



*Living to Live!*

Dedicated to our Dad

Peter Roberson, Jr

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# Day 1: Faith

*"Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen" -Hebrews 11:1 NIV*

faith

Blessings,

You are the creator of all life. In Your womb is the foundation of a past that defines our future.

***"STOP LOOKING BACK IN REGRET AND MOVE ON IN HOPE(FAITH)."***

Sometimes that's hard to do but if we submit our will to God's, He'll help us in this faith walk to eternal life. We struggle and groan in this earthly body but remember: God is the God of the living , not the dead. We were resurrected with Christ when we accepted him and was baptized in him. SO, what does that mean? The serpent told Eve that when she ate of that forbidden fruit, she would not die. That was a lie. But that's also not the end. When Christ came into the world, He came to restore us to eternal life in Him if we accept Him. Yes, this flesh will return to dust but our spirits will live forever with our Lord and Savior

**Dear Lord, Thank you for eternal life in You. Amen.**



# Day 2: Stop Complaining

Blessings,

One thing I have come to grips with, no matter what goes on in your life if we just stop and look around (you don't have to look far) you will find out there's somebody out there worst off than you.

We always find reasons to complain about something. If you are fat, you want to be skinny, if you are skinny, you say you need to gain weight. We complain about not having anything to eat when we have a freezer full of food and there are people out there that don't have any. They're eating out of trash cans (other folks' leftovers). We complain about walking, there are people without legs that wish they could walk. They have to roll around all day, every day in a wheelchair. We complain, we are tired of looking at this or that, what about the people that are blind and can't see? Wishing they could see the beauty of nature, wishing they could pick up a book and read, wishing they could see how their loved ones look. COME ON PEOPLE GET A GRIP!!!!



The bottom line is we need to realize how BLESSED we are and stop COMPLAINING!

Have a blessed day and remember before you open your mouth to complain, take a look around you first. Be an encouragement to someone today!

**Dear Lord, forgive us for complaining. We are all truly blessed even if we have physical ailments. Help us to turn those complaints to Praise. Amen.**



# Day 3: Be a Blessing

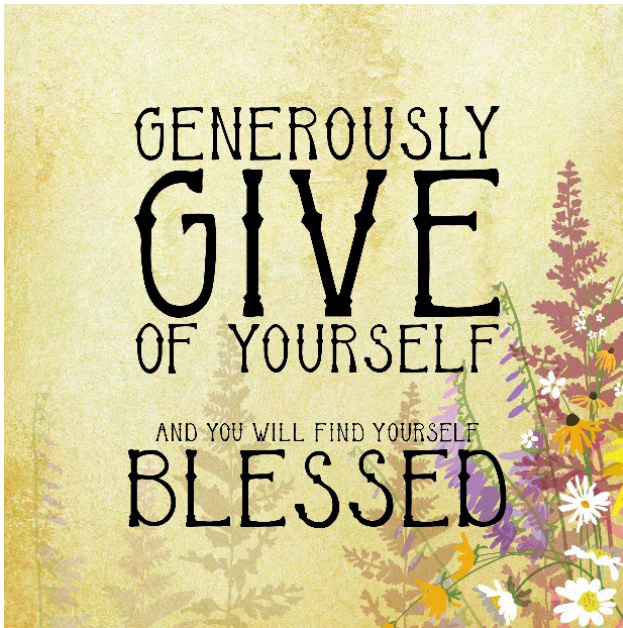
Blessings,

Make sure what you do today is an inspiration or blessing to someone, because when the day ends it becomes history. Always make sure you make a positive impact in someone's life, not just TODAY, but every day.

Each day of life is not an ordinary day, it's a special day. THINK ABOUT IT: Every moment is one moment less, every second is one second less, every breath is one breath less of your precious life. This moment, this second, this breath will never ever come again.

So, make the best of it by being a blessing, being a friend, encouraging someone, taking the time to care, but most of all making sure the words you choose to use heal someone and not wound them!

**Dear Lord, truly today is a blessing. Help us to smile and brighten someone's day. God has given you the chance to give of yourself today. Amen**



# Day 4: Grateful

Blessings,

We have to learn to be grateful no matter what goes on in our life.

I like the song Dorothy Norwood sings, *"It was worth it all, everything I've been through, it was worth it all, my season has changed and my life has been rearranged, everything I been through it was worth it all."*

You know, when I look back over my life, I can't do anything but give God praise. You know why?

Because it made me a stronger person and it brought me even closer to God, because I realize if it wasn't for HIM, JESUS, I wouldn't be here today.

So, yes, I'm grateful for my life, the good and the bad, because some of the things I experienced taught me a lesson and the other things I experienced were TRULY A BLESSING!

Have a blessed day! Make this your happy day and remember to smile. Someone just might need it to brighten their day!

**Dear Jesus, thank you for the rain, for it helps us to appreciate the sunshine. Thank you for the heat, for it helps us to appreciate the cool. Thank you for the trials, for they let us know we are not alone. You carry us through. Amen.**





# Day 5: Be content

Blessings,

Paul said in Philippians 4:11 that he learned how to be content in whatever circumstance or situation he's in.

James 1:2-3 reminds us to count it ALL joy when we fall into divers (various) temptation, knowing that the trying of our faith worked patience.

So, what am I saying? I'm glad you asked!

In this journey called LIFE, we're going to face different situations and circumstances. But, when we're connected to Christ Jesus we can be like Paul and James, we can learn to be content no matter what the problem or situation. And we can count it all joy not because we're in this trial, but the mere fact of knowing the God we serve promised us He will...

1. Never abandon us, so we are never alone.
2. He will bring us out VICTORIOUS.



In knowing this, yes, we can have JOY in the midst of the storm, because all things are going to work together for good to them that love God and who are called according to His purpose.

**Dear Lord, help us to remember to pray continually and give THANKS no matter what it looks like. Help us to be content in all situations and circumstances. Amen**



# Day 6: Don't give up

*"For no word from God will ever fail."* Luke 1:37 NIV

Blessings,

**\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\***

There is absolutely nothing impossible with God. What's impossible with man is possible with God.

So, when man tells you it can't be done, don't give up, don't throw in the towel, don't lose hope, and please don't doubt your FAITH. If God said it, it shall come to pass.

God can't lie and He can't go back on His word.

**Dear Lord, help me to continue to look to the hills from whence cometh my help. You are always there and help us to remember we can count on you- ALL of our help comes from the Lord. Amen.**



# Day 7: We serve Jesus Christ

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”*

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Blessings,

As I was reading this and meditating on this scripture, God put my beautiful daughter-in-law in my spirit. And He said, "you see how she works and how she puts her whole heart into what she's doing. She don't half step, she don't just do enough to get by; what she does she does well."

That's what God requires from us.

You know how we do, and I said “we” cause I'm working on it myself. When you are at work and the boss is not there, you get laid back, relaxed and comfortable. But the minute the boss walks in, you jump up, grab a towel or whatever you are supposed to be doing, and act like you have been doing it all along. The scripture says, we are to work as though we are working for the Lord, not our boss, mom, dad, spouse, Pastor or whoever. I don't care if your job is to clean the toilets, do it well. God is the one that's going to reward you in the end.

REMEMBER WE ARE SERVING GOD NOT MAN!

**Dear Lord, this is often difficult for us to do because we don't look at our jobs as serving You. Truth is, we truly are to work with You in mind. Our work here on earth is to worship You in all we do. Amen.**

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# Day 8: Great is His faithfulness

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

Blessings,

**THIS IS GOOD NEWS, THE FAITHFUL LOVE OF GOD NEVER ENDS!**

Man will throw you to the dirt, put you down, put you away, polish you off... BUT GOD, His love for us is so genuine, and He has so much compassion- care, sympathy, concern, mercy for us that His love is EVERLASTING!

God's mercy never comes to an end, it is new every morning!

You might've messed up yesterday, but God gave you a fresh new start this morning!

Have a blessed day. Make this your happy day and remember to smile; someone just might need it.

**Dear Lord, Thank you for brand new mercies each and every day. Help us to stop trying to go forward while looking back at the past. Each and every day is brand new in You and it's a chance for us to start over with a clean slate. Praise the Lord! Amen.**

GREAT IS THY  
*Faithfulness* 



# Day 9: Study God's Word

*"Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Joshua 1:8 NIV*

Blessings,

We are to study God's word daily and meditate on it day and night. To meditate means to think deeply or carefully about something. Search the scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to open up your wisdom, knowledge and understanding of the word. Then ask yourself what is in it that you can pull out and apply to your life. Be careful to follow the instructions to the fullest, and then, you will be prosperous and successful.

The B.I.B.L.E. (Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth) was given to us as a guideline and rules to follow while here on earth. There had to be laws set in place because if it wasn't there would be no order and people could do whatever they pleased without being held responsible for their actions. Just like in the world system, if we didn't have laws to abide by, people would be able to murder, steal, kill, drive any speed, and wouldn't be held responsible for anything. So, God had to set laws to give to the people. We are to apply those laws to our heart and ALWAYS keep them on our lips.

**Dear Jesus, help us to keep your Word in our hearts. In this sinful nature that is our body, we war against your Word. Help us hide that WORD in our heart that we may not sin against You! Amen.**



# Day 10: Control your thoughts

Philippians 4:8 in the NIV says, *“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable (respectable), if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”*

Blessings,

Our thoughts are to be wholesome and pure; negative thoughts will destroy you. It affects your emotions, your attitude, your health, and your character. It will have you depressed, oppressed, and it will have you with anxiety and mood swings.

That's why Paul reminded us to think on the good things, think on things that will build you up spiritually, physically, and emotionally.

We should try our best to always have a positive attitude, because your attitude determines your altitude.

\*Remember God hears everything you say and He is watching your every move!

**Dear Lord, control our mind. So often we think of things we shouldn't but we know you are able to keep our mind clean. We submit all thoughts to you and when we sway, bring us back. In Jesus name, Amen!**



# Day II: Respect is earned

Blessings,

This is so profound, respect is not something you demand, it has to be earned.

Respect will carry you a long way in life.

What is respect? Respect is to admire (someone or something) deeply, as a result of their abilities, qualities, or achievements. To think highly of, to look up too.

Respect is a way of treating or thinking about something or someone. If you respect your Teacher, Friend, Boss, Pastor or Parents, you admire them and treat them well.

How do you show respect? By being polite, being considerate of other people's feelings, show kindness and courtesy, don't discriminate, respect other's differences. First and foremost, always follow the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you."

Regardless of how we perceive other people to be, they are God's creations, and it is God's will for us to show respect to everyone. Last but not least,

**NEVER EVER LOWER YOUR INTEGRITY FOR ANYONE!**

You be the example.



**Dear Lord, help us to show respect to everyone we meet. Everything and everyone you made is good. We are all equal and no one is above another in your eyes. Help us to show respect to those we meet regardless of if they are young, old, homeless, helpless, diseased, not in their right mind, or hopeless. We are to help one another and let You do the rest! Amen**



# Day 12: No need to fear

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

John 14:27 NIV

Blessings,

We don't have to fear or be afraid, God is always with us every step of the way. I remember once when I was in France, I had run out of money and only had enough to get to the airport in the morning and maybe for a cup of coffee. I was at the train station and I was used to the fact that places like this didn't close in the United States. Around 11:00 p.m., there was an announcement that the station would close at midnight. I was thinking of putting my bags in one of the lockers and going to a club or maybe wandering the streets all night. I opted to go to the airport because I figured they stayed open all night. I got a ticket and took the train to the airport. I settled in an area and there was that announcement- The airport would close at 12:00 midnight. I didn't know what to do. I had only enough to go back to the same train station I had just left so I did that. I had about 15 minutes before I was going to be kicked out. I was afraid and fearful of what was going to happen. The Lord laid on my heart to take out my travel book for Europe and close my eyes and pray. I prayed an honest and sincere prayer. The Lord told me to open the book and open my eyes. My finger was pointing to a shelter for women and children right around the corner from where I was. I gathered my things and walked out the train station. There was a group of young men harassing me, but in faith I kept walking. When I got to the place and rang the doorbell, a woman looked through the peephole and saw me and the young men. She opened the door and said something in French to the men and they left. She asked me how she could help me and I explained my situation. She took me in, gave me a bed to sleep in, woke me up the next morning, fed me breakfast, and gave me money to get to the airport. There was no need for fear. God had me.

**Dear Jesus, thank you that you protect us even when we don't know we need protecting. We can hide in the shadow of the Almighty. Thank You! AMEN.**





# Day 13: God's direction

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." Psalm 32:8 NIV*

Blessings,

First and foremost, I thank God for waking me up this morning. It's only because of His undeserved GRACE and MERCY. God's Grace says, I'm willing to forgive you and bless you abundantly in spite of the fact that you don't deserve it. And His Mercy says, I'm not going to punish you even though you deserve to be punished.

THANK GOD FOR HIS GRACE AND MERCY.

As I was meditating on this scripture, I began to thank God for transforming my mind and giving me the mind of Christ. To live totally for Him because truly, if it wasn't for God ordering my steps and directing my path, there's no telling where I would be today. I thank God that he watches over us and protects us and intercedes/pleads on our behalf. In other words, when we slip and fall or sin, He goes to the Father and asks Him to forgive us because we know not what we do. And when we go to God with a sincere heart and ask for forgiveness, He grants it unto us and tells us to go and sin no more.

What an Awesome God we serve!

He is truly worthy of our praise. So, as you move along today and everyday ALWAYS remember to pause and Thank Him for all He does and continues to do in your life.

**Dear Lord, help me to remember that each day you give us is a blessing: a present. Change my mind and my thoughts to be lined up with you. Thank you for your continual grace and mercy. You are truly awesome! AMEN.**



# Day 14: Victory is yours

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." 2 Timothy 4:7 NLT*

Blessings,

I come to encourage you today to stay in the fight.

The only way you can have VICTORY over your circumstances is to:

1. You have to fight the good fight. We have to first realize that this fight that we're in is not against flesh and blood, it's a spiritual fight. You might ask what I mean by that?

Well, let me explain. We have a good spirit which is the Holy Spirit and we have a bad spirit which comes from our fleshly nature. Well, these two spirits are always at war with one another. The Holy Spirit directs you on the right thing to do that pleases God and on the other hand that bad spirit wants you to please the flesh with worldly things.

So, in one ear it's saying steal that shirt no one is looking and in the other ear it's saying now you know the bible says you shall not steal!

So, what do you do?

2. You have to finish the race. A QUITTER NEVER WINS!

If you give up, you'll never make it to the finish line. Think about a person that's in a race. They may be the last one, but if they keep on running, they will eventually make it to the finish line. Let me help you. **It's not how fast we make it, just as long as we make it!**

3. You have to keep the faith. The scripture so profoundly reminds us that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Check this out, faith says I see myself going across that finish line, although I'm in last place. You must remain faithful till the end. Again, think about a runner, sometimes they stumble and fall, but the ones that made up in their mind that no matter what happens they are going to finish the race, they got up and ran with haste. That's the way we have to be, we have to run with haste to make it to the end to receive our reward.

**Dear Lord, help me to not give up. Even though a righteous person falls seven times, they rise again. Amen**



# Day 15: God's timing

Blessings,

I have a question to ask?

Are you living a life that feels incomplete because something you have desperately longed for hasn't happened?

Maybe it's a happy marriage, maybe it's a baby, maybe it's a better paying job, maybe it's a new house or maybe it's just better relationship.

I want to encourage you today and let you know, "Our timing is not God's timing." You might feel delayed, but you're not denied!

God does things in due time, at the appointed time, and at the proper time. We serve a God that's not a minute too late. God loves to do things in our life that seems impossible to man. We must remember our thoughts are not His thoughts, and His ways are not our ways. In other words, God's timetable is different from our timetable. GOD ALWAYS SHOWS UP, JUST AT THE RIGHT TIME.

Look at Sarah in the Bible, she wanted a child and it seemed like she never could conceive one. In her culture having a baby is what made a woman feel important and if she couldn't have children, she felt useless to her husband. The Lord told Abraham that Sarah was going to give birth to a son. Now check this out, Sarah was 90 years old at the time. She laughed when she heard that, I'm sure you would have laughed too.

Well, just as the Lord told Abraham, Sarah conceived a child in her old age. It didn't come when she wanted it too, but it was right on time, God's time! She felt it was too late to have a child, but **our "too late" is God's "just in time."** So, stop giving up on God, TRUST HIM. For He knows the plans He has for you. Keep the FAITH, nothing is too hard for God! God may cause you to conceive a child or may open up a door to adopt. God may cause that broken relationship to heal or give you strength to walk away. God may cause that marriage to heal or bring someone in your life that will bring you greater joy.

**Dear Lord, Thank you that your timing is always on time. Amen**



# Day 16: Expect God to work

*"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."* Mark 11:23 KJV

Blessings,

Just a word of encouragement.

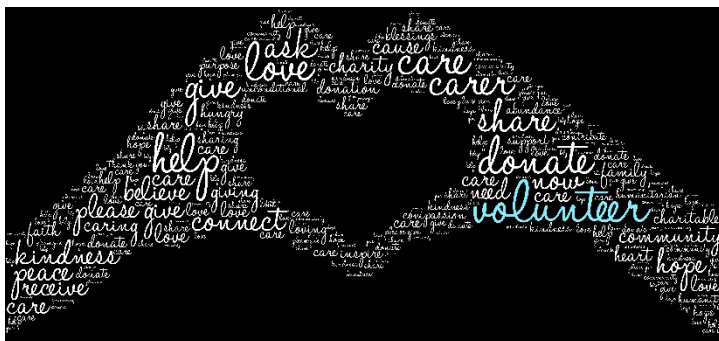
"LIVE EACH DAY EXPECTING TO SEE GOD WORK IN YOUR LIFE."

My daily prayer is that God will allow me to be a blessing to someone, whether in word or deed, and I expect that every day.

I live my life with great expectations. Expecting to be blessed, expecting to be healed, expecting to be happy, expecting to be free, expecting to be the first and not the last, expecting to be above and not beneath, expecting to receive all God has for me!  
EXPECTANCY IS THE KEY!

If I say it, not doubt it, believe it, and wait on it- I expect it to come to pass!

**Lord, help me live in expectancy that Your promises will succeed. I expect life eternal in You, faith in You and healing of all that is not of You. Amen.**



# Day 17: The Battle is the Lord's

*"When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him." -Isaiah 59:19b NKJV*

Blessings,

This let me know the enemy is coming, because it says when, not if or maybe, but WHEN the enemy comes in like a flood. We know a flood comes all at once. So, when the enemy comes all of a sudden, it says the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. In other words, God will put a shield between you and the enemy and He will go to battle on your behalf.

I'm so glad we serve a faithful God, He's not like man that will say one thing and do another. He's faithful to His Word and to His promises.

The scripture also says He will strengthen us. That means when I feel like I can't go on, when I feel like throwing in the towel, and when I feel like all hope is gone- He will give me the strength to press on.

Also, He promised to protect us from the evil one. So, we have nothing to worry about or fear, God got us covered.

**Jesus, Thank You for Your protection and reminding us that *"THE BATTLE IS NOT OURS, IT'S THE LORD'S."* Amen.**



# Day 18: God's Promises

*"Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, it haven't even entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love Him."*  
1 Corinthians 2:9 NIV

Blessings,

God's Word is filled with so many promises for His children. And the only way we will reap the benefits of those promises is we have to stay connected to Him. If we truly LOVE HIM like we say we do, then we will be obedient to His Word. And being obedient to His Word will keep us connected with God. The scripture says, sin separates us from God, so to remain connected we must get into the Word, let it take root in our life and allow it to transform us into the person God has destined for us to be. Then and only then can we truly love Him, for who He is and for all He has done and continues to do in our lives.

I want every promise God has for me. What about you?

The question I want to ask you today is "Do you love Him?"

Now, before you jump and say YES!

Let me ask you this, do you love everybody? Now be truthful. I'm talking about your enemies as well, the ones that stab you in your back, talk about you, criticize you, scandalize your name in the street, lie on you. Think about it and be true to yourself. Well, the scripture says, "How can you say you love God, whom you have never seen and hate your brother/fellowman whom you walk with daily. It says you are a liar."

So, we see, loving God requires knowing Him, and that knowledge begins with His Word.

**GOD  
NEVER  
BREAKS HIS  
PROMISES**

**Dear Lord, remove any hatred from me towards your creation. I must love others as You have loved me. Amen.**



# Day 19: God can do it

Blessings,

We all go through situations that really seem impossible to make it through. Some things we have just point blank concluded and said, "I might as well stop trying, there's no way."

Does this sound like you?

Well, I have good news for you: THERE'S NOTHING TOO DIFFICULT FOR CHRIST JESUS!

We serve a God that's able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all we can ever ask or think. Do you believe that?

It's all according to your faith in Christ Jesus.

If Jesus could raise Lazarus from the grave, if Jesus could heal the woman with the issue of blood for 12 long years, if Jesus could heal the man that was born blind. (Now I'm going to get personal,) if Jesus could heal me from cancer, if Jesus could heal me from a stroke, and if Jesus could heal my heart disease, then He's got you too. Not only that, but He has made ways out of no way, He has put food on my table when I didn't know where the next meal was coming from, He has opened doors in my life that seemed impossible.

So, whatever the problem or situation may be, I came today to encourage you and let you know, NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR GOD!

**Dear Jesus, I know in my head that You work miracles and take care of us. Help me to grow that seed of faithfulness in my heart. Amen**



# Day 20: Cast your cares on Him

*"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken."* Psalm 55:22 NIV

Blessings,

Are you burdened, depressed, oppressed, troubled, or stressed?

Well, I have great news, the scripture says, *"Cast your cares in the Lord and he will sustain you."*

Cast means to throw, toss, pitch, in other words we can let go of whatever it is that bothers us. Why? Because He-God cares for us and He's concerned about the things that concern us.

Sustain means to comfort, strengthen, and encourage. So, God will give us the strength, comfort, and encouragement we need mentally, physically, and spiritually through His Word. Then it says He will never let the righteous be forsaken. As we stand in our Faith, we can have confidence in knowing God will not allow us to fall. And.....if we happen to slip and fall on our own account, we don't have to stay there, we can get up, dust ourselves off, ask for forgiveness and keep moving forward!

**Dear Lord, help me to let go and let You handle it all. Amen**





# Day 21: God is ever present

*"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:12-13 NIV*

Blessings,

There are times in the life of faith when we feel energized, impassioned (sincere, passionate), and ready for action. We have a strong sense of calling, an eagerness and desire to obey, and we feel God's guiding presence each step along the way.

Then there are times we find ourselves at a dead-end. We maybe at the dead-end on our job, dead-end on our marriage. Dead-end in our finances. Dead-end on our spiritual walk. Dead-end on our health. Bottom line you're just STUCK and don't know what to do. Sometimes you tell yourself, "I'm afraid that if I keep going, it will only get worse." So, what do you do?

Well, I came to encourage you today, to let you know you're not alone. We all have been at a STUCK spot in our lives and someone could be there at this moment. But, regardless of what the situation is, I want to let you know you can make it through this. Paul couldn't have said it any better.

I CAN DO  
all things  
THROUGH  
Christ  
WHO STRENGTHENS  
me

So, be encouraged and know YES you can make it through this. Stay the course and always remember regardless of what the situation is, God doesn't give up on you when you get stuck, so don't you give up! Don't dwell on the negative nor live in worry; always BELIEVE God has greater for you.

**Lord, I trust You and I won't give up because You are with me. Amen.**



# Day 22: God looks at the heart

*“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV*

Blessings,

Have you ever met someone and you thought to yourself wow, they've got it all together? They dress nice, look good, nicely built, well-groomed and, to put, the icing on the cake, smell good too. Ok, I'm sure we've all been down that road! In spite of all that, you quickly realize their attitude is nasty. They are flip at the mouth, they curse you out at a drop of a dime, they think no one is better than them and you can't tell them nothing!

People will walk right over a person whose outer appearance may not look as good. We are quick to judge if a person is overweight/underweight, dark/light skinned, cock-eyed/cross-eyed, etc.

But I'm so glad we serve a God that doesn't judge us by our appearance, He judges by the heart of man. It's the heart that matters, so the question I want to ask you is: Where is your heart? If your heart is not where it should be, ask God to create in you a clean heart, that's pure, genuine, and acceptable unto Him.

**Dear Lord, purge my heart of any impurities and unrighteous thoughts. Help me to focus on the inner person and not on what my eyes see outward. Amen**



# Day 23: God loves YOU

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

John 15:13 NIV

Blessings,

I'm so glad Jesus called me His friend. He LOVED us so much that He laid down His life for me and you.

Jesus didn't die for you to remain the same. He died that you may have eternal life through Him. Now that's genuine, unconditional love to give of oneself to save someone else.

What are you doing to help save a soul? You are to be sharing Christ with the lost and being a witness for Him. Are you bearing fruit or is your tree dead?

**Jesus, help me to bear fruit in you by sharing the Word with others and being Your vessel. I don't desire to be a dead tree, I submit my life to You. Flourish me!**



# Day 24: Hear and Believe

*"So, faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ."*

Romans 10:17 NLT

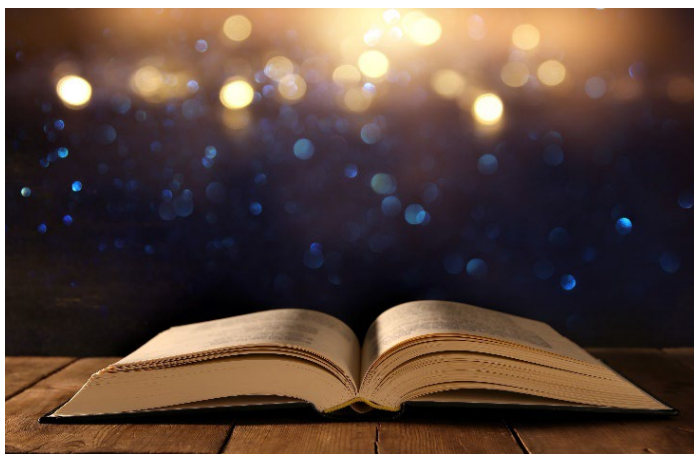
Blessings,

Our faith grows by hearing the Word (the Good News) of God and not only hearing but believing what we heard.

That's why it's so important that we connect or find a good Bible- based Church. When you read the Word, read it aloud let it go into your ear and settle in your heart. And as you hear the Word it begins to grow your faith day by day!

Remember: What's in the HEART comes out of the mouth.

**Dear Lord, I know I should read Your Word every day and I often fail in that respect. Give me a renewed desire for You and Your Word that my faith and life in You may grow. Amen**



# Day 25: Rejoice

*"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!"*

Philippians 4:4 NLT

Blessings,

The scripture says to ALWAYS, not sometimes, not every now or then, not just when you feel like it, but ALWAYS be full of joy in the Lord. We have so much to REJOICE for. If you can't think of anything to be joyful for let me help you. If you are reading this text, that means God's grace and mercy has kept you another day. You're still on the ground and not under it. That alone is enough to rejoice!

I realize in this life's journey we go through things, some so tough till it seems to knock us down. But, even in the midst of turmoil, we can still rejoice in the fact of knowing that God promised us He will always be with us and we will come out VICTORIOUS!

Romans 8:31 reminds us, *"If God is for us who can be against us?"*

So, we shouldn't be walking around with our head hung down or walking around sad. Like the scripture says, We should always be full of joy in the Lord. Don't you know that confuses the enemy? When all chaos has broken loose in your life, you still can walk around with a smile.

Look:

Don't focus on what you are going through, just rejoice in the fact that you know you will come out a winner every time.

God promised us(HIS children) that and you must Believe it!

**Dear Jesus, I resolve to be happy in spite of my circumstances and situations because You are in control. Amen**



# Day 26: Peace

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

John 14:27 KJV

Blessings,

The peace Jesus leaves with us is His Holy Spirit- it will GUIDE us, COMFORT us, BLESS us, RENEW us, and PROTECT us. The Holy Spirit, however, doesn't exclude us from trials and tribulations, but it sure will give us Peace in the midst of our storms.

You might ask yourself, "How is it that we can have peace in the midst of confusion?"

Well, I have the answer!

We are not alone as we face every challenge of life because God is not only with us, but He is also within us! God's presence is within us to guide, strengthen, comfort, lead, inspire, motivate, and bless us.

As long as we allow His gift to reside (live) within us, we have nothing to worry about. We don't have to be troubled in our mind nor fear because He has given us that Peace that surpasses all understanding! God has given you a gift, you can accept it or reject it. I don't know about you, but I receive my gift.



**Thank you, Jesus, for Your peace in my life. I cast out doubts, fear, and worry. I accept that my life is precious and I embrace it and I am grateful. Amen.**



# Day 27: Be kind

Treat people who make mistakes the way you would want God to deal with you when you make a mistake.

Blessings,

This statement is so true. We are quick to judge people when they make a mistake, but the minute we make a mistake we want to be forgiven. Remember the story in the bible of the woman that was caught in the act of adultery. The men brought her before Jesus to be stoned because of her sins. And Jesus stooped down and wrote something on the ground, I can't imagine what He wrote.

The Pharisees kept demanding an answer, Jesus stood up and said, "he who is without sin, cast the first stone." And guess what, one by one they all begin to drop their stones and leave.

Always remember, when you point that one finger, there's four pointing back at you.

You are to treat people the way you want to be treated. That's the golden rule!

**Dear Lord, help me to stop judging people and to be kind. We are all Your creation and nothing You made is bad. Amen**



# Day 28: Be careful what you say

*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.”*

Proverbs 18:21 AMP

Blessings,

The Lord put in my spirit to share this WORD with you. Today I pulled up my bible app to see today's scripture and this is what came up.

So, I said ok Lord I'm going to send it out. Don't you know God always confirms Himself.

I'm learning daily to be careful of the words I use. I remember I used to say all the time I'm not worth 50 cents, especially after I eat. Well, one year for my birthday I didn't receive anything, not even a 50-cent card from the store. So, you see I bear the consequences of my words. So, from then on, I'm careful not to say that.

So, again we have to use our words carefully. We have to get this down in our spirit. WATCH YOUR MOUTH!

Have a blessed and joyous day. Use those words carefully, and if you don't have anything good to say, SHUT YOUR MOUTH!

**Jesus, sometimes I speak and regret what I say later. Help me to pause before I speak and to speak blessings in my life and others. Amen**





# Day 29: Be cheerful

*"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength."* Proverbs 17:22 NLT

Blessings,

This is a very profound scripture. When you are cheerful, you are happy, pleasant, you smile and are joyful. But when your spirit is broken it draws all the life out of you. You're sad, down, discouraged, don't want to be around people, don't want to be bothered, all you want to do is lie down or crawl into a shell.

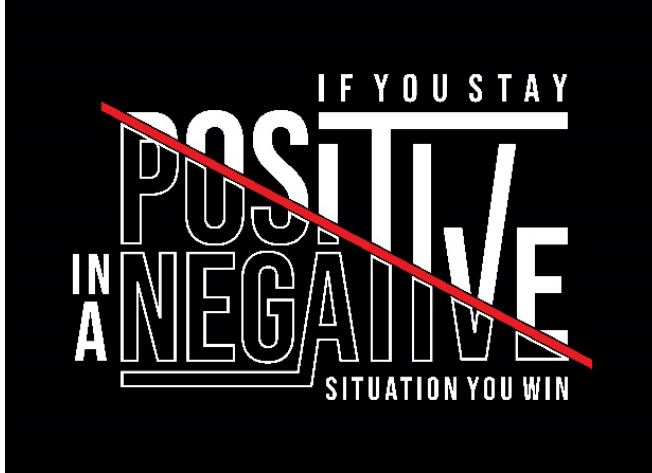
So, how do you keep a cheerful heart?

Learn Paul's secret, *"In whatsoever state I am in, therewith to be content."* -  
Philippians 4:11 KJV

**Lord, help me to always know that You are with me. I may not be cheerful all the time but You Father never change and I can lean on you.**



# Day 30: Joy will come



Blessings,

What a true statement! All we have to do is stay positive. Like the scripture says in Psalm 30:5 it so profoundly reminds us that "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." You have to BELIEVE that your joy is on the way.

God will do what He promised to us. It's not in our timing but His. So, no matter how you feel, what thoughts come your way, and what it looks like around you, your joy is coming.

**Dear Jesus, help me to remain positive and trusting in Your Word in the midst of the storms of life. Amen**



# Day 31: Faithful is our God

*"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise."* Hebrews 10:23 NLT

Blessings,

We must hold on to the faith we have in Christ Jesus. We should resist the pressures of fear, doubt or anything that tries to take us away from Him. God is faithful, and every promise in His word He will keep. He does not lie, cannot lie and if He blessed it, He cannot reverse it. Numbers 23:20 says it like this: *"Listen, I received a command to bless; God has blessed, and I cannot reverse it."*

So, you see He's not like man who will promise you things or bless you with things and take it back. Our God does not give and then take back! He's FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD.

**Dear Lord, help us to remember You are not like man and You are faithful to Your Word. Amen.**



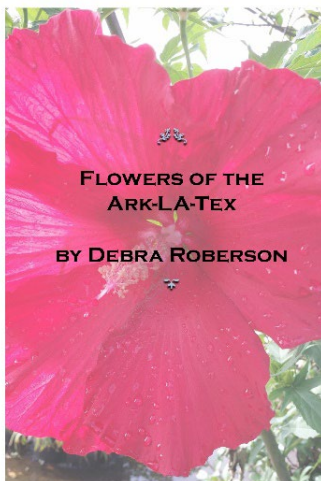
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