---time free from other influences. You need time when He can challenge you, speak to you, and teach you. You need to interact with Him and even wrestle with Him. Spend time alone with your Heavenly Father today!

What issue have you wrestled with God about recently?

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DAY 2 THURSDAY
March 6

God's Opinion

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 1
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
7 But the LORD said to me,
“Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’ Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak.
Jeremiah 1:5,7 NASB*

Jeremiah saw nothing but obstacles. How could God use him when he was young and didn't know how to speak eloquently? Why would anyone listen to him? Conscious of his limitations and inexperience, he felt incapable of accomplishing anything significant for God's Kingdom.

But God had a different opinion. He told Jeremiah He had a plan for his life and called him to accomplish special assignments. God knew Jeremiah's limitations, but He wasn't concerned. He just wanted Jeremiah to be willing, obedient, and faithful.

Jeremiah accepted the challenge and fulfilled his mission. Yet on occasion, uncertainty still plagued him. He had to be reminded about God's call and remember to obey and be faithful—to trust in God and have faith that He would keep His promises,

This same pattern is true for you. God has given you unique assignments. You may face obstacle, opposition, and tasks that seem impossible. At times you may feel overwhelmed and afraid you don't have the skills you need. But God wants you to be free from worry, fear, and doubt.

As you look into the future, don't limit your potential by focusing on yourself. Instead, focus on God and be faithful to the assignment He's given you. By faith, move forward to accomplish His work. You are His vessel. Allow Him to use you and your time, talents, and treasures for His Kingdom.

What is God calling you to do that feels out of reach?

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PRAYER
*Father, thank You for
Your call on my life.
With You all things are
possible. I seek Your
wisdom, direction, and
power. In Jesus' Name,
Amen.*

DAY 3 FRIDAY

March 7

Listen to God

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 2
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

They have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

Jeremiah 2:27 NASB

PRAYER

Father, forgive me for the times I haven't listened to You. I desire to hear from You and do Your will. Speak to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

How do you feel when other people ignore you when you're trying to talk to them? How do you think God reacts when this happens to *Him*?

People constantly refused to listen to Him and even turned their backs on Him. When He told them how to be blessed, they refused to obey. When He told them of danger, they ignored His warnings. Yet when they got into trouble, they expected Him to save them!

Like those Israelites, we often turn to God only when we face trouble; we call on Him too late when the damage is already done—even after we've ignored or disobeyed His Word. He wants to speak to us daily, so we can be prepared and armed for victory.

God wants to speak to you and help you live a victorious life. He wants to reveal deeper truth through His Word, teach you through His Holy Spirit, and protect you from danger.

But you need to *listen to Him*. This means knowing His Word. Don't just talk at Him, but listen to *Him*. Get apart from the noise of the world. Quiet your heart. Focus on Him. Seek to hear His voice.

Let Him refresh you give you His peace. Let Him open your spiritual eyes and give you greater discernment. Let Him give you His wisdom and insight into current events and how you should live your life. Let Him make you more like Jesus.

How can you remember to seek God even when life is good?

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DAY 4 SATURDAY

March 8

Return to God

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 3
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

11 And the LORD said to me, “Faithless Israel has shown herself more righteous than unfaithful Judah. 12 Go, proclaim this message toward the north: ‘Return, O faithless Israel,’ declares the LORD. ‘I will no longer look on you with anger, for I am merciful,’ declares the LORD..

Jeremiah 3:11-12
NASB

PRAYER

Father, thank You for being gracious. Forgive my sins and the sins of my nation. Help us to repent and return to You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Israel had been “*faithless.*” They had “*perverted their way*” and “*forgotten the LORD their GOD*” 9V.21). As a result, their leaders deceived the, they faced economic troubles and bless them. He was gracious and would not look upon them in anger.

God promised to give them shepherds after His own heart who would feed them knowledge and understanding. Instead of financial lack, they would experience abundance. They would not “*walk anymore after stubbornness of their evil heart*” but would realize He had given them “*a pleasant land, the most beautiful inheritance*” (v. 17, 19).

For these promises to be fulfilled, God required repentance. And as God repeated three times in this chapter, they needed to “*return.*”

If God’s people returned, they would call Hi, “*My Father*” and not turn away (v.4). He would heal their faithlessness. They would see they had followed the wrong path and wrong leaders and realize they could find salvation only in Him.

How easily we can be like Israel—forgetting about God, and going our own way. But God beckons us, “*Return to Me!*”

Today, no matter who you are or what you’ve done, humble yourself before God. Confess your sins. Declare that Jesus is your Lord. Seek His wisdom. Dedicate your life to serving Him faithfully.

Write a prayer of national repentance.

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DAY 5 SUNDAY

March 9

Do Justice, Seek Truth

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 5

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

I “Roam to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, And look now and take note. And seek in her open squares, If you can find a man, If there is one who does justice, who seeks truth, Then I will pardon her. 2 And although they say, ‘As the Lord lives,’ Surely they swear falsely.”
Jeremiah 5:1-2 NASB

PRAYER

Father, I genuinely want to please You. Help me to be bold in standing for righteousness and speaking out for truth. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

God challenged Jeremiah to find just one person “*who does justice, who seeks honesty.*” If he could find even one person, the Lord would pardon the nation.

But God warned that this search would be futile. Instead of being committed to truth, they sought expediency and comfort. Instead of pursuing God’s eternal standards, they sought temporary pleasures. They ignored His Word and followed the ways of the world.

God warned Jeremiah that he would see people with a superficial spirituality, who talked like they were religious but whose hearts were far from Him.

When confronted with God’s truth, these people wouldn’t change. They had faces that were “*harder than rock,*” and they “*refused to repent*” (v.3). As a result, God had no choice but to send judgement and shake them up.

God still is looking for people who do justice and seek truth. Are you one of these people? Have you surrendered your life to Jesus Christ? Are you seeking first the Kingdom of God and living by His standards? Or are you guilty of compromising?

Listen to God’s voice. Be passionate about pleasing Him and doing what is right. As the Lord told Jeremiah, just one person who does justice and seeks truth can make a dramatic difference in stemming the tide of judgement and bringing revival to a nation. Will you be one of those people?

How do you do justice and seek truth in your everyday life?

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DAY 6 MONDAY
March 10

Forsaking God

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 5
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

15 Behold, I am bringing a nation against you from afar..... 18 “Yet even in those days,” declares the LORD, “I will not make a complete destruction of you.
Jeremiah 5:15, 18
NASB

God’s people faced grave problems. Soon a powerful enemy would attack them in ways they couldn’t understand. He warned that *“their quiver is an open grave, all of them are warriors”* (v. 16).

People would feel the impact of God’s judgment in every area of life: food production, children, economic, livelihood, safety, security, and confidence *“they will demolish your fortified cities, in which you trust, with the sword”* (v.17).

The problems would be so serious that they would be forced to examine everything and ask themselves, *“Why has the Lord our God done all these things to us?”* (v.19).

God said His answer would be simple: They had *“abandoned(Him) and served foreign gods in (their) land”* (v.19). They turned away from God and disobeyed His Word. They refused to change, repent, or return to Him.

The Lord reminded them that while they served Him, He blessed, protected, and prospered them. But when they turned away, He removed His blessings. Then He told them that they were about to *“serve strangers in a land that is not yours”* (v. 19). The impact would be great, and the judgment would be terrible.

These are the kinds of consequences we face when we forsake God. Humble yourself before God. Ask Him to cleanse you of sin and pride. Don’t trust in the world, but dedicate your life to Him. Pray for revival in your nation.

PRAYER

Father, I pray for revival in my country. Remove our idolatry and forgive our sin and pride. I humble myself before You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Compose a prayer for revival in your country.

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DAY 7 TUESDAY
March 11

Going Backward

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 7
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

23 .. *'Obey My voice,
and I will be your God,
and you will be My
people; and you shall
walk entirely in the way
which I command you,
so that it may go well for
you.*

*' 24 Yet they did not
obey or incline their ear*

Jeremiah 7:23-24 NASB

PRAYER

*Father, I commit my
ways to You. Thank You
for directing my path.
Show me if I am going
backward in any way.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

God's people were going in the wrong direction: backward, not forward. The Lord had given them everything they needed. They just had to obey Him and walk in His ways. He desired to bless and prosper them, making everything "*be well*" with them.

But they continued to listen to his influences—popular ideas and people who made nice promises. Ignoring God's Word, they became entrenched "*in the stubbornness of their evil hearts*" (v. 24). As a result, they reaped problem after problem.

God wanted them to change, so He could bless them! But because they refused to return to Him, conditions in their country continued to deteriorate, not improve.

Turning their backs on God was a horrible decision. How could He bless them if they wouldn't look to Him for their provision? He wanted to see their faces and help them go forward.

It's easy to find ourselves listening to the counsel of the world. Voices of confusion cry loudly all around us, offering solutions that sound nice, but don't work...tempt us to ignore God and go our own way...and lure us to follow them and ignore His Word. But what a price we pay!

Remember, God has a plan for your life. Follow His path. Obey His Word. Commit your life to Him. Listen to His voice. Make sure you are going *forward* in your spiritual life!

Compose a prayer asking God to show you the path forward this week.

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DAY 8 WEDNESDAY

March 12

Passion for Souls

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 9

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*I Oh, that my head
were waters and my
eyes a fountain of
tears, That I might
weep day and night
For the slain of the
daughter of my
people!*

Jeremiah 9:1 NASB

PRAYER

*Father, give me a
greater sensitivity to
Your Word. Convict me
of sin. Give me a
greater burden for souls.
Use me to impact lives.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

Jeremiah was often very emotional. His writings are filled with moments of passion and intense weeping because he cared about the things of God and the souls of His people.

He dedicated his life to serving the Lord, and he shared His compassion. He cared deeply about people. He knew they would experience the consequences of their actions, unless they changed.

It pained Jeremiah to realize what was about to come upon his nation. How he wanted them to repent and return to God! Yet, he also felt wounded and even ashamed of the choices they made.

God showed him how readily people lied; truth did not “*prevail in the land*” (v. 3). People didn’t know God or trust others, and they dealt craftily with each other. Evil and deception were everywhere. Jeremiah wrote that God’s people had “*taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing wrongdoing*” (v. 5). This realization brought Jeremiah to tears, and he wept openly.

God felt the only option was to “*refine them*” by punishing them to “*avenge*” Himself, to shake up their lives and test them – hoping they would change (v.9).

Today put God first in your life. Let Him give you a passion for souls – around you and throughout the world. Burn with a desire to bring them the Gospel. May this be your prayer, your commitment, your burden. It’s okay to be emotional when God gives you His heart!

Whose life can you Impact with the Gospel today?

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DAY 9 THURSDAY
March 13

The Road to Restoration

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 14
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

7 Although our sins testify against us, do something, Lord, for the sake of your name. For we have often rebelled; we have sinned against you. 9 Why shouldst thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not. Jeremiah 14:7, 9 NASB

PRAYER

Father, I humble myself and seek Your face. I confess my sins and the sins of my nation. Forgive us in Your mercy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

How do we get from judged to justice? We follow the road to repentance.

The people of Judah acknowledged their sin—their “*wrongdoings*” and “*apostasies*.” These were good first steps, but God was not moved. He saw their hearts and knew they still “*loved to wander*” and didn’t “*restrain their feet*”. (v. 10).

They hoped God would take care of everything, so they wouldn’t have to change or face consequences. Instead of accepting responsibility, they blamed God because they felt He was like a stranger in the land.

The Lord waited to see if they really would repent, humble themselves, turn from their wicked ways, make real changes and return to Him with their actions and attitudes. Without these changes, their prayers and fasts would have no impact. God even told Jeremiah *not* to pray for them because He wasn’t even listening to their cries.

Many people today think like these people. When they face trials, they call on God and then wonder why He doesn’t respond. If we experience this, we must remember that the Lord looks at the sincerity of our hearts. He waits to see whether we’re serious enough to repent and obey Him.

Remember, God is looking at your heart. Humble yourself before Him. Seek His face. Let Him root out anything that doesn’t please Him. Confess your sins and the sins of your nation. Commit yourself to seeking His Kingdom and doing His will

Compose a prayer of repentance for specific sins in your life?

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DAY 10 FRIDAY
March 14

Your Mission

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 15
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

" If you return, then I will restore you- Before Me you will stand; And if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman.. LORD said to me, " [Even] if Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me,
Jeremiah 15:19-20
NASB

PRAYER

Father, Thank You for the assignment You've given me. Help me to stay faithful to fulfill this mission. Use me to impact souls. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Jeremiah felt discouraged, overwhelmed, and beaten down by the threats made against him – all because he was God's messenger.

Instead of worrying about what other people thought about him, his job was to go where God sent him and speak His words (Jeremiah 1:5-7). The only approval that mattered was from God Himself. He was to be a rock amid people ready to compromise. Others might fight him, but if he stayed faithful, God would deliver him.

People around you may be willing to lie, cheat, or deceive to get their way. They may do anything for pleasure while ignoring the truth. If you stand for God, you might be mocked. You might feel people's wrath, ridicule, or pressure to conform and compromise. You may even be tempted to turn away from God, to give in, or to be silent about your faith.

Just remember what God told Jeremiah. Don't be discouraged by temporary problems or distracted by the world. Don't be surprised if others laugh at, ignore, or reject you. Don't get caught up in a competition to be popular, and don't let others shape your beliefs. Rather, renew your desire to gain God's approval. Stay focused on your assignment!

If others reject you, simply become more determined to please God. Don't waver. Be steadfast. Let Him sustain you. Obey His Word, not the world's ways. Resolve to say and do all He's commanded you to do!

What assignment has God given you today?

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DAY 11 SATURDAY
March 15

Listening

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 22
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

I spoke to you in your prosperity; But you said, 'I will not listen!'
Jeremiah 22:21 NASB

God had blessed and prospered His people. Yet, instead of praising Him, many forgot Him. Instead of thanking Him, they took Him for granted. Instead of obeying Him, they turned their backs and ignored His Word.

Instead of listening when He tried to speak, correct, and warn them, they followed the nations around them. Then they wondered why they had so many problems.

God knows what happened to these people and too many others throughout history. He saw how they were blinded by their prosperity—how they forgot Him and refused to listen. They had become so secure and comfortable that they stopped seeking Him. They had even turned away from Him and gone their own way.

Today, God stands ready to bless us. But He also knows that prosperity can impact us in negative ways. Unless we are mature and ready, prosperity might encourage us to forget about Him as so many others have done.

Are you ready to hear God's voice? Are you taking time to listen to Him? Are you open to the direction of His Spirit? Pause your schedule and spend quality time with Him!

Surrender *every* area of your life to the Lordship of Jesus. Seek to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and let Him lead you, and do not let anything get in the way. Make sure you are ready, so God can bless you!

What has happened when you've been enticed by wealth?

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PRAYER
Father, I want to hear Your voice. Convict me of anything that displeases You. I dedicate my time, talents, and treasures to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

DAY 12 SUNDAY

March 16

Stand Firm

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 26

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*There was also a man who prophesied in the name of the Lord,and he prophesied against this city and against this land words similar to all those of **Jeremiah** 21 then the king sought to put him to death; but Uriah heard about it, and he was afraid, so he fled and went to Egypt Jeremiah 26:20-21 NASB*

PRAYER

Father, give me boldness to stand for You. Keep me from compromising. I believe that You will take care of me. I depend on You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God called Uriah to deliver His words, but the message was not what people wanted to hear. The Bible compares Uriah's words with those spoken by Jeremiah. Both prophets obeyed God and experienced rejection, and the leaders of Judah sought to have them killed.

Jeremiah would not compromise. He stood firm, refused to run, continued to stand strong, and depended on God. As a result, God blessed and protected him.

But Uriah did not have the courage, faith, or commitment to face opposition. He gave in to fear. Instead of trusting in God, he decided to run away to Egypt. Yet, there was no safety or security for him there; he was found and brought back to Judah, where he was put to death.

Many Christians are like Uriah. God has a call on their lives, but they're so concerned about others' reactions that they compromise or back down when criticized. They cave in to pressure or run away. But God wants us to be like Jeremiah – faithful, resolute, and uncompromising.

Renew your faith in God and your commitment to fulfill His call on your life. Don't give in to fear, doubt, or anxiety. Instead, remain strong, focused, and uncompromising.

Trust in God, and keep our eyes fixed on Him. Make Him your Shield, Protector, and Defender. Don't be afraid to take a bold stand for the Gospel.

Write a prayer of renewed commitment to God and His plan for you.

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DAY 13 MONDAY
March 17

Learn From History

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 26
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*The hand of Ahikam
the son of Shaphan
was with Jeremiah, so
that he was not
handed over to the
people to put him to
death.*

Jeremiah 26:24
NASB

PRAYER

*Father, give me
greater sensitivity to
Your Word. Open my
mind to understand
Your truth. Keep me
from making wrong
decisions. In Jesus'
Name, Amen.*

When Jeremiah faced an angry mob of accusers, Ahikam defended him.

During the reign of Josiah, Ahikam was an associate of Hilkiah, the priest who “*found the book of the law*” (1 Kings 22:8). He then accompanied Hilkiah to visit Huldah the prophetess, who confirmed the word of the law (2 Kings 22).

Ahikam was strategically positioned when priests, prophets, and all the people rose against Jeremiah. They were upset because Jeremiah had delivered a strong message from God, promising judgement was seized but would not back down, for God had told him not to “*omit a word*” (v. 2).

The crowd reacted with anger, demanding Jeremiah’s death. Then some unnamed elders took a risk and reminded the crowd of the prophecies of Micah, whose message was similar to Jeremiah’s. Hezekiah did not put Micah to death, and his prophecies were released. Ahikam was one of these courageous elders, for he was “*with Jeremiah, so that he was not handed over to the people to put him to death.*”

Learn from the example of Ahikam. The crowds might urge you to conform or compromise. Rumors and gossip might swirl around you,. Know your Bible, so you can be like Ahikam. Read it. Study it. Learn from it. Put it into practice in your life. Put your faith in God, not the world.

What in your past can you learn from to inform your future decisions?.

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DAY 14 TUESDAY

March 18

Obey Unconditionally

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 42

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

20 For you have only [a]deceived yourselves; for it is you who sent me to the Lord your God, saying, "Pray for us to the Lord our God; and whatever the Lord our God says, tell us so, and we will do it."

Jeremiah 42:20

NASB

PRAYER

Father, I surrender my life to You. Thank You for the great plan You have for my life. I will obey You unconditionally! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Some Jews announced that they were going to Egypt where they thought they would be safe and secure. Nonetheless, they asked Jeremiah to pray for them, promising, *"Just tell us what the Lord our God says, and we will do it"* (NLT). Perhaps they expected God just to confirm their decision.

God told them not to go, yet they quickly forgot their promise. Jeremiah warned, *"You have only deceived yourself,"* prophesying that they would die in Egypt. And they did.

It can be easy for us to be quick to make promises. But just as quickly, we can forget or ignore our promises.

God understands our human nature. He knows that many people only obey when they want to... but He's looking for people who will obey Him unconditionally...even if He responds in a way that surprises or disappoints us. These are the kinds of people upon whom He pours out His abundant blessings.

Today, surrender your life *unconditionally* to God. Don't hold anything back. Remember that He knows the future and what is best for you.

Be ready to obey the Lord, even when you don't understand His direction –when He says things that surprise or displease you. Be sure to keep every promise and vow you make to Him. Be a person of your word, careful to only make promises you intend to keep.

Reflect on a time God asked you to do something that didn't make sense.

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DAY 15 WEDNESDAY
March 19

Important to God

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 45
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

“Behold, what I have built I am going to tear down, and what I have planted I am going to uproot, that is, all the people of the land.”

Jeremiah 45:4 NASB

Many in ancient Judah looked at the mighty temple built by Solomon as a kind of insurance policy. Surely God would never allow anything to happen to His temple! He would never allow anything to happen to the nation He had created. Surely, He would always protect and deliver the children of Abraham. The walls of Jerusalem would be secure.

Through Jeremiah, God showed He was not concerned with temporary, superficial things like they were. He has an eternal, spiritual perspective on their lives. He was more concerned about their relationship with Him than about any building and more concerned with their hearts than their power or wealth. Their obedience was more important than sustaining their earthly kingdom.

God was even willing to “*tear down*” what He had built and “*uproot*” what He had planted...if that’s what it would take to shake them up and get their minds off the things of this world. He wanted them to focus on His *eternal* Kingdom and realize that everything else would pass away.

Today, God is looking at your spiritual condition—the attitude of your heart, your relationship with Him, and your spiritual maturity. Don’t place your faith in buildings, nations, organizations, or people.

Instead, “*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)

What is your current spiritual condition? Do you need to adjust?

PRAYER
Father, help me seek first Your eternal Kingdom. Show me what is important to You. I desire to please and serve You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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DAY 16 THURSDAY
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Restoration

BIBLE READING: JEREMIAH 46
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*"But as for you, O
Jacob My servant, do
not fear, Nor be
dismayed, O Israel!
For, see, I am going
to save you from afar,
And your descendants
from the land of their
captivity;
And Jacob will return
and be undisturbed"*
Jeremiah 46:27
NASB

PRAYER

*Father, thank You for
new mercies every
morning. Forgive my
sins and the sins of our
people. I humble
myself and seek
restoration. In Jesus'
Name, Amen.*

God warned His people about the consequences of sin, yet they ignored His warnings and continued to disobey Him. They then experienced the consequences of their actions.

Nevertheless, amid judgment, God sent a message: He had not forgotten His people, and He promised restoration and healing. They had been defeated and uprooted from their homeland, losing everything. Yet He told them, *"Do not fear"* or *"be dismayed."* Many of them had been sent into exile, but He promised to save them and bring them back home.

God had been angry with them. Yes, He had judged them. But they still were His people, and He described Jacob as *"My servant."* He wanted them to know that He was with them. He used other nations to refine and judge them, but in the end, these other people would be called to account for the things they had done.

They still suffered the consequences of their actions, for He warned that He would *"correct you properly"* and *"by no means leave you unpunished."* But God also promised to preserve His people: *"Yet I will not make a full end of you: (v. 28).*

Today, our world needs restoration. Millions are hurting; souls are suffering. But God is ready to forgive, heal, and restore.

Turn your heart toward Him. Seek forgiveness for sins in your own life and for the sins of your nation. Cry out to Him for mercy. Commit your life to serving Him.

Compose a prayer of repentance, and ask for God's forgiveness.

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DAY 17 FRIDAY
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Lambs Among Wolves

BIBLE READING: Luke 10

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

³ *Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.*

Luke 10:3 NASB

PRAYER

Father free me from fear. Help me to serve You faithfully, recognize the wolves, and be ready for victory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Wolves have always been feared. These natural killers move with great speed and love to feast on vulnerable victims.

Traveling in packs, wolves communicate well and have strong bonds. They are protective of their territory. They can sniff out danger and are ready to attack. Also, they tend to move and hunt at night when their activities are hard to see.

The disciples knew what Jesus meant when He said He was sending them out *“as lambs in the midst of wolves.”*

This applies to us as well. If we follow Jesus, we, too, will be surrounded by wolves looking for our weaknesses, mistakes, and vulnerabilities. They move quickly and work together to attack us. They can attack at any time or place, often when we're ill-prepared and least expect it.

Our chief spiritual adversary inspires a whole army of wolves. Some operate in sheep's clothing, appearing as friends and colleagues. Others may show up as enemies.

God wants you to be a lamb –innocent, holy, and filled with faith. But never forget that wolves are all around. Be alert and ready, strong in the Holy Spirit, and set to fight back: *“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves”* (Matthews 10:16 NKJV). Instead of being ignorant of your enemy, be prepared.

Compose a prayer for discernment.

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DAY 18 SATURDAY
March 22

Troubled Hearts

BIBLE READING: Luke 24
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

He Himself stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be to you." 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. 38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

Luke 24: 36-38
NASB

PRAYER

Father, I commit these situations to You:

_____.

Thank You that I can trust in You. Give me Your peace and joy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Luke began his chronological account of the Gospel with story of Zacharias. This priest and his wife, "*advanced in years*," were unable to have children (Luke 1:7). One day, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to Zacharias, and he was "*troubled*" (Luke 1:12).

Luke closed this book with the story of other men who had trouble hearts. After Jesus had appeared to two men on the road to Emmaus, they were telling the other disciples about their encounter, when Jesus Himself suddenly was there! His message was simple: "*Peace be to you*," but they were "*frightened*."

Both Zacharias and the disciples had seen and heard unsettling things. But in both cases, they received a message of peace, encouraging them that God was in control of their circumstances.

They had been troubled because they didn't completely trust Him; they weren't confident in His sovereignty or prepared for His supernatural intervention.

Our hearts can easily become troubled by events in the world or by things we have seen or heard. We might be fearful and doubtful. The problems we face seem overwhelming and hopeless.

Remember, God is sovereign over all of creation. He has a plan for you and for the world. Because He is with you, *anything* is possible. If your heart is troubled, turn to Him. Commit your needs to Him. Have faith in Him, and receive His peace.

Which situations are you committing to God's control today?

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DAY 19 SUNDAY
March 23

A Radical Commitment

BIBLE READING: Matthew 19
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

“If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

Matthew 19:21NASB

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, I surrender my life to You. I will follow You completely and not hold on to the things of this world. I make a radical commitment. You are my Lord! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Here was a religious man who knew the Scriptures and tried to do the right things. But Jesus said he faced a crossroads. Jesus asked him to make a “complete” commitment, to surrender everything and follow Him. *Everything*—even to the point of selling his possessions.

This message made the man sad. Though he wanted to “*obtain eternal life*,” Jesus seemed to be demanding too much (v.16). Yes, the man hoped to find an inheritance in the life to come, but he was committed to this present world, for he “*owned much property*” (v.22).

Many people are just like this man—interested in following Jesus, yet clinging to this world and compromising

Jesus asks us the same things He asked of this rich young man. Are we willing to follow Him radically? Completely? Without holding anything back? Are we ready to quit living for ourselves and surrender *everything* to Him...our time, talents, and treasures?

Those who make this radical commitment enter a new dimension of faith. God’s power begins to flow, and His kingdom comes alive in them.

Jesus offers you this same possibility, but it requires a radical commitment. Will you cling to this world? Or give up everything to follow Him?

Don’t hold back. Step out in faith. Commit everything to Jesus. Not everyone is willing to take this path, but it’s the only way to be “*complete*” and find fullness of life in Him.

What is Jesus calling you to give up to follow Him today?

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DAY 20 MONDAY
March 24

Pray for Your Leaders

BIBLE READING: Psalm 72
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*Give the king Your
judgments, O God,
And Your
righteousness to the
king's son.*

Psalm 72:1 NASB

PRAYER

*Father, our country
needs You. Forgive us
of our sins. I humble
myself before You and
cry out for mercy, Heal
our land. In Jesus'
Name, Amen.*

Solomon, the author of this psalm, knew he needed God's blessings to rule effectively.

Solomon prayed that God would help him know how to make wise decisions. Then he prayed for God's righteousness, so he would do what was right. He prayed that he would have compassion and rule with justice.

Solomon prayed God's blessing on his country, and a minimum of problems, trouble, and unrest. He prayed for financial blessings for himself, for those involved in commerce, and for those who were growing crops.

He then urged his people never to stop praying for him or other leaders. He asked them to pray he would have success, knowing this would cause God's blessings to flow throughout the land.

We must still [ray for our leaders and acknowledge God's sovereignty. His full blessings only come when we humble ourselves before Him, seek His face, cry out for His wisdom, and obey Him.

Today, pray for the leaders of your city, state, and nation. Pray that they would have godly wisdom and be concerned for justice and righteousness. Pray that God would bless them, that they would honor and serve Him with their lives, and that they would obey His Word.

Pray for a move of God in your country and around the world, that the people everywhere, in every nation would worship Him and bless His name.

Compose a prayer for mercy for our country.

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DAY 21 TUESDAY
March 25

Friends with the World

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 1
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

She weeps bitterly in the night And her tears are on her cheeks; She has none to comfort her Among all her lovers. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies.

Lamentations 1:2
NASB

PRAYER

Father, show me if I have placed my affections in the wrong people or things. I commit my time, talents, and treasures to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God's people thought they were in love. They had wealth and beauty. They were attractive and desirable. Their lovers seemed so wonderful. Everything was going well.

But then everything changed. Their wealth and assets diminished. Their beauty faded. They became weak and vulnerable.

Suddenly, their lovers abandoned them because they hadn't loved them-only what they could gain from them. They discovered that their lovers had taken advantage of them all along, and they were enemies.

This is the prices we pay for falling in love with the world or with the wrong people. At that moment, they may offer us everything we need to fulfill our dreams. They may offer rewards or make seductive promises. But what is their real goal? What is in their heart? What is the actual price and long-term impact of their offer?

The Bible warns, "*Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God*" (James 4:4).

Today, examine your life. To whom are you committed? Who do you really love? What friendships have you formed? Whom are you trusting?

Commit your life to God, loving Him and His Word more than anything else. Ask Him to give you discernment about the people and things of this world, so you can seek what matters.

Are you friends with the world or friends with God? How do you know?

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DAY 22 WEDNESDAY
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The Future

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 1
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*She did not consider
her future.*

*Therefore she
has ^[b]fallen*

astonishingly;

She has no comforter.

Lamentations 1:9

NASB

God's people made decisions based on short-term gains and momentary pleasures. Instead of committing their decisions to God and obeying His Word, they followed their own thoughts and listened to the wisdom of the world. They invested their time and energy in the wrong pursuits. Not surprisingly, everything turned out wrong.

Looking back, they remembered the past when their lives were filled with "precious things" (v. 10). In their time of trouble, "no one helped" (v. 7).

It's easy to be like the Israelites—seeking pleasures, trusting the wrong people, pursuing the wrong goals, and failing to remember that we pay a price for wrong decisions.

What can we learn from their experience? First, the pleasures of this world are only temporary. If people who seem to be our friends don't have good character, they are our enemies. Fun activities may turn out to be fatal if they're outside of God's will

God knows the future. He offers us wisdom that can prevent problems and bring long-term gain, both now and in eternity.

Think about the lessons learned by God's people during this time. Trust in Him and seek His Kingdom. Ask for His guidance before making any decisions. Be careful about adopting the ways of the world or following the path to quick profits and transitory pleasures. Instead, follow God and ask Him to direct your life.

What has happened when you didn't trust God in your decision?

PRAYER
*Father, I commit the
decisions I make today
to You. Guide me
Prevent me from
making mistakes. I
seek first Your
Kingdom. In Jesus'
Name, Amen.*

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DAY 23 THURSDAY
March 27

Withholding Blessings

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 2
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

In fierce anger He has cut off ^{1a}All the strength of Israel; He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy. And He has burned in Jacob like a flaming fire
Lamentations 2:3

NASB

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for all You've done for me. I never want to take You for granted. I worship and praise You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God's people began thinking they could succeed in their own strength. But He wanted them to realize how powerless and helpless they were on their own by withholding His blessings.

They could look back on times when all their needs has been met or when they had been successful in battle—victorious even when outnumbered by their enemies. All of this came because of God's favor, yet they often took the credit for themselves.

Suddenly, the Lord began to withhold His blessings, and He wasn't there to help them when they faced problems. Their businesses and farms were no longer blessed. They had to face their enemies on their own and they soon discovered how vulnerable they had become.

God wanted them to recognize that He would grant them success only if they trusted and obeyed Him.

Each day, we have an opportunity to depend on God for everything in our lives, from the air we breathe to the other essentials of life. God wants to bless you, bring you success and favor, answer your prayers, and fulfill your dreams. Never forget that you owe everything to Him.

Humble yourself before the Lord, and seek His wisdom. Commit your life to Him. Ask Him for help in making decisions. Remember to fill your life with praise, and give Him the glory for every success He brings you.

What decision are you making that you need to seek God's wisdom for?

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DAY 24 FRIDAY
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Leaders Who Lie

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 2
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*Your prophets have
seen for you
Worthless and
deceptive visions;
And they have
not exposed your
wrongdoing
So as to restore you
from captivity,
But they have seen for
you worthless and
misleading
pronouncements.*
Lamentations 2:14
NASB

Why were God's people experiencing judgment? Why has He removed His blessing? Why were they running into so many problems? One reason was poor leadership.

Their leaders has deceived the people with false promises and pursued foolish goals. As a result, His people has been deceived. They failed to set a godly standard or live according to God's Word. Instead of accurately teaching and correcting His people, they allowed corruption to spread and failed to keep His ways. They saw deceptive visions, read the wrong things, listened to the wrong people, and believed the wrong ideas.

Today, our world is filled with leaders who lie to control us. They may gain power, but they aren't pleasing to God. They may be popular, but they aren't concerned with eternal truths. They're skilled at manipulation and entice people to pursue the wrong paths. They ignore God's standards and the teachings of His Word.

Some of these leaders may have good intentions, even intelligence. But that is not enough. More than ever, we need leaders who seek God, base their lives on His Word, and value His blessing.

Today be alert to deception, and don't be led astray by misleading leaders. Pray for the leaders of your country, your city, your church, and your business. Pray that they would submit their lives to God and seek His wisdom. And as God gives you the opportunity, be a godly leader yourself.

PRAYER
*Father, I pray for my
nation. Give us godly
leaders. May they
submit their lives to
You. Use me to impact
others. In Jesus'
Name, Amen.*

How can you combat society's lies with God's truth?

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DAY 25 SATURDAY
March 29

Desperate Prayers

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 2
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

Their heart cried out to the Lord: “You wall of the daughter of Zion, Let your tears stream down like a river day and night; Give yourself no relief, Let ^[a]your eyes have no rest. 19. Pour out your heart like water Before the presence of the Lord; Raise your hands to Him”

Lamentations 2:18-19
NASB

PRAYER

Father, I cry out to You for Your forgiveness. Cleanse and purify me. Forgive the sins of my nation. Restore us, I pray. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Even though God’s people had sinned, He mercifully offered them hope, forgiveness, and restoration. Yet, to be restored, they needed to confess their sins, repent, humble themselves and seek Him.

In Jeremiah’s time, some were truly serious about restoration. Their prayers were not polite, but intense. They wept in intercession, and their tears ran “*down like a river day and night.*” They poured out their hearts “*like water before the presence of the Lord.*”

While people were concerned about their own problems, Jeremiah urged them to think about the next generation and understand how sin would impact their children. Their “*little ones*” would faint because of hunger. What was the long-term impact of their mistakes? How could they receive restoration?

In our time, we’ve seen judgment and tribulation sweep across the globe. God has been reminding us that He’s sovereign and holy; He has eternal standards, and we reap what we sow, as individuals and nations. But He also offers us restoration. This begins when we recognize our sins and mistakes, realizing we have disobeyed God, turned our backs on Him, and gone our own way—when we’re sorry for what we’ve done and return to Him.

Today, ask God to reveal the sins in your life and in your nation. Humble yourself. Cry out for His mercy and forgiveness. Pray with intensity and desperation. Seek Him daily, continually, until there is healing and restoration in your life and your land.

Compose a prayer of repentance and restoration for our nation.

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DAY 26 SUNDAY
March 30

Complain or Confess?

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 3
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*Let's examine and
search out our ways,
And let's return to
the LORD. ⁴¹ We raise
our heart ^[a] and hands
Toward God in heaven;
⁴² We have done wrong
and rebelled; You
have not pardoned.*
Lamentations 3:40-42
NASB

PRAYER

*Father, I open my life
before You. Forgive
me for my sins.
Forgive my nation for
the sins we have
committed. We need
Your mercy. In Jesus'
Name, Amen.*

There was much to complain about. God's people Judah has been defeated in battle and overwhelmed by their enemies. They faced economic shortfalls and had gone through drought. The things they loved had been taken away, and they had lost control of their own destiny. Many were exiled to a foreign land.

Jeremiah explained that these problems were result of sin. God's people had failed to obey Him. They made decisions to follow the world and disregard His commands. How could they gain God's favor again?

First, they needed to "*examine and search out (their) way,*" look honestly at their lives, recognize their sins, remember His laws, and realize He had blessed them when they obeyed Him. Their troubles had come because they rejected Him and chose to go their own way.

Even though they had sinned, God was eager to heal and restore them. But they needed to return to Him, make Him first in their lives, and seek first His Kingdom.

To be restored, they had to confess their sins and lift their hearts and hands "*toward God in heaven*" not blaming God or others but recognizing their responsibility and their need for confession and forgiveness.

Examine your heart and mind. Be honest with God. Confess your sins and humble yourself before Him. Seek His face. Cry out for His mercy. Ask Him to direct your path and bring restoration to your country.

What did God reveal to you when you examined your heart?

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DAY 27 MONDAY
March 31

What's Your Legacy?

BIBLE READING: Lamentations 5
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*Our fathers
sinned, and are gone;
It is we who have been
burdened with the
punishment for their
wrongdoings.*

Lamentations 5:7
NASB

PRAYER

*Father, use me to
impact the world with
the Gospel. Help me
to be bold and stand
for Your Kingdom,
Keep me from
compromising. In
Jesus' Name, Amen.*

What has happened to the once great nation of Israel? To the city of Jerusalem? The author opened his book of lament by looking back: *“How lonely sits the city that once has many people! She has become like a widow who was once great among the nations! She was a princess among the provinces has become a forced laborer!”* (Lamentations 1:1)

Much of the blame fell on the previous generations who had made mistakes. They rejected God's ways and failed to obey Him. They pursued the lifestyle of the pagan world around them, ignoring His warnings and turning their backs on Him.

We too are experiencing the by-product of the lives of those who have gone before us. We have benefitted from those who sacrificed, worked and, blazed trails, laid a strong spiritual foundation, and spread the Gospel. But we are also paying penalties for the mistakes others made—sins they committed, wrong decision they made, and the times they failed to obey God.

Now, we must ponder our impact on the generations to come. If Jesus tarries, what will be our legacy?

What will future generations say about your example and the choices you are making? Will they blame you for failures or be grateful to you for boldly doing the right thing? What will they say about the way you've invested your time, talents, and treasures? What impact will your example have on the generations to come?

What can you do today to positively impact your legacy for the future?

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DAY 28 TUESDAY
APRIL 1

Your Unique Ministry

BIBLE READING: Micah 1
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*The word of
the LORD which came
to Micah of Moresheth
in the days
of Jotham, Ahaz, and
Hezekiah, kings of
Judah, and which he
saw regarding Samaria
and Jerusalem. 2Listen
carefully, earth
and ^[b]all it contains,
And may the
Lord ^[c]GOD be
a witness against you
Micah 1:1-2 NASB*

PRAYER

*Father, I repent from
comparing myself to
others. I commit my
time, talents, and
treasures to You. Help
me to fulfill Your
calling. In Jesus'
Name, Amen.*

God called Micah to speak His Word at a unique time in history. Others have a similar call, including Isaiah (Isaiah 1:1) and Hosea (Hosea 1:1). He might have been tempted to compare his prophecies with their messages or his ministry with theirs. It would have been easy for Micah to be influenced by what other leaders said.

But Micah realized God had given him a message that was distinct and personal. His assignment was to be faithful to God's call, was to say what He wanted him to say, to do what He wanted him to do, and not to worry about what anyone else might be saying or doing.

Just as with Micah, God want us to remember that everything we have comes from Him: our ideas and thoughts, skills and abilities, words and deeds. This means we need to depend on God for everything, submit our lives to Him, and fulfill His call on our lives.

God's call on our life is unique. You have a distinct history and personality, and He has a special destiny and assignment just for you!

Commit your life to God. Be ready to be used by Him to speak His words with your voice. Don't be paralyzed by worry or comparisons. Be faithful to follow and obey Him, and be the unique servant He has called you to be.

How are you using your unique voice in ministry?

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DAY 29 WEDNESDAY
APRIL 2

Submit to God

BIBLE READING: Micah 2
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

Do not prophesy, ' so they prophesy. But if^[a] they do not prophesy about these things, Insults will not be turned back. Is it being said, house of Jacob: 'Is the Spirit of the LORD impatient? Are these His works?' Do My words not do good for the one walking rightly? Micah 2:6-7 NASB

PRAYER

Father, I submit my life to You. Help me hear Your voice clearly. Show me if I have disappointed You in any way. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The people of Judah decided who they wanted to listen to. They rejected the sovereignty of God and felt justified ignoring His words whenever they pleased. They bribed messengers to prophesy only good things and willingly believed a false prophet who lied.

Today, many people have the same attitude. They are blinded by preconceived ideas, rejecting anything that might challenge their lifestyle. They want to decide everything from their own advantage point, ignoring God.

But some believers genuinely seek to please and honor God. They're eager to develop a personal relationship with Him. They love Him and welcome His words, eager to hear from Him, even when He rebukes or corrects them. They have nothing to hide or cover up. They seek first His Kingdom and live according to His Word.

Ask God to search your heart. Seek a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him. Humble yourself before Him. Allow His Spirit to instruct you, and allow Him to convict you of sin and error.

Welcome His correction and words of warning. Determine to live according to His Word! Remember, He is the sovereign creator, God Almighty!

Submit every thought, attitude, relationship, action, and belief to His scrutiny. Be willing for Him to reveal sins and mistakes. Allow Him to correct, chasten, discipline, and purify you as He sees fit.

How are you submitting your life to God today?

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DAY 30 THURSDAY
APRIL 3

A Radical Turnaround

BIBLE READING: Acts 16
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

Paul cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here!' ... Trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas; and after he brought them out, he said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'” —
Acts 16:28–30 NASB

PRAYER

Father, help me to be ready to share my faith. May I praise and worship You in every situation. Work through me. Thank You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Who can you share the Gospel with today who needs a radical turnaround like the jailer in Philippi?

The earthquake was so powerful that the foundations of the prison in Philippi shook. The doors flung open. Certain of the prisoners had escaped, the jailer decided to kill himself, stopping only when he heard Paul's voice.

Paul and Silas were unlike any other prisoners in his experience. To them, the prison was a place to seek God. They spent their time “praying and singing hymns of praise to God” (v. 25). Even when the jail doors were open, they did not run.

Sensing that these men had something he needed, he asked, “What must I do to be saved?” Within minutes, Jesus claimed the jailer and his family.

The events that night took place with lightning quickness, and the witness of Paul and Silas had prepared the way. They were the first to bring the Gospel to Philippi. Before their arrival, the jailer knew nothing about Jesus. Yet he was so moved that he was willing to believe their message.

People all around us have needs. They all need answers to their problems...a faith that is real ... a turnaround for situations that seem hopeless. They need Jesus!

Who can you share the Gospel with today who needs a radical turnaround like the jailer in Philippi?

You can be a witness through every word you speak and everything you do. Let God use you to change the lives of others. Let Him do extraordinary things through you!

Who do you know who needs a radical turnaround today?

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DAY 31 FRIDAY
APRIL 4

Rumors

BIBLE READING: Psalm 112
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

*Blessed is a person
who ^[c]fears the LORD,
Who greatly delights in
His commandments.*

*For he will never be
shaken; The righteous
will be ^[a]remembered
forever.*

*⁷ He will not fear bad
news; His heart is
steadfast, trusting in
the LORD.*

Psalm 112: 1,6-7
NASB

PRAYER

*Father, no matter
what is going on
around me, help me to
focus on Your
unshakable Kingdom.
I trust You.
In Jesus' Name,
Amen.*

In 2000, a college student published a fake press release suggesting that a particular company was restating its earnings. Within minutes, the stock fell, and the student made an enormous profit. But he soon was caught and served prison time.

Recently, someone posted a rumor that the CEO of a major company has a heart attack. As a result, the company's stock decline 9% in just 12 minutes!

As Paul wrote, this makes us like "*children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming*" (Ephesians 4:14) In contrast, the Bible says God wants us to be stable, sure, and confident. The psalmist tells us it's possible never to be shaken, and we do not have to fear evil tidings.

How can we find this peace and security? By fearing the Lord, humbling ourselves before Him, delighting in His Word and hiding it in our hearts, and trusting in Him. The Bible promises that if we do these things we will never be shaken. Our hearts will be steadfast, and we will not fear.

Today, don't be gullible or allow your life to be shaken by rumors or the changing circumstances of the world. Trust in God. Commit your ways to Him. Fill your life with His Word. Let Him give you stability, confidence, and joy!

Reflect on a time when you let yourself get carried away with a false rumor.

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DAY 32 SATURDAY

APRIL 5

Spirit vs Flesh

BIBLE READING: Mark 14

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

Keep watching and praying, so that you will not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak

Mark 14:38 NASB

PRAYER

Father, I commit these needs to You:

_____. *Thank You for Your Spirit. Thank You for giving me strength.*

*In Jesus' Name,
Amen.*

It's spirit vs. flesh in the world, so make sure you're properly prepared for battle. Jesus knew His disciples would face challenges. The night before His crucifixion, He knew that they would be stretched and forced to deal with new pressures. They would be tempted and discouraged. What was the answer? Prayer.

He was “*very distressed and troubled,*” and “*deeply grieved to the point of death*” (vs. 33–34). Jesus responded by praying fervently. In contrast, His disciples fell asleep. Their response revealed that they needed the power of the Spirit.

All believers can fall into the same trap, depending on ourselves and our own resources. But we all need to learn to depend on the Spirit and recognize the weaknesses of our flesh.

No matter how strong we might feel, our bodies inevitably weaken. No matter how determined, we always fall short. No matter how much we desire perfection, we will fail. As we are stretched and face temptations and trials, we have hope by depending on the Spirit.

These principles are true at every stage of life. Our bodies may experience diminished strength, but the Spirit is powerful and willing. As we depend on the Spirit, His power flows through us, giving us insight and strength.

Learn from Jesus' example. When you face unknowns and difficulties, turn to prayer and depend on the Spirit. He is ready to give you the power, wisdom, and ability you need. He can help you commune with God and overcome sins and weaknesses.

What needs are you giving to Jesus today?

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DAY 33 SUNDAY

APRIL 6

Wonderfully Made

BIBLE READING: Psalm 139
Read from The Daily Walk Bible

You are unique and wonderfully made. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise!

¹³ *For You created my innermost parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.*

¹⁴ *I will give thanks to You, because ^[a]I am awesomely and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.*
Psalm: 139: 13-14
NASB

God has created each of us, and He knows everything about us! Every detail of our history. Every thought and action. Our sins and mistakes. He created our "innermost thoughts" and knit us together in our mother's womb.

He knows our decisions, both right and wrong. He knows what we faced when we made those decisions and why we made them. He knows what influences us.

Truly we are "awesomely and wonderfully made." This is the miracle of creation. He did not just create the world. He has been involved with each person since before we were conceived!

But what is even more amazing is that He cares about each of us. He loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us, so we could be forgiven of all our sins!

We might be discouraged, worried, afraid, or wondering if there is any hope. At these times, our thoughts should turn to the phenomenal promises of this psalm. Remember, His works are wonderful, and He will work everything out, even things we do not understand.

We should know these truths "very well" with total confidence (v. 14)!

As you draw near to God in prayer, trust in Him to reveal more of His plans and purposes for you. As you rest in Him, let Him deliver you from fear and worry. Let Him encourage you. He has a plan for your life, and His ways are always right.

List as many positive features about your body and your life as you can.

Father, I trust You with my life. Thank You for knowing everything about me. Thank You for caring for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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DAY 34 MONDAY

APRIL 7

A Vibrant Faith

BIBLE READING: 2 Timothy 3

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

A vibrant faith displays God's amazing power.

“Holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such people as these.

2 Timothy 3:5 NASB

PRAYER

Father, thank You that Your power is real and available for me. I commit these issues to You: _____ . All things are possible. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Many in the world approach the matter of faith as just a series of religious exercises without substance. Even many believers focus on rituals and traditions. The Christian life can be reduced to rules and regulations, forms and appearances as if life pictured in the Bible was for another time and another place.

But the Bible presents a vital, vibrant faith based on a real relationship with the living God! This faith has the power to change lives, heal, save, answer prayers, and give life meaning!

This power was central to Jesus' life when He went about “*doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil*” ([Acts 10:38](#)). This same power was given to His followers when the Holy Spirit came upon them ([Acts 1:8](#)). They witnessed countless displays of lives being transformed.

Along the way, though, some focused more on forms and appearances, even denying the power. To Paul, this problem was so serious that he warned against those who hold “a form of godliness.”

We so easily limit God and reduce our faith to just a series of rules. As the Bible warns, this spreads doubt and limits what we might expect. It deprives us of experiencing God's full power, which is at the core of His character.

Never deny or limit the power of God. If you have doubts, confess His Word. Pray with faith, and expect Him to answer.

How can you cultivate a more vibrant faith today?

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DAY 35 TUESDAY

APRIL 8

Peace and Hope

BIBLE READING: Jeremiah 29

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

“For I know the plans I have for you ... plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. [...] You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.”—

Jeremiah
29:11, 13 CSB

PRAYER

Father, I humble myself before You. Thank You for providing everything I need. Thank You for Your blessings. I will not forget You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

God’s perfect plan means we can have peace and hope instead of fear and uncertainty.

As they went into exile, many of God’s people were filled with fear. Yet God reassured them that He was already looking ahead to their restoration. Instead of being afraid or worried, God wanted them to go on with their lives, build houses, plant gardens, marry, and have children to “multiply there; do not decrease” (v. 6).

Babylon had been their adversary, but God wanted them to have a change of attitude. They were to seek the peace of their new home and pray for it, even though it was Babylon.

He promised that He knew where they were going. He had not abandoned them; He would give them “a future and a hope.” Especially in exile, He encouraged them to call upon Him, promising to listen, but there was a condition: They had to seek Him with their whole hearts.

God’s words of comfort and assurance are still true. We can look at our lives and see uncertainty, confusion, doubt, and hopelessness. We don’t know what will happen tomorrow, but God does.

He loves us so much and knows the plans He has for us to give us hope and a future. What is our role? To seek Him wholeheartedly.

Pray for your city, your country, and your leaders. Commit to seeking God with your whole heart! Expect His best!

Compose a prayer for the leaders of our country.

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DAY 36 WEDNESDAY

APRIL 9

Transforming Light

BIBLE READING: JOHN 12

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

“Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; also, the one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going ... believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.”—

John 12:35–36 NASB

PRAYER

Father, help me shine for You. Use me to bring the light of the Gospel to those around me and the nations. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Let Jesus shine His transforming light into the dark places in your life. Although people settled in cities partly for increased security, crime often became a chronic problem, particularly at night. In his classic study of cities throughout history, Lewis Mumford describes how, even in an advanced city like Rome, “the streets were dark at night and people ventured forth only at the risk of their lives.”

But adding light changed everything. Describing the impact of light on the city of Ephesus, an observer in the fourth century AD wrote: “The brilliancy of the lamps at night often equaled the light of day.” Another account tells how, because of light, the citizens of Antioch “have shaken off the tyranny of sleep.” As a result, people felt safer, and there was an explosion of new commerce. Light transformed the very character of civilization.

In similar ways, light transforms our spiritual lives. If we walk in darkness, we will stumble, make mistakes, and fall into sin. But when we follow Jesus and walk in the light, we see more clearly and avoid temptations and traps. As Jesus’ followers, we now are “sons of Light” and the “light of the world.” We’re called to illuminate dark places!

We must surrender our lives to Jesus, allow the Holy Spirit to direct us, obey God’s Word, and devote ourselves to prayer. As our lives are transformed, we demonstrate to others the difference Jesus makes. Let God’s light change you and make you a blessing to others!

In which areas of your life do you need God to shine His light in?

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DAY 37 THURSDAY

APRIL 10

COME...

BIBLE READING: Matthews 11

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

Are you weary? Come to Jesus for soul rest.

Born in London in 1712, Joseph Hart resisted Christianity while a young man. To him, the faith made no sense. He even wrote a pamphlet called “The Unreasonableness of Religion.” He criticized the messages of Gospel ministers, including evangelist John Wesley; however, his life changed in 1757 after being convicted during a service in a Moravian Chapel in London.

Driven by his new faith, he began writing hymns. One of the first was “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy.” From his own experience, he understood why many people resist salvation. But he knew that “Jesus ready stands to save” the weak, wounded, sick, and sore. All they had to do was respond.

Paraphrasing [Matthew 11](#), Hart wrote, “Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.” In response to resistance, he wrote, “All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.” He knew that Jesus would welcome their presence, and embrace them in His arms.

This hymn was popular in camp meetings on the American frontier in the nineteenth century. It was sung as people went forward who had been convicted of sin.

Today, Jesus calls you to come to Him just as you are. No matter what you have done, or what problems you face, He will welcome you, take away your burdens, forgive your sins, and save your soul.

Can you identify any areas of your life where you need to show yourself more grace or allow yourself to begin again?

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”—

Matthew 11:28–

29 NASB

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, I come to You in need of forgiveness. I need wisdom and power. Fill me with Your Spirit. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

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DAY 38 FRIDAY

APRIL 11

More Than Enough

BIBLE READING: Exodus 36

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

“They said to Moses, ‘The people are bringing much more than is needed for the construction of the work the LORD commanded to be performed.’”—

Exodus 36:5NASB

PRAYER

Father, I dedicate my life to Your Kingdom.

Thank You for the resources You have given me with which I can bless others. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Give to God and others in order to receive more than enough.

When the craftsmen were building God’s tabernacle, they depended on the willing offerings of the Israelites for the materials they needed. This task might have seemed overwhelming since they were sojourning in the wilderness. Without permanent homes, the people might have been reluctant to part with their few possessions.

But putting aside their personal interests, the people dedicated themselves to the work of God. They didn’t bring just enough, but “much more than [was] needed.” The craftsmen were amazed by this sacrificial generosity! The openhanded way the people responded made it possible for God’s work to be done with excellence.

We, like the Israelites, need to know that God desires to bless us, but for Him to do so, we need to trust Him, place Him first, give freely, and sow seeds into His Kingdom out of the resources He has given us. Because of our obedience, we will have the joy of seeing the fruit of our contributions to His work.

When we give to God, we recognize that we owe everything to Him and can trust Him with our resources. We also realize that to receive a great harvest, we must make an investment of our own.

Commit your life and needs to God. Dedicate yourself and your resources to Him. Sow seeds from the blessings He has given you. Give generously, knowing He will bless and reward you and provide you with “much more than is needed!”

How can you be generous today?

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DAY 39 SATURDAY

APRIL 12

From Stress to Hope

BIBLE READING: 1 Samuel 31

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

How can you move from stress to hope? Keep reading!

Soldiers are perpetual targets; they face constant worries and are always aware that their actions could result in victory or defeat, life or death. Stress is a primary cause of a sharp increase in US Army suicides.

Saul was a soldier who knew this kind of stress with emotions compounded by his burdens as king of Israel. After enduring years of internal and external struggles, he watched as the Philistines defeated his army and killed many men, including his own sons.

After being wounded himself, Saul became so hopeless that he asked his armor bearer to kill him. Paralyzed with fear, he refused, so Saul took his own life.

Was his death inevitable? No. Saul brought it on by his own mistakes—his jealousy, disobedience, and decision to turn his back on God.

When we face despair, we should remember the cry in [Psalm 42](#) of a person in deep despair. He found hope and help as he turned to God, seeking Him “*as the deer pants for the water brooks*” (v. 1).

Instead of bottling up his discouragement, he poured out his feelings to the Lord. He said, “*Wait for God, for I will again praise Him for the help of His presence, my God*” ([Psalm 42:11](#)).

If you start to feel depressed, turn to God. Place your hope in Him. He will restore your joy, fulfill your hope, and give you victory.

What stressful situations are you dealing with right now?

“Saul said to his armor bearer, ‘Draw your sword and pierce me through with it ...’ But his armor bearer was not willing ... So Saul took his sword and fell on it.”—

1Samuel 31:4 NASB

PRAYER

God, I put my hope in You. Help me not to be discouraged because of stressful life experiences. Thank you.

In Jesus’ Name,

Amen.

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DAY 40 SUNDAY

APRIL 13

Shake Things Up

BIBLE READING: Hebrew 12

Read from The Daily Walk Bible

“Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.’ This phrase, ‘Yet once more,’ denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.”—

Hebrews 12:26–27 NASB

PRAYER

Father, no matter what is going on around me, help me to focus on Your unshakable Kingdom. I trust You. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Does it feel like God is shaking things up in your life recently?

Sometimes, God turns things upside down to get our attention and to teach us.

How easily we can assume that we’re in control of life. We focus on our desires, seek our own ways, and forget about God. Some even defy Him, ignore His Word, mock and ridicule Him, deny His existence, or openly embrace evil.

God might shake things up in minor ways, but at times He shakes the earth through calamities, storms, floods, and other natural disasters. Or He may allow wars, diseases, unemployment, poverty, economic upheaval, and political unrest. Such shakings remind us that God is holy. He “is a consuming fire” (v. 29).

These upsets point us away from “created things” and toward “those things which cannot be shaken” (v. 27). During these times, we realize that everything on earth can be shaken and nothing in this world is secure.

But some things cannot be shaken—God Himself, His Word, His promises, His truth, our salvation.

Today, people all over the world are being shaken. Some continue in their own ways and remain defiant. But others turn to God and listen to His message.

Focus on God. Offer Him your “acceptable service with reverence and awe” (v. 28). Praise and worship Him. Dedicate your time, talents, and treasures to Him. Place your faith and trust in Him, and seek His unshakable Kingdom.

What is God shaking in your life, and what are you going to do about it?

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Back to Basics

It's time to take an honest inventory of our walk with
God.

Remember, the world won't be changed by mere religion or theology, but by believers who've encountered the living God. Let's return to the basics, refocus on prayer, the Word, and spiritual disciplines, and be ready to turn the world upside down for Jesus! A renewed focus on spiritual fundamentals empowers us to bring true transformation to those who need it most.

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