



21 DAYS OF
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DAY 01

Drawing Closer

“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

MATTHEW 7:7-8 (NIV)

As we begin this 21 days of prayer I want to remind you that we don't pray to try and earn favor or to try and get something from God. There is nothing wrong with believing God for a miracle in your body, a breakthrough in your finances, or for restoration in a relationship but we enter this time of prayer seeking to become closer to the one that gives the gifts not for the gifts themselves. During this 21 days I hope you are believing God for big things in your life! Ask God for things that seem impossible but let the biggest prayer we pray be **“God I want to be closer to you than ever before.”** God wants to reveal himself to you in a greater way. The Bible tells us to “Ask, to seek, and to knock” and He will answer.

PRAYER

Lord, I am entering this 21 days with a desire to be closer to you. I want to hear your voice in a greater way; I want to be led by you every day. Here I am asking, I'm seeking, and I'm knocking. In Jesus name, Amen.

DAY 02

Light in Darkness

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

1 PETER 2:9 (NKJV)

God brings light into darkness. You will see that this is a recurring theme throughout the Bible. Humanity was lost in darkness, but God sent Jesus who is the light of the world. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is brought out of darkness and brought into His marvelous light. Christianity is so much more than salvation, even though that is a major part of it. Through Jesus we can have peace in darkness, we have hope in difficult times, we have joy that passes all understanding. **We begin to see things differently because Jesus shines His light on every situation in our lives.**

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for bringing light into my heart and into my life. Let your light shine through me today so the people around me can see your goodness and your mercy and that they may encounter you. Amen.

DAY 03

Masterpiece

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

EPHESIANS 2:10 (NLT)

The Bible tells us that we have been uniquely created in the image of God. If you read Genesis 1 you will see that when the rest of creation was formed, God said it was “good”. But the tone changes when it comes to mankind. God created humanity and he said it was “very good”. God has created you for good things and those good things are fully realized when we come into relationship with Jesus. Jesus restored our relationship to the God that created us on purpose and for a purpose. You are a masterpiece! You were created in the image of God! God sent His son to pay for your sins so that the relationship He created you for could be restored. That’s how important you are to God. **Never forget how much He loves you.**

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for tearing down the wall that separated me from my creator. Show me my purpose in this life and help me to accomplish it starting today: Amen.

DAY 04

The Answer

“Moses continued, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.’”

DEUTERONOMY 18:15 (NLT)

When you read the Bible you will see that everything points to Jesus. Moses was a man that God used to give us a glimpse of what His son Jesus would do for all mankind. God used Moses to deliver his people, God used Moses as their prophet, he was their priest, and he was a type of ruler over them. The people went to Moses for him to petition God on their behalf. But Moses wasn't the answer; he was just pointing to the answer. That's what we see him doing in Deuteronomy 18:15, he's pointing to Jesus who is the answer. When Jesus came He looked different from what people were looking for. They expected a military leader but he came as a servant. Jesus delivered you by serving all of mankind, by dying on the cross for our sins. He is our risen king but His kingdom isn't of this world. He is our high priest going before God on our behalf. **He is the fulfillment of everything we needed all along.**

PRAYER

Jesus, you are the perfect Prophet, my high Priest and the King of my life. Thank you for coming into this broken world and giving me a path to redemption. Amen.

DAY 05

Yes and Amen

“Whatever God has promised gets stamped with the Yes of Jesus. In him, this is what we preach and pray, the great Amen, God’s Yes and our Yes together, gloriously evident. God affirms us, making us a sure thing in Christ, putting his Yes within us. By his Spirit he has stamped us with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.”

2 CORINTHIANS 1:20-22 (MSG)

I love this passage of scripture! The Bible is full of God’s promises to humanity. He made promises to David, Gideon, Abraham, Jacob and the list goes on and on. This passage says that their promises are ours! Not because we are good but because Jesus is good! **What Jesus did on the cross unlocked all of the promises of God for your life.** What do you need in your life? I want to encourage you to find the promise in God’s word that goes with what you are needing and start proclaiming that promise over that area of your life.

PRAYER

Jesus, I know all of God’s promises are yes and amen through you. Help me to wake each morning, live each day and sleep every night in the confidence that you are faithful! Amen.

DAY 06

Stop Complaining

“That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, ‘If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?’ And they said to each other, ‘We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.’”

NUMBERS 14:1-4 (NIV)

Every time I read about the Israelites and their bad attitudes, I’m amazed. God had just delivered them from being slaves. He has miraculously delivered them time and time again and they still find a way to complain. I think it’s comical until I catch myself doing the exact same thing. Jesus has saved me and He has never failed me but sometimes I still find myself complaining about things going on in my life. Maybe you’ve been complaining about some things in your life. **Today is the day to stop complaining and to start thanking God for His goodness and His mercy.**

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for your goodness and your mercy. Thank you that you’ve never failed me and you’ve never left me alone. Forgive me for complaining instead of praising you for all that you’ve done for me. Today I give you praise and glory and honor and I’m thankful for all you’ve done and for what I know you will continue to do in my life. Amen.

DAY 07

Believe It or Not

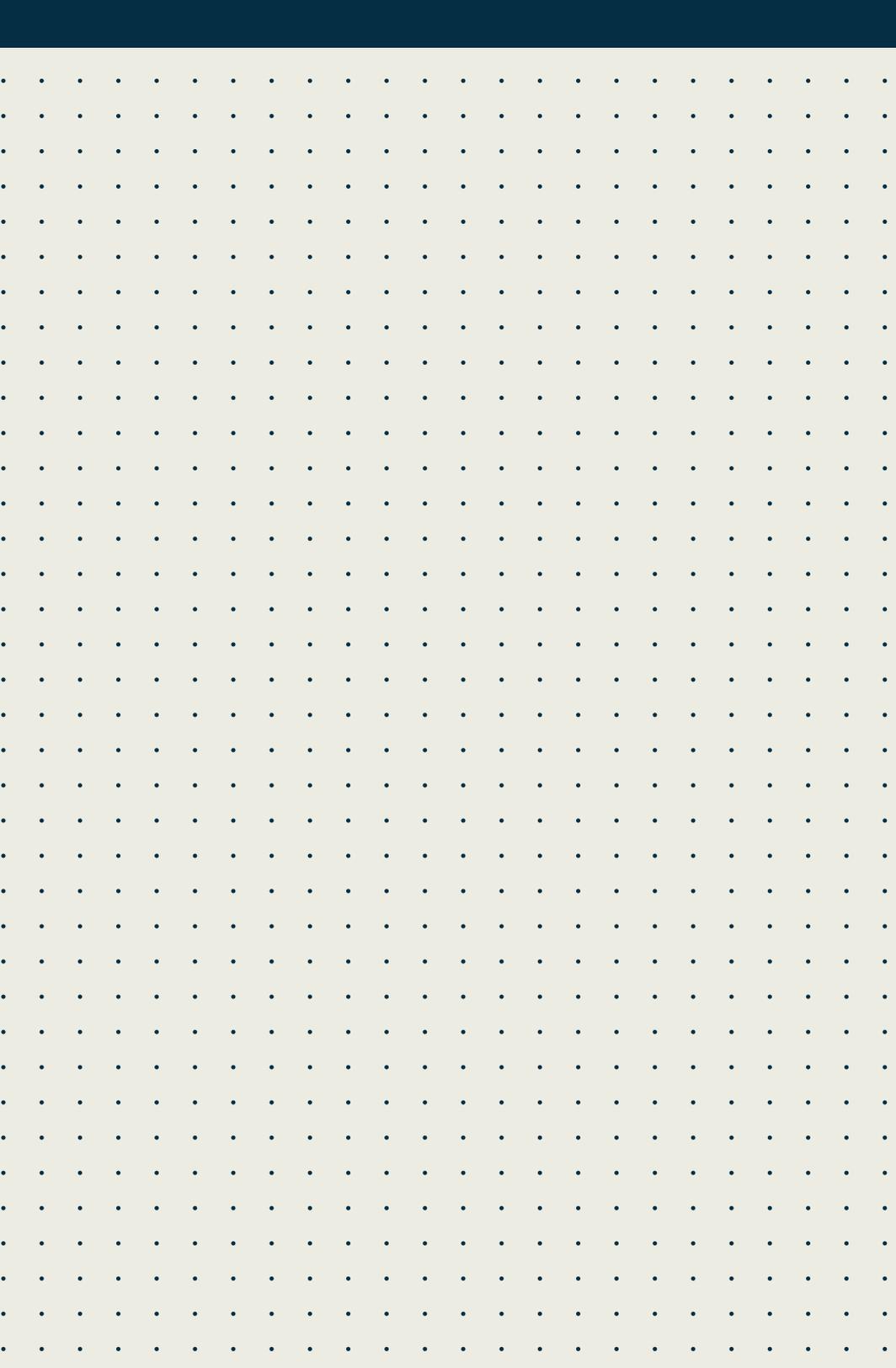
“Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’”

MARK 9:23-24 (NKJV)

Have you ever had a hard time believing that something was true? This man has come to Jesus because he’s heard the stories about Jesus healing people but now, in this moment he’s asking for healing for his child and Jesus says “Anything is possible if you believe” and he says “I believe” and in the same sentence he continues and says “help my unbelief”. Jesus doesn’t rebuke him. He doesn’t send him away. Instead He does exactly what the man asked Him to do. He made up the difference. That’s what Jesus does for all of us. **He makes up the difference.** Where have you stopped believing God? Where have you stopped standing in faith? Where are you doubting God? It’s time to start standing again. When doubt comes in don’t back away! Keep standing and ask Jesus to help you if you find yourself doubting in the midst of waiting for your miracle to come to pass. Ask him to make up the difference. He will always meet you wherever you are.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for making up the difference in my life. Where I come up short you are always more than enough. Today I ask you to help my unbelief. In the areas where I’ve doubted you increase my faith to believe again. (Take a moment to ask God for whatever it is you’ve stopped asking him for) Amen.





Remain Calm

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

ROMANS 12:18 (NKJV)

We live in a world that is full of abrasive people! The really difficult part about dealing with these people is, you never know where they'll be and when they'll be there. You never know what day they are going to show up. You're driving along the road and BAM! A jerk comes out of nowhere! It would be so much easier if God would give you a heads up. Like “today at 10 a.m CST you will encounter a complete and total jerk! Get ready!!!” But that isn't the way it works. Most of the time we get caught off guard by them. These events have a way of stealing our peace and our joy not just in the moment but for the rest of the day, week, or sometimes in extreme cases, years. We get frustrated and angry at what they did to us and it can affect us in a negative way. We want to get back at them. We want to tell them off! **But the Bible says to “live peaceably with all men”, unfortunately that means jerks are included.** That doesn't mean you have to be a pushover but whenever we can take the high road and stay in peace, we should. It's not easy all of the time but your life will be so much better if you do.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to keep my peace in every situation. Help me to remain calm and refuse to lash out. Give me the grace and strength to let things go and to forgive quickly. Amen.



Good Gifts

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

MATTHEW 7:11 (NKJV)

If you have children then you know how fun it is to get your kids something that they’ve been asking for! As parents we love to give good things to our children. I’ve never had my kids ask for a video game and got them coal instead. For some reason, though, God gets a bad rap with some people and they perceive him as an abusive father. They think God’s out to get us the first chance he gets. The Bible tells us that compared to God we are “evil”. So if we being “evil” give good gifts when our children ask us, how much more does God give us good things when we ask? God is so good and He wants to bless His children with good things!

PRAYER

*Lord, thank you for being a good Father! Thank you for giving me good not evil. Thank you for your blessings in my life. Amen
(Now take a few minutes to thank him for the good things in your life and ask him for some desires in your heart).*

DAY 10

In Season

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

GALATIANS 6:9 (NKJV)

We are about half way into this 21 day journey. It's usually in the middle that we have the hardest time holding on to our faith. We sometimes start to waiver in what we've been asking God for. The Bible tells us that there are seasons that we will reap if we don't give up. **That's the key, though: don't give up!** I think a lot of people walk away from what they've been asking God for right before they see the breakthrough. Remember that there is a season for your miracle. I believe that it's on it's way! Keep standing and believing. Don't quit!

PRAYER

Jesus, today I continue to stand in faith for what I've been asking you for! I know that what I've asked you for is on it's way and I refuse to give up on my miracle! Amen.

DAY 11

One of a Kind

“We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.”

2 CORINTHIANS 10:12 (NIV)

Comparison is one of the most dangerous traps anyone can fall into! The Bible tells us that Satan compared himself to God, so comparison is actually what caused him to fall from heaven. In the Bible, we see comparison is at the root of a lot of people's mistakes. These days, it's even easier to fall into the trap of comparison. We see people post the highlights of their life on social media and think they must be doing so much better than us. God doesn't compare us to each other though. He knows that he created us to be unique. So much so that he made every person with a completely different set of fingerprints! **If God isn't comparing me to someone else then the big question is: Why am I?** Spending time comparing yourself to someone else won't get you any closer to becoming all that God has created you to be.

PRAYER

Jesus, forgive me for comparing myself to others. Thank you for making me unique and for setting me apart. Today I refuse to compare myself and choose to be completely me! Amen.

DAY 12

Greater Things

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”

2 CORINTHIANS 10:12 (NIV)

If you read the miracles that Jesus did, it's an impressive list! He turned water into wine, opened blind eyes, made the deaf hear, and let's not forget, He raised people from the dead! In this scripture Jesus says that we as Christians will do greater works than what He did! If that's what He said then why do we disqualify ourselves? Most of us still believe God does miracles; we just don't think God can use us to be the catalyst for a miracle. We think of all the areas that we come up short and for some reason we think miracle working power can only flow through perfect people. That's just not the case. All throughout the Bible, and to this day, God uses imperfect people to do extraordinary things! God wants to use you to pray for people. He wants you to see miracles happen in your life and others around you. Let's take the limits off of ourselves and off of our God!

PRAYER

Jesus, use me today to pray for someone in my life. Let me see miracles happen not just in my life but in my friends, family, and co-workers lives. Increase my faith to believe you for greater and greater things. Amen.

DAY 13

Planted

“He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.”

PSALM 1:3 (NKJV)

Every one of us want to have good fruit in our life. We for sure want everything we do to prosper. There is a key part of this verse though that a lot of people miss. It's that for all of the stuff we want to happen, we must remain planted. This can be an extremely difficult part of our journey. We have a tendency to get frustrated and quit, to get angry and leave, to get offended and uproot ourselves. **Some of us wonder why we aren't seeing the fruit we want to see in our lives and the truth is we aren't seeing the fruit because we haven't stayed planted long enough.** Maybe you are thinking about quitting, leaving, throwing in the towel. Can I encourage you to stay planted? You will eventually see the fruit you want to see if you just stay planted in the process God has you in.

PRAYER

Jesus, give me strength to stay planted in the process. Help me to stay faithful and consistent in this season you've called me to. I know that you are faithful and I will see the fruit if I will just stay planted in your process and continue to do what You've asked me to do. Amen.

DAY 14

Wisdom

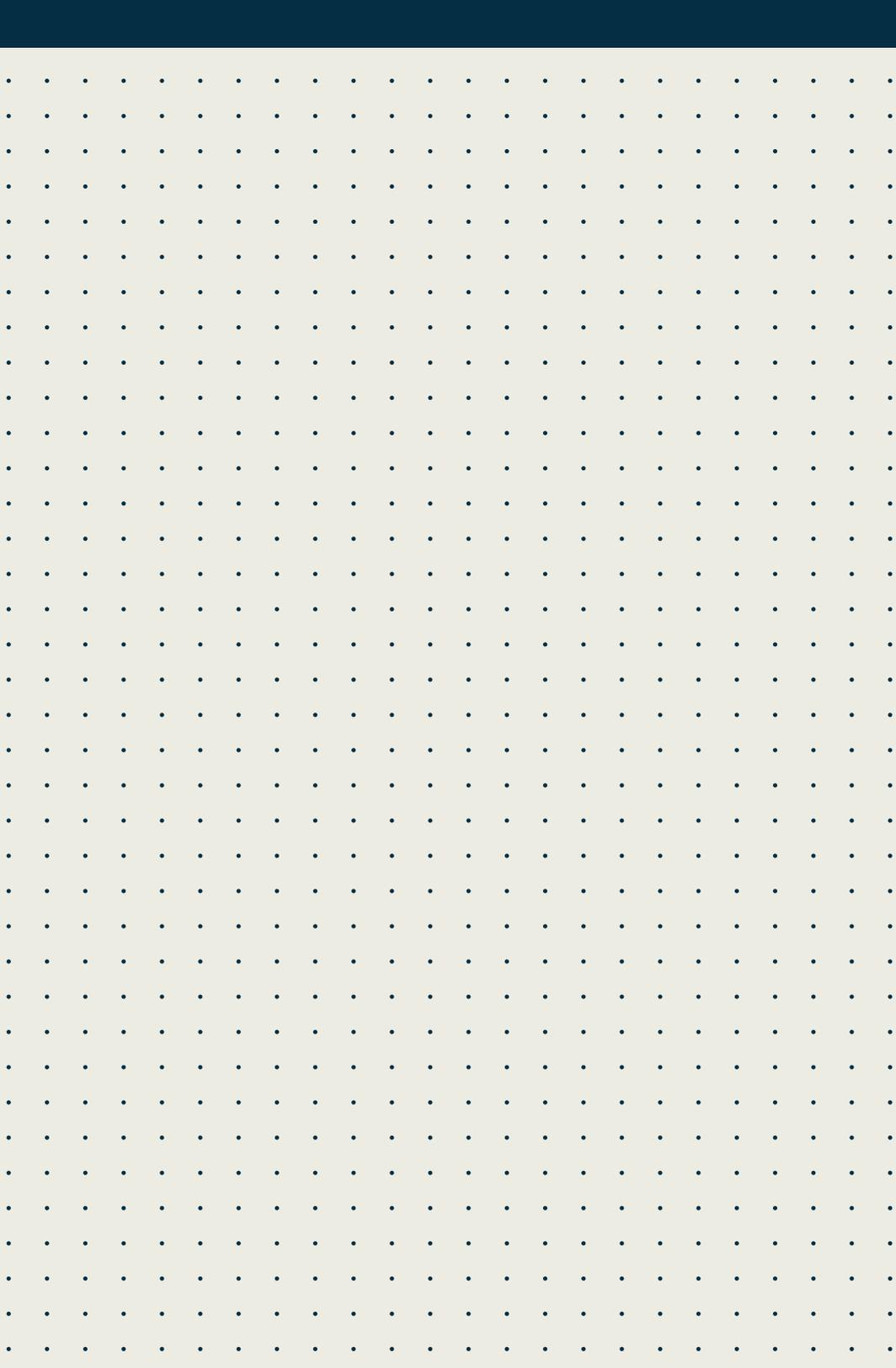
“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

JAMES 1:5 (NKJV)

I was recently asked a question in fun by someone. “If you could have unlimited amounts of anything what would it be?” I immediately responded with my answer, “wisdom”. Now I’ll admit I stole this straight from King Solomon in the Bible but it’s still is a good answer today. If you have wisdom in every situation you would lack nothing. We all have made dumb mistakes that we look back on and think “man, I wish I would have done that differently.” Unfortunately, most of us go to the wrong place for wisdom in our life. We go to friends or even worse, Facebook. James tells us where we should go for the wisdom we are seeking and that’s straight to God. The Bible says God knows the end from the beginning. It also says that He knows the plans He has for you. **If you are needing wisdom in your life ask God to give you the wisdom to make the right decision.**

PRAYER

God, thank you for giving me wisdom to make good decisions in my life. Give me wisdom in raising my kids, loving my spouse, in my friendships, at my workplace, and in every area of my life. I need you to lead me and I need you to guide me. Thank you for freely giving me your wisdom in all things. Amen.



DAY 15

Peace

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

JOHN 14:27 (NKJV)

Did you know that Jesus left you His peace? Sometimes I forget that I have access to this peace. I get worried, I start thinking about how to resolve things on my own, I completely stress out! But the truth is I have access to peace that passes all understanding. What have you been worried about? What’s kept you up at night? **It’s time to reclaim peace to that situation.** That doesn’t mean you bury your head in the sand it just means that you know that God can work all things out for your good.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for giving me peace in every situation and through every storm. I refuse to worry and I choose to remain in your peace. Amen.

DAY 16

Forgiven

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”

EPHESIANS 1:7 (NKJV)

You are forgiven. No, really I want you to hear that again.... You are forgiven. When you first become a Christian it is one of the most freeing things to find out about God’s grace, but something begins to happen the longer we are Christians. We start thinking that we have to earn God’s forgiveness. When we mess up, we beat ourselves up because we should know better by now. The longer we are Christians we forget that forgiveness doesn’t come because we are good but because Jesus is good. Stop beating yourself up for the mistake you made last night, last week, or ten years ago. **After all, you are forgiven.**

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for your grace and your mercy. Thank you for forgiving me when I mess up. Today I ask you to forgive me for _____ and I receive your forgiveness now. Amen.

DAY 17

Marathon

“Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

ROMANS 6:11 (NKJV)

Over and over we see Paul talking about being dead to sin or crucifying his flesh daily. Some people are confused by these scriptures. What Paul is trying to tell us is that your flesh (natural man) will lead you down the wrong path if you let it. As Christians we have to make a choice not to be led by what our flesh wants but to be led by what our spirit needs. Every time you say “no” to your flesh your spirit man gets a little stronger. I don’t think we ever fully arrive but a life of Christianity is a marathon not a sprint. When your flesh gets the best of you ask for forgiveness and move on! While you’re moving on think about how far you’ve come. Chances are you used to struggle in that area a lot more. **You haven’t arrived but you are so much closer than you were when you started.**

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for giving me strength to resist temptation. Thank you for never giving up on me and for continuing to transform me. Help me to live a life that honors you. Amen.

DAY 18

Treasure

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

MATTHEW 6:21 (NIV)

You can tell a lot about a person by seeing what they spend their money on. It gives you a glimpse into their passions. I have a cousin that spends thousands of dollars every year on a custom made rifle. We all have things we like to buy and there is nothing wrong with that. The old preacher saying is “it’s okay to have things just don’t let things have you.” Sometimes I get asked why God speaks about giving in the Bible so much. The truth is, God doesn’t need your money. After all, His streets are paved with gold! But God is after your heart. **God knows that your money and your heart are tied together and His desire has and always will be for your heart.** Let me ask you, does your money, your schedule, and your priorities show that God is the #1 priority in your life? I certainly can’t answer that question for you. I can only ask the question. Take a moment to ask the Holy Spirit if there is any area of your life you need to surrender to Him.

PRAYER

Jesus, I surrender all of my life to you. I hold nothing back at all. Amen.



Simple Gospel

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

MATTHEW 5:14-16 (NIV)

It's amazing to me that Jesus left the sharing of the gospel message in our hands. He could have used an angel or at least someone more qualified to do the job, but He gave the job to us. We often make it way more complicated than it has to be. You don't have to stand up on a street corner with a megaphone and preach John 3:16 every day. Most of the time it's something as simple as an invite to church, a note letting someone know you are praying for them, or a hug to let them know they are loved. We will have people come into church and give their lives to Jesus because our parking lot team at the church waved at them as they were passing by! That's right, a wave!! My point is, just let your light shine. Share your story, give that hug, pick someone up for church. We are a light in the darkness.

PRAYER

Jesus, help my light shine today. Put people in my path that need to know about your love, your grace, and your mercy. Give me boldness to share my story and invite others to church. Amen.



Better Together

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

HEBREWS 10:24-25 (NIV)

I love church! Not because I’m a pastor or because I was raised by a pastor. I love church because of the difference it’s made in my life. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve sat in church and it’s felt like the pastor is preaching right to me. I can’t tell you how many times in worship God has strengthened my faith and restored my hope. **There is something powerful about people coming together to lift up the name of Jesus that changes us for the better.** There are times we can’t make it to church. We live in a society that never stops, but I do think that when you can be there, you should be there. Come expecting God to speak to you through His word. Come ready to worship Him for all He’s done. Plug in and stay planted and watch what God does in your life.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for giving me a church home. Thank you for encouraging, challenging me, and growing me through your word. Thank you for friends that encourage me in my journey of faith. Amen

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Closer Still

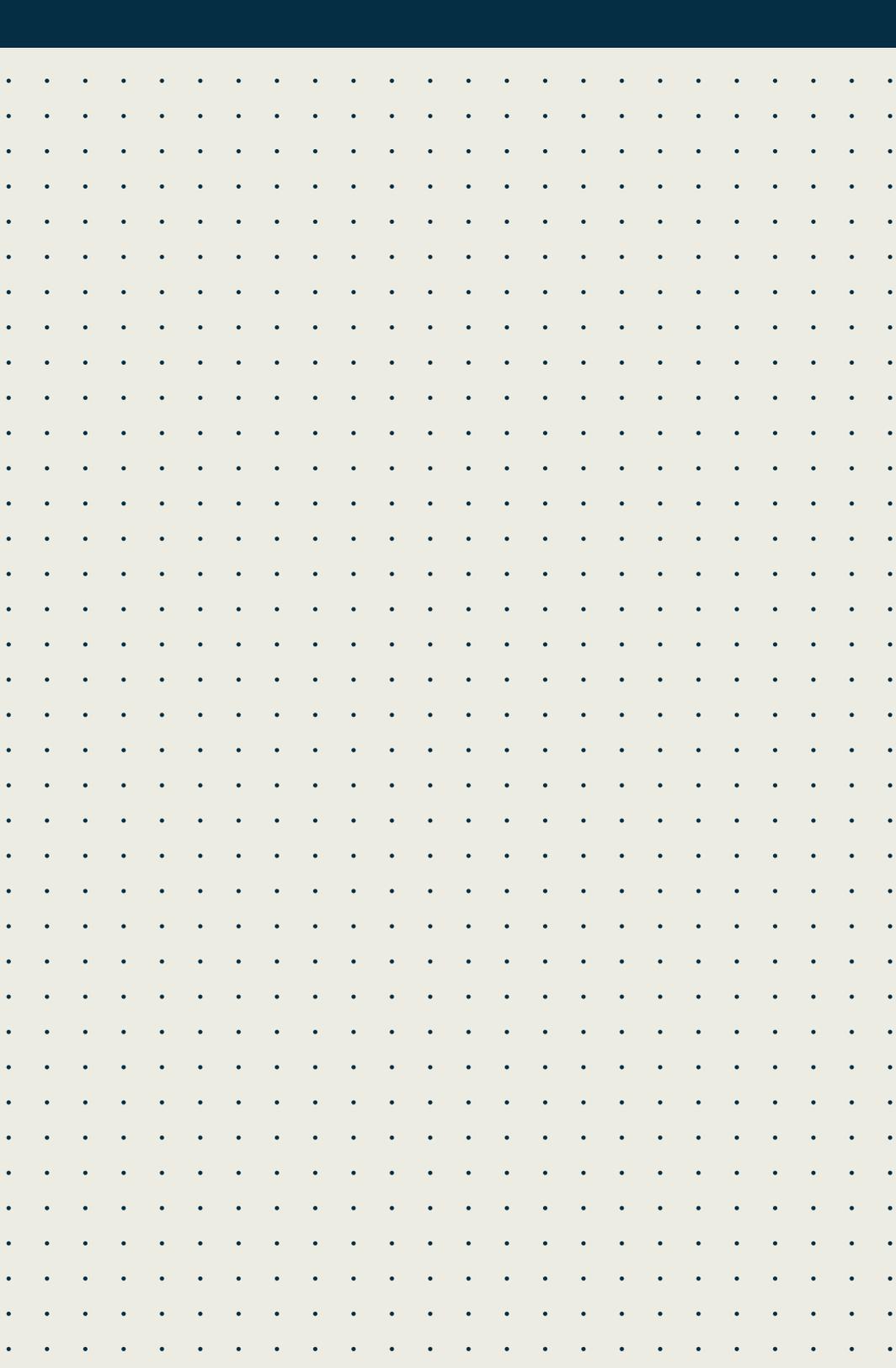
“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

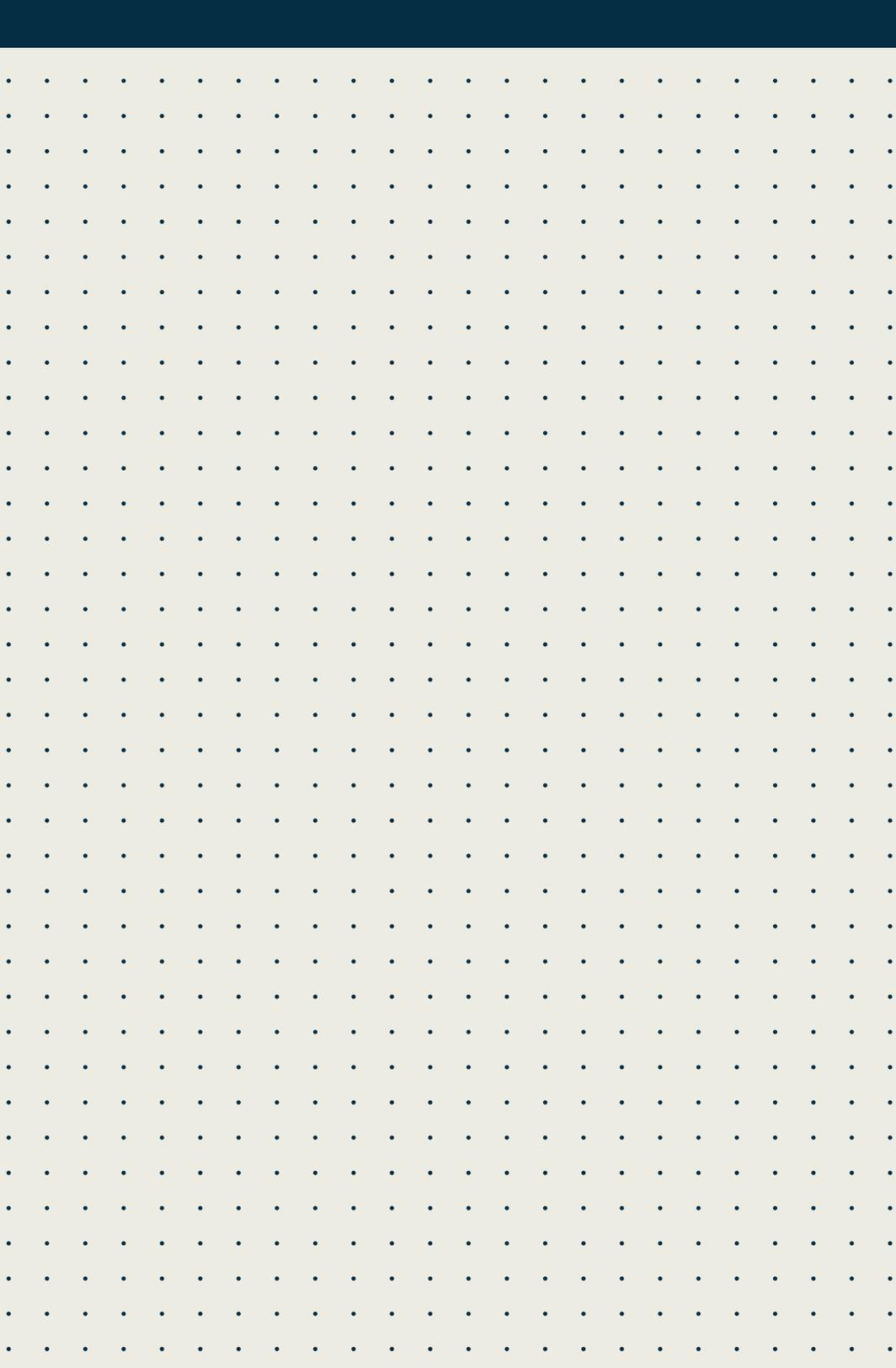
EPHESIANS 6:12-13 (NIV)

I am so proud of you for taking these 21 days to seek God. My prayer is that you are closer to God now than when you started this 21 day journey. Before we end this time I want to encourage you to keep standing in faith. Ephesians says “Having done all to stand, stand”. Keep standing in faith. If you haven’t seen the breakthrough, gotten the promotion, or seen the relationship restored, keep standing in faith. **Let’s believe God that even in this season we will see the miraculous in our lives.** Don’t quit on your dreams and keep pursuing your call. God has amazing things in store for you this year... Keep standing!

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you that when I draw near to you, you draw near to me. Thank you for growing my faith in this 21 day journey. Help me to stand in faith this year and to pray big prayers. Use me to reach people with the love of Jesus and give me wisdom to make wise decisions. Lead me and guide me in all that I do. Lord, I surrender this year to you. Amen.





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