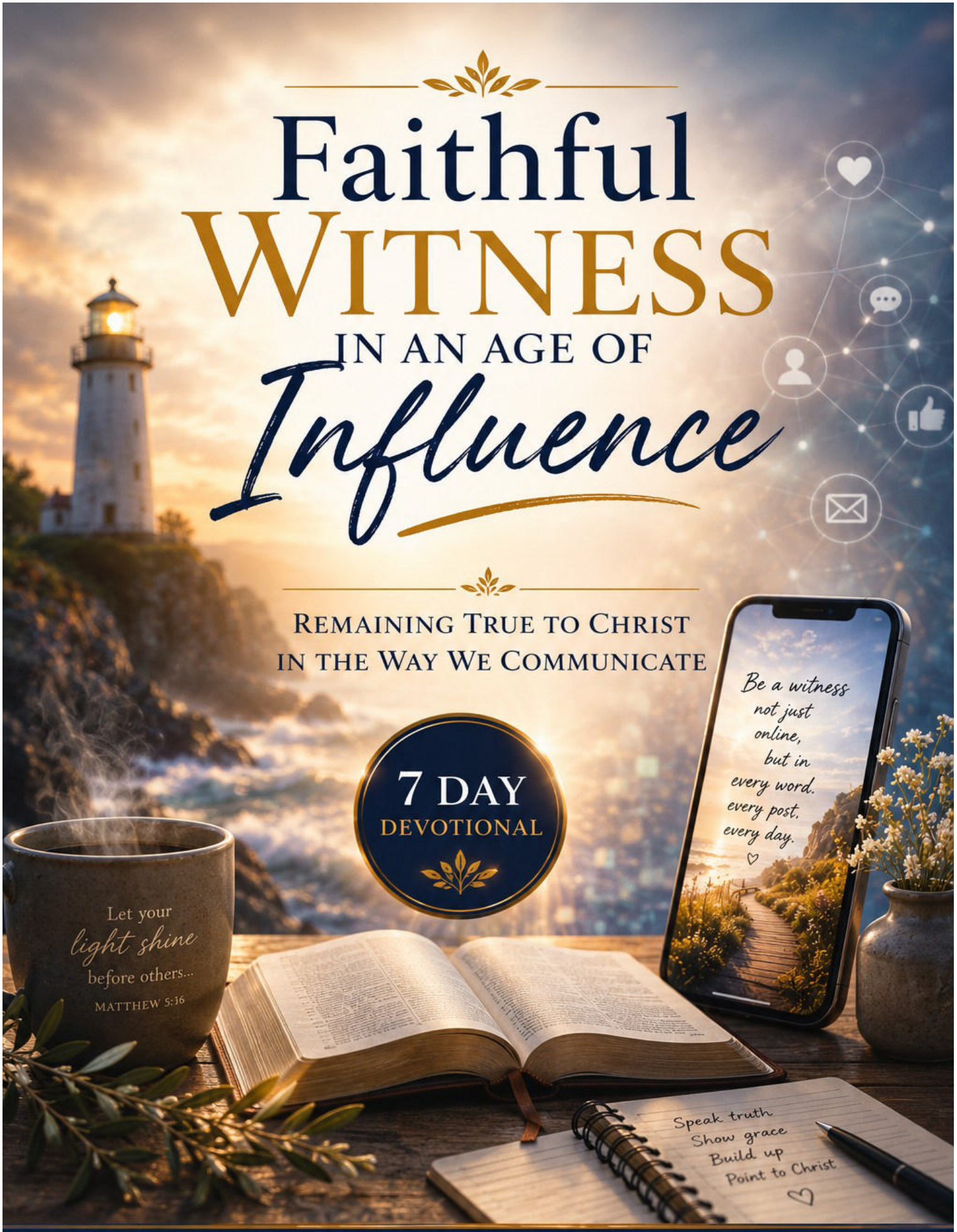
Faithful Witness in an Age of Influence

Remaining True to Christ in the Way We Communicate

7 DAY DEVOTIONAL



"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

LUKE 9:23

DAY 1

We Do Not Preach Ourselves



"We do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5

Learning to make Jesus the centre of our lives and witness.

REFLECTION

Every Christian communicates something. Whether through our words, attitudes, actions or online presence, our lives are continually telling a story. The important question is not whether people notice us, but what they see when they do.

The Apostle Paul understood that there is a profound difference between speaking about Jesus and pointing people to Him. He refused to build his ministry around his own personality, achievements or reputation. Instead, he gladly took the place of a servant so that Christ alone would be exalted.

This remains the challenge for every believer today.

We live in a culture that encourages us to build an identity, gain recognition and establish influence. Success is often measured by visibility. Yet Jesus invites us to walk another path—the path of humility, obedience and faithful witness.

A witness does not seek admiration. A witness simply tells the truth about Someone they know and love.

When people encounter our lives, do they leave impressed by us, or do they leave longing to know Jesus more deeply?

This question reaches far beyond social media. It touches every conversation we have, every act of service we offer and every opportunity we are given to represent Christ. Our greatest privilege is not that people remember our names, but that through our lives they encounter the living Saviour.

Today, ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Is there any desire for recognition that has quietly taken root? Is there any longing to be noticed that has become stronger than your longing for Christ to be glorified?

The wonderful news is that Jesus never asks us to manufacture a witness. As we abide in Him, His life naturally shines through us. The more we know Him, the more others will see Him reflected in us.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
forgive me for the times
I have sought recognition
instead of Your glory.
Teach me to delight in being
Your servant. May my words,
attitudes and actions always
point others to You. Let my
life become a faithful witness
to Your love and truth.

Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. What story is my life telling others about Jesus?
2. Am I seeking to make Jesus known, or myself?
3. How can I become a more faithful witness today?

DAY 2

The Hidden Life with Christ

"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God."

COLOSSIANS 3:3

Discovering that true ministry grows out of prayer, surrender and communion with Jesus.



REFLECTION

Every lasting ministry flows from a hidden place. Before Jesus spoke to the crowds, healed the sick and called His disciples, He spent long hours in prayer. Before He sent them out, He waited upon His Father. His words and works were never separated from His communion with God.

When our lives are rooted in this hidden place with Christ, our witness becomes authentic, our words become life-giving and our service becomes fruitful. When our lives are not rooted there, our ministry soon becomes empty, and communication becomes simply a human effort.

The hidden life is the secret of spiritual strength. It is here that our hearts are purified, motives are searched, burdens are laid down and our love for Jesus is deepened. No online platform can replace time spent in His presence. No ministry can bear eternal fruit apart from abiding in Him.

Mother Basilea often reminded us that prayer is not preparation for the work—it is the work. Everything we do should flow out of what we are in Christ. If our private life is neglected, our public witness will eventually reveal it.

God delights in those who seek Him in secret. He sees every tear, every prayer, every quiet moment of surrender. He knows every unseen act of obedience. In this hidden place, He speaks, shapes and empowers us for His purposes.
May we never be too busy communicating with others that we neglect communion with our Lord. May we treasure the quiet place, where we are hidden with Christ in God.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
You are my first love and my greatest treasure. Forgive me for the times I have been more concerned about doing for You than being with You. Draw me deeper into Your presence. Teach me to wait upon You and to listen for Your voice. May my life be rooted in secret fellowship with You, so that every word I speak and every act I do flows from You alone. Amen.

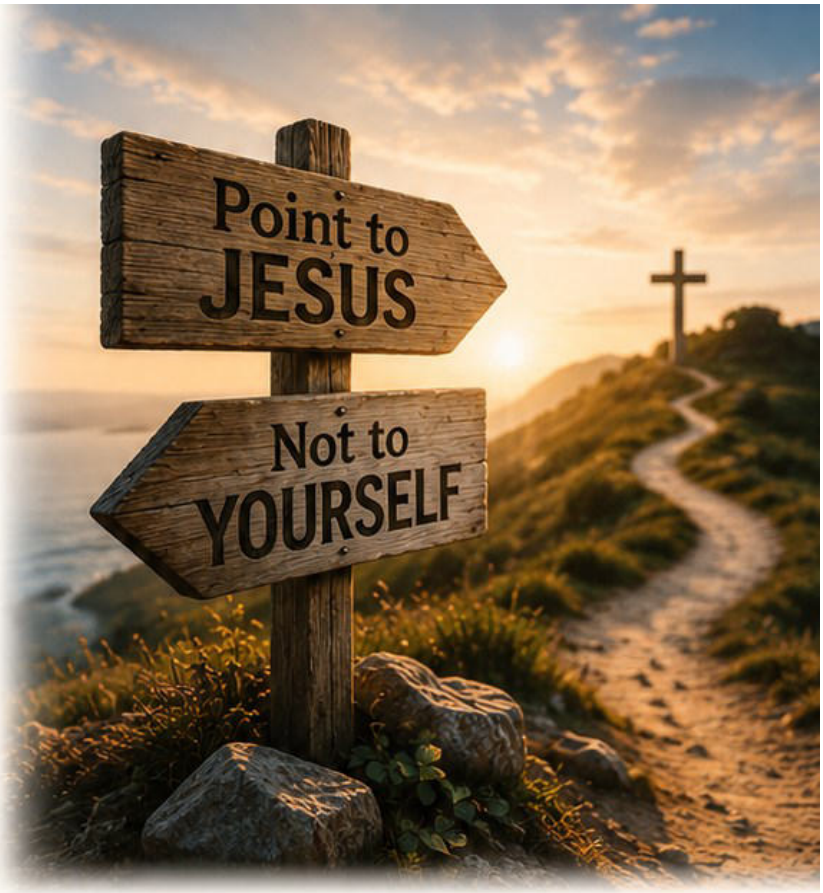
QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Do I spend enough time in the hidden place with Jesus?
2. Is my ministry flowing out of communion with Him or the pressure to do?
3. What would Jesus say about the condition of my heart when no one is watching?

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
JOHN 15:4

DAY 3

Witness or Influence?



"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."
ACTS 1:8

"He must become greater; I must become less."
JOHN 3:30

Understanding the difference between pointing people to Jesus and drawing attention to ourselves.

REFLECTION

The early church did not grow because of clever strategies, persuasive personalities or powerful promotions. It grew because ordinary men and women became witnesses. They had met the risen Christ, and their lives were so changed that they could not keep silent.

A witness points to Jesus. An influencer points to themselves. The world applauds influence, but heaven honours faithfulness.

It is possible to communicate about Jesus while still seeking admiration. It is possible to speak truth while subtly drawing attention to our abilities, our ministry, or our calling.

Jesus invites us to a different way. He calls us to step out of the spotlight and lift up His name. He calls us to depend on His power, not our own. "You will be my witnesses," He says, "when the Holy Spirit comes on you."

True witness is not driven by performance. It flows from intimacy with Jesus and surrender to the Holy Spirit. It is not about building a platform; it is about bearing fruit that remains.

Today, ask the Lord to examine your heart. Is there any place where you want to be seen more than you want Jesus to be known? Is your desire to build something for Him, or simply to honour Him?

The cross is the perfect picture. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life. When we follow Him, we walk the same road of humility. The more He becomes greater in our lives, the more our witness will point others to Him.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are worthy of all glory. Forgive me for the ways I have sought attention or approval. Teach me to be satisfied to be a faithful witness for You. Fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit, that my life may declare Your greatness and Your goodness. May You increase, and may I decrease, so that many will come to know You and love You. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Do I desire for people to be impressed by me, or drawn to Jesus?
2. In what areas might I be seeking influence instead of being a faithful witness?
3. How can I depend more fully on the Holy Spirit's power rather than my own efforts?

He must become greater; I must become less.
JOHN 3:30

DAY 4

God Is the One Who Calls



"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them..."

JOHN 6:44

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

MATTHEW 9:37-38

Learning to trust the Holy Spirit to call labourers rather than relying on human effort or persuasion.

REFLECTION

It is a wonderful privilege to share the gospel and invite people to know Jesus. Yet Jesus reminds us that the work of calling belongs to the Father. No one comes to Him unless God draws them.

This truth sets us free from striving. It also protects us from pride. We are not the ones who open hearts—only God can do that. Our part is to be faithful, to sow the seed, to speak the truth in love, and to trust Him with the outcome.

The Lord of the harvest sees every heart. He knows who is ready. He knows who is searching. He knows who will respond to His voice. And He is already at work where we cannot see.

When we depend on our own efforts, we easily become weary, discouraged or anxious for results. But when we depend on God, we learn to rest in His wisdom, His timing and His power.

Prayer is our greatest partnership in this work. Jesus Himself taught us to pray for more labourers. As we pray, our hearts become more like His—compassionate, surrendered and expectant.

Today, bring to the Lord those you long to see come to know Him. Place their names before Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to draw them by His love, in His perfect timing.
Then remain faithful where He has placed you. He will do the calling. He will gather His own.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You know every sheep by name. Thank You that You love them more than I ever could. Forgive me for the times I have tried to make things happen in my own strength. Teach me to trust You completely. Give me a heart that prays for those who do not yet know You. Use my words and my life as a faithful witness, and may many come to know You because You have called them.
Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. Do I truly believe that God is the One who brings people to Himself?
2. In what ways do I tend to rely on my own effort instead of His leading?
3. Who are some people I will pray for today, asking the Lord to call them into His kingdom?

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them.
JOHN 6:44

DAY 5

Called to Abide and Bear Much Fruit



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

JOHN 15:5

Discovering that our fruitfulness comes from abiding in Jesus, not from striving in our own strength.

REFLECTION

Jesus does not call us to produce fruit in our own strength. He calls us to remain in Him. Apart from Him, we can do nothing of eternal value. But when we abide in Him, His life flows through us, and His fruit is seen in our words, our love, our actions and our faithfulness.

Abiding means more than doing things for Jesus. It means walking with Him daily, listening to His voice, feeding on His Word and trusting Him in every circumstance. It is a continual turning of our hearts toward Him.

When we abide, His love transforms us from within. Our motives become pure. Our responses become gentle. Our witness becomes powerful—not because we try to be impressive, but because His life is living in us.

Fruit is the evidence of an abiding relationship. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are the fruit of the Spirit—and they grow only in the secret place with Jesus.

Let us never measure our worth by how much we do, but by how deeply we remain in Him. The branch does not strain to bear fruit; it simply stays connected to the vine. In the same way, our calling is to abide—and leave the results to Him.

Abide in Christ today. He is enough. His grace is sufficient. And His fruit will last.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
You are the true vine, and I am a branch in You. Thank You that I do not have to strive to bear fruit, because Your life in me produces what is good and lasting. Teach me to abide in You daily through Your Word and prayer. Forgive me for the times I have tried to do things in my own strength. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and let Your love, joy and peace overflow through my life. May much fruit be seen to Your glory, and may I remain faithful to You always. Amen.

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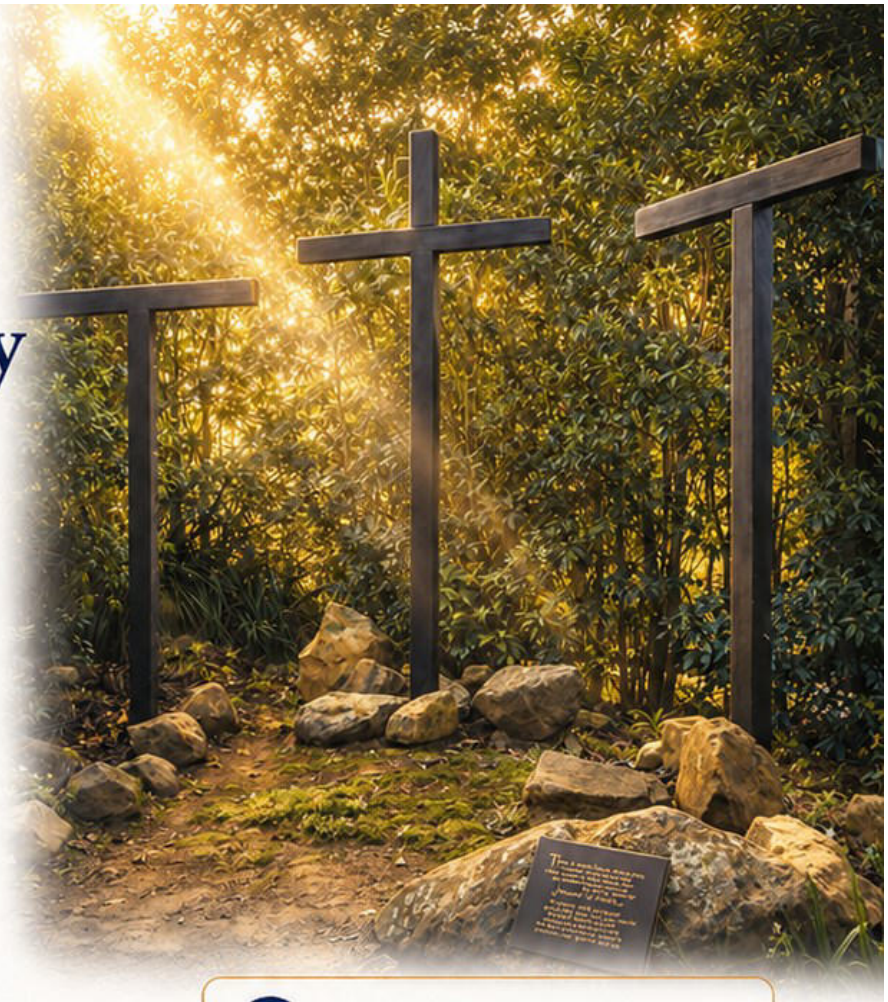
1. What helps me abide in Jesus daily? What distracts me?
2. In what areas of my life do I try to produce fruit by my own effort?
3. What kind of fruit is the Holy Spirit growing in me right now?
4. How can I create more space to abide in Jesus this week?

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

JOHN 15:5

DAY 6

Walking in His Way, Day by Day



"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."
1 JOHN 2:6

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."
JAMES 1:2-3

Learning to follow Jesus closely,
trust Him in every season
and grow through life's journey.

REFLECTION

Following Jesus is not a one-time decision; it is a daily way of life. He calls us to take up our cross and walk with Him, wherever He leads. Some days the path is clear and the sun is bright. Other days the way is steep, the skies are grey and our hearts are heavy.

Yet Jesus walks with us in every season. He never leaves us or forsakes us. He strengthens us for today and gives us grace for tomorrow. When we keep our eyes on Him, He keeps our feet on the right path.

Trials are not signs that God has forgotten us. They are opportunities for our faith to grow stronger and for His character to be formed in us. As we trust Him through the valleys and celebrate with Him on the mountaintops, we become more like Jesus.

Let us resolve to walk closely with our Lord today. Let us listen to His voice, obey His Word and rely on His Spirit. Little by little, day by day, He is shaping us for His glory and preparing us for the way ahead.

The journey may be long, but the One who calls us is faithful. He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Thank You that You walk with me every day. You know the path before me and never leave my side. Give me a heart that trusts You in every season—when the way is easy and when it is hard. Teach me to listen to Your voice and to obey Your Word. Strengthen my faith through every trial, and help me to persevere with joy. Shape me more and more to be like You, for Your glory and for Your kingdom. I trust You today and always. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. How do I respond when the path I am walking feels difficult?
2. In what ways is Jesus inviting me to trust Him more today?
3. How can I grow in listening to His voice and obeying His Word?
4. What helps me to remember that He is with me in every season?

"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."
1 JOHN 2:6

DAY 7

Built for His Glory and Love



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

EPHESIANS 2:10

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

Embracing our God-given purpose and living to reflect His love in all we do.

REFLECTION

God did not call us by mistake. He knows us. He loves us. And He has a purpose for our lives. We are His workmanship—carefully created and uniquely designed for good works that bring Him glory and reveal His love to others.

Our calling is not only for our own fulfillment, but also for the blessing of others. When we live for His glory, our lives become a light in the world and a testimony of His grace.

Every day is an opportunity to live out our calling. In our words, in our actions, in our kindness, in our faithfulness—we can reflect Jesus to those around us. The world is watching, and our lives can point them to Him.

Let us never forget that we belong to Him. We are His. May we live with joy, serve with love and remain faithful until the day we see Him face to face.

The journey has only just begun. As we continue to say "yes" to Jesus, He will use us in ways beyond what we can imagine. Let us trust Him completely and live lives that are pleasing to Him.

Today, dedicate your life anew to the One who called you. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you, guide you and empower you to walk in His purpose—now and always.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
Thank You for calling me and for loving me with an everlasting love. Thank You that You have a purpose for my life and that You have prepared good works for me to do. Help me to live for Your glory and to reflect Your love in all that I do. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and empower me to walk in Your will. May my life be a testimony of Your grace and may many come to know You because of me. I give You my all. Use me for Your kingdom today and always. Amen.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. What does it mean to me that I am God's workmanship, created for good works?
2. How can I live more intentionally for God's glory each day?
3. In what ways can I show Jesus' love to others this week?
4. What step of faith will I take to live out my calling more fully?

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

EPHESIANS 2:10