



21-DAY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

—Ephesians 3:20-21

INTRODUCTION

Above and Beyond Devotional

This 21-day faith-filled journey will stretch our capacity to believe in the incomprehensible and divine promises of God as we open our hearts to receive the immeasurable power of God.

As we intentionally seek God to hear from Him for the specific purpose of spiritual growth, consecration, and preparedness for this upcoming season of sacrifice and surrender, we will incline our hearts for a renewed faith experience.

Scripture tells us in Matthew 6:33 to “seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His

righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” Therefore, as we endeavor to embark upon a great move of God for Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, we will first offer 21 days of Kingdom focus and watch the Lord honor His word to add unto us according to His Will and His plan for us individually and collectively.

We will begin this “Above and Beyond” journey with the expectation that this time of prayer, scripture reading, fellowship and devotion will illuminate the richness of our faith.

HOW TO USE THE 21-DAY DEVOTIONAL

This devotional is designed to be a part of your daily meditation time.

During the first seven days, each scripture, prayer and devotional thought is centered around the topics of “Sacrifice and Surrender.” During the second week, the topics will address “Faith and Trust,” and the final week of the 21-day Devotional will spend time assessing our “Commitment and Dedication” to our relationship with Christ.

You are encouraged not only read the scriptures and the prayers, but also to spend time in quiet meditation and contemplation each day to increase awareness of the voice of God in this season of preparation. As new revelation becomes evident through this

process, take time to journal in the space on each page. This will allow you to periodically revisit the Devotional beyond the 21 days as a reminder and refresher of the guidance of the Holy Spirit concerning this Campaign.

Although, the initial 21-Day Devotional time frame is August 24, 2025, through September 13, 2025, you may begin your 21-day commitment at what time you are led to do so. The objective is commitment to the process, dedication to the goal, and alignment with the will of God.

The Spiritual Journey is an important aspect of the Watts Chapel Capital Campaign because consecration prepares us for the work of God.



ACKNOWLEDGE HIS MERCY

Scripture: Romans 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

Prayer:

Precious Savior, I humbly bow before you with a heart of gratitude. Help me to fully submit to you as Master of my Life, trusting you to lead, guide and direct my every step.

Daily Devotional Thought:

This morning when you opened your eyes, you did so because of God’s mercy. Every breath, every step, every bite that you have taken thus far should serve as a reminder

that God’s mercies are constantly and consistently evident in your life. The Lord has granted us undeserved favor and forgiveness; therefore, His mercies should ignite a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving within us. Today, acknowledge God’s mercy and spend time expressing thanks unto Him. Romans 12:1 exhorts us to offer our bodies as the sacrifice that pleases God. One way to offer your body as a living sacrifice is to dedicate yourself to the work of the Lord. Today, in your quiet time, meditate on your spiritual offering. How can you present an offering that will be a sweet aroma to God? How can you offer yourself to the Lord in a way that is holy and pleasing in His sight. Write your thoughts below.

WEEK ONE – Sacrifice and Surrender
DAY TWO – August 25, 2025

LEANING INTO TRUST

Scripture: Proverbs 3: 5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Prayer:

Hear my cry, O Lord for your guidance and direction. I know that you are all wise, all seeing, and all knowing. Teach me to completely trust your plans for me.

Daily Devotional Thought:

Have you ever noticed that there are days when absolutely nothing makes sense?

It is during these times when we can't rely upon what we see or hear, so we must learn to trust what we know to be the truth of God. Proverbs 3: 5-6 gives us three directives that will result in keeping us on track to accomplish the purpose and plan

of God. We are instructed to **TRUST**, to **STOP** trying to understand, and to **SUBMIT**. Just as there will be negative circumstances that are beyond our understanding, there will also be mighty moves of God that will be beyond your comprehension! Therefore, if we allow trust to be our guiding force then understanding the why or the how becomes irrelevant. Finally, we don't have to understand how God is going to answer our prayer, and we don't have to know why He allowed our trial. But if we trust Him without knowing how, and if we submit our actions and responses to Him for direction without understanding why, then, He will set us on course. When it doesn't make sense, submit it to the Lord.

Remember, when you can't trust **IT**, then trust **HIM**! What are you being challenged to trust God with today?



BE STILL IN HIS PRESENCE

Scripture: Psalm 46:10

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Prayer:

My Father and My God, please help me to quiet my anxious thoughts so that I can hear from you. I desire to be obedient to your will for my life, for my work in the ministry of this church. I trust you and I am seeking you for clarity and direction as I embark upon this week of sacrifice and surrender.

Daily Devotional Thought:

Our Father God is the Creator of the Universe, yet He is mindful of each of us. He is concerned with what concerns us and He only wants what is best for us. It is for that reason that we must be confident in God's sovereignty. Throughout Psalm 46, we are exposed to images and statements to confirm

the provision and the protection of God which should encourage us to embrace the majesty of God. As we do so, we can still our worries and our fears as we surrender to an all-knowing God. Today, be reminded that the same God who is exalted above all nations is also exalted above every uncertainty and every hesitation you may be feeling. As you draw closer to Him throughout this journey, make time to be still. Sometimes, it is only when we are quiet and still that we can hear the promptings of God. The promptings of God will always align with the Word of God and the plan of God. A new level of discernment and obedience will be required from each of us throughout this process of spiritual growth. Today, ask the Lord to orchestrate your day to allow time for you to be still in His presence. What sacrifice throughout your day or what change in your schedule can you make to be still in the presence of God?

WEEK ONE – Sacrifice and Surrender
DAY FOUR – August 27, 2025

THE POWER OF YIELDING

Scripture: James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Prayer:

King of Glory, have thine own way in my life. Reign over my mind, my will and my emotions. Enable me to be steadfast, unmoving, focused on your work and surrendered to your direction.

Daily Devotional Thought:

If you are finally ready to refuse the deception and the lies of the enemy, then you must first decide to bow down to the Lord! Submission is not easy. However, it remains a prerequisite for your victory over

the schemes of the devil. The manifestation of the promises we will inherit for serving an Almighty God shall be our portion when we have a heart that is surrendered (submitted) to Him. To expect that fulfillment of what God has for us comes with no sacrifice, then our expectations are unrealistic. Many times, while we are waiting for the Lord to change our situation, He is using the situation to change us and to draw us to a place that will cause us to yield and submit to Him. There is great power in submitting to the Lord, for it is in this yielding state that we are equipped to resist the devil. Today, ask God for the strength to resist anything that hinders your propensity to yield to Him.



THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people.

Prayer:

Father God, I thank you that you continually provide for all my needs. All that I have belongs to you Lord. Please give me the heart of a cheerful giver that I may bring glory to your name.

Daily Devotional Thought:

This text in the 8th Chapter of 2 Corinthians is quite intriguing because it shows the heart of a true giver. The Macedonian Church understood the privilege of serving God’s people through their gift. They were not asked

to give, but they saw it as a privilege to serve God through generosity. They understood that Christian giving is not about quantity, but rather about sacrifice. Therefore, they “gave beyond their ability.” Oftentimes, we are led to give through emotional inspiration. However, emotionalism in giving does not equate to obedience and sacrifice. The act of emotional giving is pleasing to the carnal man, whereas sacrificial giving is pleasing to God. Seeking God regarding our gifts to the kingdom; whether in talent, time or currency is the most reliable process to ensure that our gifts honor Him. The Lord will grant us the gift of grace to enable us to give gifts to the Kingdom of God beyond our ability. Pray that the Lord will shift the perspectives of His people to recognize that sharing is a privilege and not a burden.

WEEK ONE – Sacrifice and Surrender
DAY SIX – August 29, 2025

HONORING THE LORD

Scripture: Proverbs 3:9

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops.

Prayer:

Mighty God, You are Alpha and Omega. Daily remind me that every good and perfect gift comes from You. Teach me to keep you first and eagerly give back to You a portion of what You have so freely given me.

Daily Devotional Thought:

To honor God means to acknowledge, to have reverence for, and to demonstrate high regard that reflects His glory. Proverbs 3:9 challenges our commitment to honoring the Lord through our giving. We must

seek discernment regarding our usage of abundance to honor God and His Word or allow it to be a hindrance to the work of God. When we choose to trust the Lord with our abundance, He promises to generously provide all we need, and He provides surplus to serve others. Let us recognize the Lord as the source of our wealth and use our financial blessings to be a blessing. The Lord promises that our *“barns will be full, and our vats will overflow.”* However, with the blessing of increase comes the responsibility of stewardship. Therefore, embrace God’s truth concerning wealth by honoring Him with compassion and generosity.



RELINQUISHING FEARS

Scripture: Psalm 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Prayer:

Thank you Loving Father for your faithfulness. Please help me to be mindful of your constant love and direction. Open my ears Father, that I may hear you clearly and give me a teachable spirit that I may follow your lead daily.

Daily Devotional Thought:

To be apprehensive about things unknown or to be uneasy about new experiences is human nature. Although this Psalm speaks specifically to those who have accepted the forgiveness of God, it provides instruction that

evokes us to trust in the Lord for He promises to lead and guide us. When faced with the challenge of indecisiveness, look to Him for guidance. In this season, we may wonder how the Spirit of God is leading us to serve. We may be uncertain of our role in the future of ministry or our assignment concerning the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The one thing that we can be certain of is that we do not have to “figure it out” alone. Scripture reminds us that when we turn it over to God, He will provide the guidance we need. In which case, our only appropriate response is obedience. As the Lord directs you regarding your next decision, don’t forget that He promises to counsel you and to keep His eye upon you through it all.

WEEK TWO – Faith and Trust

DAY EIGHT – August 31, 2025

WILL YOU BELIEVE GOD?

Scripture: James 2:22

Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

Prayer:

Faithful God, your reliability is proven. Your track record is unquestionable. Help me stand boldly on your promises as I follow your instructions. Direct my steps, O God, toward the actions you want me to take and the sacrifices you want me to make to grow your kingdom.

Daily Devotional Thought:

Just as His strength is made perfect in our weakness, our faith is made perfect when it is active. The only way to activate your faith is to put your faith to work. Scripture reminds

us earlier in this chapter in James that “faith without works is dead,” therefore we see that faith and works operate collaboratively. We can’t say we believe that God will do what He says if we take no action to demonstrate that trust. God will always be true to His word. The question is, can we be true to ours? In the story of Abraham, he would have never been called the Father of Faith, had he not demonstrated his trust in God regarding His son. He trusted that God had a plan to either save his son or resurrect his son, so He had to put his faith into action. Of course, the Lord may never ask us to trust Him by offering up a child as a sacrifice, but He certainly expects us to trust Him as we make sacrifices in other areas of our lives. Make a decision today to prove your faith through the manifestation of your works.



LET GO AND LET GOD

Scripture: Philippians 4: 6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Prayer:

Lord, I thank and praise you for all you have done, are doing and will do in my life. I thank you that You care about everything that concerns me. Enable me, Father, to surrender every anxious thought and to embrace your peace in every area of my life.

Daily Devotional Thought:

Anxiety and peace cannot co-exist in the same space. It is when we present our anxiety to God that we receive His peace.

Life is filled with situations and circumstances that could easily cause us worry and concern, but when we allow the Lord to carry the weight of our personal issues, just as He carries the weight of the entire world, we can live with God’s peace. We must rest in the promise that He will perfect everything that concerns us. Therefore, we can let go of the cares and let God carry the burden. The burdens of today will be the testimonies of tomorrow. So today, choose whether you will wear the anxiety as your banner, or whether you will allow peace to be your portion. Because the reality is, you can’t do both at the same time. This week as we are reminding ourselves to trust God and to have faith in His plan, make time to review His promises and hide them in your heart that you may have peace.

WEEK TWO – Faith and Trust

DAY TEN – September 2, 2025

DARE TO ASK

Scripture: James 1:5-6

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Prayer:

Almighty God, I want to be anchored securely in your Word. I need you to sharpen my senses that I am acutely aware when doubt or confusion tries to enter my mind. Flood me with your wisdom that I see every situation from your perspective, then give me the strength to follow the path where your Holy Spirit leads.

Daily Devotional Thought:

What do you need from God today? Do you need clarity and wisdom? Do you need

healing or relief from pain? Or you may simply need peace of mind. Whatever you need from the Lord today, we dare you to ask God and believe that when you ask, He will fulfill His promise according to His word. There are some days that we don't know what to do and don't know which way to turn. We are tossing and turning like a ship on the waves, just hoping that the Lord will give us a sign or lead us to the right answer. It is during those times that we must call upon the one who can speak to the waves and the wind, and who can also control the ship. Sometimes the sign or answer we need will come when we stop doubting God and simply ask and believe. The decisions that you are struggling with at this moment could easily be only a prayer away. Let your faith guide you to the resolution, let your belief in God lead you to the answer, and let your trust in His Word be the force that keeps you pressing forward.



FOR GOD’S PLEASURE

Scripture: Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Prayer:

Father God, You are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. The heavens declare your glory, daily I witness the evidence of your majesty and power. I am humbled that you chose to create me to bring you glory. Use me, Lord, to reflect and reveal your greatness, goodness and generosity.

Daily Devotional Thought:

One of the pillars in the foundational belief concerning pleasing God is to first believe in Him. The path to receiving the pleasures that God offers for us is to also seek after Him. To that end, God’s good pleasure is

secured when we are both believing in Him and seeking Him. Our faith should keep our hearts pursuing the God who pursues us. God is pleased when we know Him, when we desire Him, and when we trust Him. And according to His word, He rewards us when we realize that our greatest reward in life is found in knowing Him. Taking our petitions to the Lord with confidence and certainty that He hears us and that He answers us could potentially be the mustard seed level faith that will move a seemingly immovable mountain. When we choose to live a life focused on pleasing God, we will be amazed at the grace of God and the favor of God that becomes available to us. Consider today what response might be pleasing to God in your current situation. Consider what it would take to align your decisions and your actions with God’s plan and His purpose for your life, for your household, for your career and for your church.

WEEK TWO — Faith and Trust

DAY TWELVE — September 4, 2025

IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

Scripture: Psalm 20:7

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Prayer:

Powerful Father, You are the Most High God, no one is like You Lord. Your power is incomparable. Nothing can defeat you. Remind me, Lord, that you are my protector, my provider, my strong tower and that you are able to keep me safe through every storm in my life.

Daily Devotional Thought:

The question that arises from today's verse is this, "In what do you place your trust"? It's easy to place our trust in our place of employment, or to place trust in those who possess political power. In the days of David and the writing of this Psalm, the people were described as placing their trust in human strength and in the possessions of

war. Although, that same attitude might be prevalent today, we must never forget that there is greater power in the name of the Lord than in any human leaders, strength or possessions. The name of the Lord is a "... Strong Tower that we can run to and be safe." (Prov 18: 10) With that in mind, we should remember that it is the name of the Lord where we can be assured of a divine power that defeats every attack and that overcomes in every battle. Every answer to every question can be found when we call on the name of Jesus. Every calm in every storm can be found when we call on the name of Jesus. Every spirit of peace during every state of confusion or chaos is found in the name of Jesus. Whatever you are struggling with trying to understand or whatever decision you are toiling with, just remember, you can always trust in the name of the Lord. It's all in His Name.



PERFECT PEACE

Scripture: Isaiah 26: 3-4

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in You. Trust in the LORD forever, the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

Prayer:

Eternal God, Everlasting Father, You are the Prince of Peace. Increase my faith in You and Your Word that I may confidently rest in the assurance that you are with me. Mold me to submit without hesitation to your will, your way.

Daily Devotional Thought:

What does it mean to be in perfect peace? How would you know that perfect peace has been realized? Perfect peace doesn't mean that your life will be void of problems. But what it means is that the gift of contentment is yours even as you experience the challenges that life brings. There are many situations throughout our day that can serve as triggers

for anxiety or for worry. During these moments, it may be difficult to feel the unwavering and steadfast peace that comes from God. Yet, we must trust that it is indeed possible. Therefore, we must comprehend the text in Isaiah and accept that the more we center our minds and our hearts on the Lord, the more we will achieve peace that can steady us during challenging times. There is indeed peace that guards our hearts and surpasses our understanding. However, that peace is only available to those who will dare to put their trust in the Lord. Now is the time to learn to trust in the Lord for all things, in every situation and through every hardship. Now is the time to know the peace that only comes to those who trust. What will you relinquish to Him today so that you can experience His peace that is beyond what you are able to comprehend? Ask the Lord to give you peace as you seek His guidance and are obedient to His will.

WEEK TWO – Faith and Trust

DAY FOURTEEN – September 6, 2025

LIVING BEYOND SIGHT

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:7

For we live by faith, not by sight.

Prayer:

Sovereign Lord, I am grateful that you are concerned about everything that concerns me. Please open my eyes to see your majestic hand at work in every circumstance in my life. Help me to resist the urge to get anxious about what I see but stand boldly on what I know about Your Power.

Daily Devotional Thought:

There are times when we are asked to grasp a vision long before we are able to see the plan. Whether it is in our professional life or in ministry, vision casting is a vital part of planning and preparing for the future. We are expected to trust what we can't see. We are challenged to rely on realities that have yet to be manifested. We are asked to

see beyond our physical sight and believe that possibilities exist without any viable evidence of such. Scripture reminds us that the more we know about God, the easier it becomes to trust beyond what we are able to see. Living by faith requires a reliance on the promises and the character of God even when circumstances offer little to rely upon. To have hope beyond what we see requires trusting God's power above personal feelings and emotions. To live by faith and not by sight means to believe what you know even when what we see does not agree. There will be pressures that try to shake our faith and there will be circumstances that will try to negate our beliefs. But it is during this time that the Word of God and the character of God will serve as our assurance that the promises of God and the grace of God provides sight beyond what we are physically able to see. Let's choose to live beyond our sight.

FASTING AND PRAYER

Week Three will add an additional component to the normal daily devotional and prayer. For the final seven days of the 21-day Spiritual Journey, we will engage in a week of fasting.

Fasting is a powerful way to consecrate ourselves before God, to quiet our hearts, and to seek His guidance. This fast is designed to align our spirit with God's will, creating space to hear His voice clearly. This week, as we reflect on the vision before us, we desire to hear from God, to grow in obedience and to walk in faith as we prepare ourselves for our individual and our collaborative participation and contribution to the plan and the goal that lies ahead of us.

During this week of fasting, make sure that you:

- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated
- Remain flexible – remember fasting is not just about food, but about dedicating your time, thoughts and attention to God.
- Set aside time to be still and listen.

Now, decide if you will fast from meats and sweets all week or continue with the Meats and Sweets Fast only on Wednesday. For the remaining days, choose what you will fast. Some suggestions may include sugar, sweet drinks, bread, a meal, social media, or television. What you choose is up to you. The goal is sacrifice, and the purpose is consecration.

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WEEK THREE – Commitment and Dedication

DAY FIFTEEN – September 7, 2025

ARE YOU READY FOR AMAZING THINGS

Scripture: Joshua 3:5

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

Prayer:

Consecrate me now to your service Lord, let my will be lost in thine. Draw me nearer, Precious Lord, and help me separate myself from distractions. Open my spiritual ears that I may clearly hear your still small voice. Allow my thoughts and actions to be pure, just and God centered.

Daily Devotional Thought:

The Lord is preparing us for an amazing journey. Therefore, He requests that we set ourselves apart and dedicate our hearts and lives fully to Him. Oftentimes, when the

Lord calls us to commit ourselves to a new level in Him or a new assignment in ministry, we must consecrate ourselves or engage in spiritual preparedness before He allows us to step fully into His promises. This requires devotion to God. It requires surrendering our own will and aligning ourselves with His purpose. This week will challenge us to set aside distractions and to pursue God with undivided attention through a week of fasting and prayer. When we do so, He will do incredible things in and through us. As we consecrate our hearts and lives, we position ourselves to witness God's transformative power at work, just as He did with the Israelites as they crossed the Jordan into a new season.

Day One of Fast:

Begin your fast by confessing any sin or distractions in your life. Ask God for forgiveness and cleansing.



BECOMING A FRUIT BEARER

Scripture: John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you.

Prayer:

Father God, let your Word mold and shape me to become more like Jesus. I commit myself to abide in your Word that the Fruit of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control abound in my life. Help me live out your Word by constantly displaying these qualities that bring you glory.

Daily Devotional Thought:

We have been chosen to bear much fruit. Our commitment to Christ and His work begins with a deep, abiding relationship with Him; one that draws its strength from the vine.

When we remain in Him, our hearts and lives are transformed, and our actions align with His purposes. This is the lasting fruit that we are called to bear. When we set our hearts on bearing fruit for the kingdom, we do so by living a life of God’s love, grace and His truth in ways that point others to Him. Bearing fruit is not about personal achievements and is not for personal gratification, it is a manner in which we become channels for the Kingdom of God to expand on earth. When we yield our lives to Christ, the response to His love for us is our dedication to Him and His work. As we commit our time this week to hear His voice in preparation to expand His works, how can we increase our fruit-bearing opportunities? In what way can you bear fruit today simply in how you show up in your spaces; whether at work, at home or at school; how can you be a channel to point someone to Christ?

Day Two of Fast: *Today, rededicate yourself and every part of your life (job, relationships, dreams and desires) back to God.*

WEEK THREE – Commitment and Dedication

DAY SIXTEEN – September 9, 2025

ALL OF ME

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:5

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Prayer:

All to You Lord, I surrender, Lord, I give myself to You. Thank you for meeting all my needs as I daily live for you. Give me a heart that reflects my love for you through my obedience to your Word.

Daily Devotional Thought:

If we are called to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength, this means that all of us must be dedicated to loving Him. This love of Christ requires a total commitment that reflects a deep devotion. What does

it mean to give all of ourselves? It means surrendering every part of who we are—our desires, time, talents, and resources—into His hands. It means recognizing that all that we are and all that we have belongs to Him and therefore, we freely surrender it back to Him as we offer up thanksgiving for the opportunity to be stewards or managers of all He has shared with us. This complete offering is not a burden, but this is the truest expression of love. Just as a loving relationship thrives on full trust and engagement, our love for God grows as we give Him everything. It’s through this wholehearted devotion that we reflect His character and bring glory to His name, showing that our love for Him is not just in words, but in how we live each day, fully surrendered to His will.

Day Three of Fast: *Today, give thanks to the Lord in all things and for all things. Allow your day to be filled with a grateful heart.*



ALL OF MY HELP

Scripture: Corinthians 6:1-2

As God’s co-workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.

Prayer:

Powerful God, help me to never take things into my own hands but to constantly look to you for direction. I ask you to take the wheel Lord. I recognize I am nothing without you. Guide me daily to stay on the path you have chosen for me.

Daily Devotional Thought:

God is always present in our time of need. His grace is dependable, consistent and ever-present. Our focus must be to never take His help and His grace for granted. We are not expected to bear any burdens without Him;

we are not required to solve any problems without His strength, and we are not called to resolve any challenges without His power. For all of our help comes from Him for every circumstance and in every situation. There will be times that we feel the need to pursue answers on our own, however, we must remember that we are merely co-workers in His Kingdom, and we are never commissioned to labor without him. Our success is dependent upon His unwavering support as we commit our tasks and work unto Him. Whether we face moments of weakness or overwhelming challenges, God is and will always be our helper, providing wisdom, strength, and encouragement. As we endeavor to remain faithful and committed to His work, we can confidently rely on His help, knowing that He equips and empowers us to fulfill His purposes. His presence is our assurance, and His grace is our sustaining power.

Day Four of Fast: *Today, ask the Lord to purify your heart and guide you through this day. Acknowledge your dependence on Him.*

WEEK THREE – Commitment and Dedication

DAY NINETEEN – September 11, 2025

EXPERIENCING GOD

Scripture: Psalm 34:8

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Prayer:

Everlasting Father, your loving kindness, your faithfulness and your provision astounds me. I am so grateful that you allow me to experience the gift of your presence as I spend time daily with you. Give me a heart that reflects my love for you.

Daily Devotional Thought:

The best way to know if something is good is to experience it for yourself. We must then, experience God to perceive the goodness

of God. Therefore, when we pause to “taste and see”, we open our hearts to a deeper awareness of His presence in our lives. God’s goodness isn’t just a concept to understand—it’s an experience to embrace. In times of joy or trouble, we choose whether we will trust Him, and it is then that we discover “see” His faithfulness for ourselves. When we “taste” or experience, we can “see” that He satisfies our soul, He brings peace to our chaos, and He fills our lives with grace we don’t deserve. Take a moment today to reflect on the ways God has shown His goodness to you—and let that reminder lead you into a place of gratitude and trust in the days ahead.

Day Five of Fast: *Today, commit to trusting God’s strength and not your own and remember that because of His goodness, you are never without hope.*



THE LORD’S WORK

Scripture: Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters...

Prayer:

Father, I acknowledge you today as Lord in every area of my life. Make me acutely aware of my God given assignments as you equip me to move in excellence. Help me make a difference in the world around me. Increase my zeal for building your kingdom.

Daily Devotional Thought:

The goal that lies before us is an assignment from God. It is for that reason that we have embarked upon this 21-day spiritual journey

to commit this project to God and to hear from God concerning His plan throughout this process. When we believe that the assignment is God ordained, our desire should be total obedience and dedication to the Lord’s work. If we agree that the future of this ministry lies in the hands of God and that He uses us to bring His plans to pass, then we must commit our hearts to the work and never lose sight of the reality that this is the Lord’s work. Today, renew your commitment to do His work with a willing heart and a spirit of excellence. Ask the Lord to help us walk in obedience to His vision and His assignment and to remember to serve with faithfulness as we endeavor to glorify Him through this.

Day Six of Fast: *Today, ask the Lord to renew your spirit and restore your joy as He manifests His plans through us. May He restore within us a desire to serve Him faithfully.*

WEEK THREE – Commitment and Dedication

DAY TWENTY-ONE – September 13, 2025

TAKE YOUR POSITION

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Prayer:

Father, as one of your chosen people, holy and dearly loved, I boldly represent you here in the earth realm. I will sing of your greatness forever. Help me to serve daily as an active demonstration of your compassion and love. By the power of your Grace, I purpose to walk worthy, on the road you have called me to travel, eager to fulfill your purpose for my life.

Daily Devotional Thought:

We have been chosen for such a time as this. Therefore, we must take our position in Christ and embrace our identity based on His calling upon our lives. He has called us

out of darkness that we may walk in light and in purpose and that we may proclaim His goodness and represent His kingdom wherever we go. Others will see who Christ is in us when we understand and display His favor and blessings upon our lives. Our work within the Kingdom will serve to witness to others that we are “a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession.” It is time that we take our position, be the light and demonstrate the power and promises available to those who love and serve the Lord. We have been intentionally set apart for both privilege and responsibility. Serving as God’s chosen people means reflecting His character, sharing His truth, loving others sacrificially, and living in a way that points back to Him. It’s not about status—it’s about stewardship and using our lives to bring glory to the One who chose us.

Day Seven of Fast: *As this fast ends, continue the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, and time in the Word. Fasting is not just a moment; it’s a lifestyle of seeking God with all your heart.*

CLOSING SUMMARY

The Lord Will Honor Your Commitment



Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.

—Proverbs 16:3

The past twenty-one days should have helped each of us to deepen our relationship with God through faith, trust, submission, and sacrificial living. We began by acknowledging God's daily mercies which encourages a response of gratitude through worship and offering ourselves as a living sacrifice. As we submit to God, we will experience spiritual victory and personal transformation rooted in our obedience and devotion. And as we commit to the Lord, He will establish the work of our hands.

We have been challenged to activate our faith through our works, to release the anxiety and to trust in God's promises and provision. As we consecrate ourselves for this spiritual assignment, we can be certain that we are anchored in the powerful and dependable name of the Lord.

Finally, this journey serves as a reminder that we are called to fully surrender to the Lord as an expression of our love for Him. When we fully commit to God's purpose and trust Him with the outcome, we will experience a life lived out for the glory of God.

Now, let's watch God do
"ABOVE AND BEYOND"
what we can ask or imagine!

JOURNEY NOTES



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