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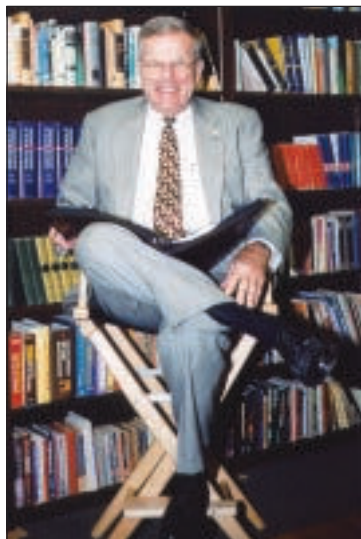
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"For not one of us is living for himself, and not one is dying for himself. For if we are living, we are living for the Lord, or if we are dying, we are dying for the Lord; therefore, if we are living or dying, we are the Lord's."

– Romans 14:7, 8

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Formed in 1972 as a nonprofit organization, Don Anderson Ministries is dedicated to excellence in the communication of the Scripture, camping, and counseling. Our logo contains the words from Colossians 3:11b: "Christ is all and in all." This, perhaps more than anything else, sums up the Don Anderson Ministries' philosophy of ministry.

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Ghe gospel writer Mark records that Jesus “rising up a great while before day... went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.” (1:35 KJV) Whenever and wherever you spend your time with the Father each day, we hope that these devotional verses and thoughts will be encouraging. Each Scripture selection comes from the CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION of the Bible (unless otherwise noted); the sayings and Scripture meditations are designed to assist you in your devotional time.

JANUARY

January 1-Genesis 2:2, 3

By the seventh day God had finished His work, and so He rested. God blessed the seventh day and made it special because on that day He rested from his work.

Lord, what a great verse to begin this new year! I am reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you shall find rest for your soul. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light." (NASB)

January 2 -Genesis 2:7, 8

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The Lord took a handful of soil and made a man. God breathed life into the man, and he started breathing. The Lord made a garden in a place called Eden, which was in the east, and He put the man there.

Lord, I often find myself praising You each morning as the Creator and Sustainer. Thank You for this awareness today that You are the One who created us, but You are also the One who is still there to sustain us on our journey.

January 3 – Genesis 2:18

The Lord God said, “It isn’t good for the man to live alone. I need to make a suitable partner for him.”

Lord, I am reminded of Philippians 4:19 this morning: “And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ.

January 4 – Genesis 2:21, 22

So the Lord God made him fall into a deep sleep, and He took out one of the man’s ribs. Then after closing the man’s side, the Lord made a woman out of the rib. The Lord God brought her to the man.

Lord, a number of times in Scripture You have to put Your servants to sleep while You work, or else they would try to help You on Your project. Lord, I yield completely to what You are doing in my life this day.

January 5 – Genesis 2:23, 24

And the man exclaimed, “Here is someone like me! She is part of my body, my own flesh and bones. She came from me, a man, so I will name her ‘Woman!’”

That’s why a man will leave his own father and mother. He marries a woman, and the two of them become like one person.

Lord, I just want to thank You for the special gifts You give me! Help me to minister to my spouse and have a greater sensitivity to his or her needs.

January 6 – Genesis 4:5, 6

The Lord said to Cain: “What’s wrong with you? Why do you have such an angry look on your face? If you had done the right thing, you would be smiling. But you did the wrong thing, and now sin is waiting to attack you like a lion. Sin wants to destroy you, but don’t let it!”

Lord, may the smile on my face this day bear witness to the fact that I am determined to “do the right thing.”

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January 7 -Genesis 6:5

The Lord saw how bad the people on earth were and that everything they thought and planned was evil.

Lord, I am reminded of Your words through Jeremiah in Jeremiah 16:17: "My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes."

January 8 -Genesis 6:6, 7

He was very sorry that He had made them, and He said, "I'll destroy every living creature on earth! I'll wipe out people, animals, birds and reptiles. I'm sorry I ever made them."

Lord, my goal for this day is that in conduct and conversation, I might delight Your heart.

January 9 -Genesis 6:22

Noah did everything the Lord told him to do.

Lord, how simple it all is when you come right down to it. The bottom line for blessing in our individual lives is to do what You tell us to do.

January 10 -Genesis 7:15, 16

Noah took a male and female of every living creature with him, just as God had told him to do. And when they were all in the boat, God closed the door.

Lord, these verses this morning remind me of Matthew 25:10: "But while they [that is the foolish virgins] were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut." Lord, help me to walk through the open doors you have placed before me this day.

January 11 – Genesis 8:15

God said to Noah, "You, your wife, your sons and your daughters-in-law may now leave the boat."

Lord, thank You for the clarity of Your Word when it is time for us to take another step. "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam. 3:9).

January 12 – Genesis 9:16, 17

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“When I see the rainbow in the sky, I will always remember the promise that I have made to every living creature. The rainbow will be the sign of that solemn promise.”

Lord, my thoughts turn to Joshua’s words in Joshua 23:14: “Now I am about to go the way of the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.”

January 13 – Genesis 12:1

The Lord said to Abram: “Leave your country, your family and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you.”

Lord, I am reminded of the words of Jesus in Luke 9:52 this morning: “Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.’” Lord, keep me looking up and pressing on in Your service.

January 14 – Genesis 12:2, 3

“I will bless you and make your descendants into a great nation. You will become famous and be a blessing to others. I will bless anyone who blesses you, but I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you. Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you.”

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Isaiah 54:17 this morning: “No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, ‘declares the Lord.’”

January 15 -Genesis 14:18, 19

King Melchizedek of Salem was a priest of God Most High. He brought out some bread and wine and said to Abram: "I bless you in the name of God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth."

Lord, my mind turns to the book of Hebrews this morning and the message that Jesus is a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek. Thank you for the comfort of Hebrews 7:26: Such a high priest meets our need -one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens."

January 16 -Genesis 14:20

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"...All praise belongs to God Most High for helping you defeat your enemies."
Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything.

Lord, my thoughts turn to Hebrews 4:15, 16 this morning: 'For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tested in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need'

January 17 -Genesis 15:1

Later the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision, "Abram, don't be afraid! I will protect you and reward you greatly."

Lord, this message from You to Abraham reminds me of Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will hold you with my righteous right hand."

January 18 -Genesis 15:2, 3

But Abram answered, "Lord All-Powerful, you have given me everything I could ask for, except children. And when I die, Eliezer of Damascus will get all I own. You have not given me any children, and this servant of mine will inherit everything."

Lord, the word of Jeremiah in Jeremiah 10:6 are in my thoughts this morning: "No one is like You, O Lord; You are great, and Your name is mighty in power." Lord, help me to be patient and to remain expectant.

January 19 -Genesis 15:4

The Lord replied, "No, he won't! You will have a son of your own, and everything you have will be his."

Lord, I am reminded of the angel's message to Mary in Luke 7:37: "For nothing is impossible with God " Then Mary's response in verse 38: "I am the Lord's servant, ' Mary answered. 'May it be to me as You have said.' Then the angel left her." Lord, ' I am available. Do in me and through me that which delights Your heart this day.

January 20 -Genesis 15:5

Then the Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look at the sky and see if you can count the stars. That's how many descendants you will have."

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Lord, my mind turns to Ephesians 3:20 this morning: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

January 21 -Genesis 15:6

Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord was pleased with him.

Lord, this passage brings to mind 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."

January 22 – Genesis 17: 1, 2

Abram was 99 years old when the Lord appeared to him again and said, "I am God All-Powerful. If you obey me and always do right, I will keep my solemn promise to you and give you more descendants than can be counted."

Lord, my thoughts turn to Psalm 31:19 this morning: "How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, which You bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in You."

January 23 – Genesis 17:17

Abraham bowed his face to the ground and thought, "I am almost 100 years old. How can I become a father? And Sarah is 90. How can she have a child?" So he started laughing.

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Isaiah 25:1 this day: "O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise Your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago."

January 24 – Genesis 17:18, 19

Then he asked God, "Why not let Ishmael inherit what you have promised me?" But God answered: "No! You and Sarah will have a son. His name will be Isaac, and I will make an everlasting promise to him and his descendants."

Lord, help e to listen to You and realize You know what is best. My thoughts turn to Isaiah 55:8, 9: "'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,' declares the Lord. 'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.'"

January 25 -Genesis 18:13

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The Lord asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Does she doubt that she can have a child in her old age?"

Lord, I am reminded of Isaiah 14:27 this morning: "For the Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart Him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back?"

January 26 - Genesis 18:14

"I am the Lord! There is nothing too difficult for Me. I'll come back next year at the time I promised, and Sarah will already have a son."

Lord, Your words in Jeremiah 29:11 come to my thoughts this morning: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"

January 27 -Genesis 19:17

When they were outside, one of the angels said, "Run for your lives! Don't even look back. And don't stop in the valley. Run to the hills where you will be safe."

Lord, my thoughts turn to Matthew 23:37, 38 this morning: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to you! How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate!"

January 28 -Genesis 19:26

On the way, Lot's wife looked back and was turned into a block of salt.

Lord, this verse calls to mind Hebrews 10:31: "It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

January 29 – Genesis 21:1

The Lord was good to Sarah and kept His promise.

Lord, with Sarah I would sing with David in Psalm 13:5, 6: "But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for He has been good to me."

January 30 – Genesis 21:2

Although Abraham was very old, Sarah had a son exactly at the time God had said.

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Lord, my thoughts turn to Paul's words to the Galatians in Galatians 4:4, 5: "But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law that we might receive the full rights of sons."

January 31 – Genesis 21:3, 4

Abraham named his son Isaac, and when the boy was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, just as the Lord had commanded.

Lord, this verse this morning reminds me of Luke 2:21: "On the eighth day when it was time to circumcise Him, He was named Jesus, the name the angel had given Him before He had been conceived."

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February 1 – Genesis 22:1

Some years later God decided to test Abraham, so He spoke to him. Abraham answered, "Here I am, Lord."

Lord, this verse reminds me of Isaiah 49:10, 11: "See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. For My sake, for My own sake, I do this. How can I let Myself be defamed? I will yield My glory to another."

February 2 -Genesis 22:2

The Lord said, "Go get Isaac, your only son, the one you dearly love! Take him to the land of Moriah, and I will show you a mountain where you must sacrifice him to Me on the fires of an altar."

Lord, I am sure that Abraham's thoughts are the same as those of Job in Job 17:11: (My days have passed, my plans are shattered, and so are the desires of my heart." And yet with Job he would also say in Job 13:15: (Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him..."

February 3 -Genesis 22:3

So Abraham got up early the next morning and chopped wood for the fire. He put a saddle on his donkey and left with Isaac and two servants for the place where God had told him to go.

Lord, my thoughts turn to Job 23:10 this morning: "But He knows the way that I

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take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold'."

February 4 -Genesis 22:12

"Don't hurt the boy or harm him in any way!" the angel said. "Now I know that you truly obey God, because you were willing to offer him, your only son."

Lord, James 1:12 fills my thoughts today: "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."

February 5 -Genesis 22:14

Abraham named that place "The Lord Will Provide." And even now people say, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Lord, what a joy to arise to this new day and face Jehovah-Jireh, Lord who will provide! Thank You that You will provide all that is necessary to successfully negotiate this day for Your glory.

February.6-Genesis 24:12

The servant prayed: "You, Lord, are the God my master Abram worships. Please keep your promise to him and let me find a wife for Isaac today."

Lord, Isaiah's words in Isaiah 30:21 are in my thoughts this day: "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

February 7 -Genesis 24:21

Abraham's servant did not say a word, but he watched everything Rebekah did, because he wanted to know for certain if this was the woman the Lord had chosen.

Lord, help me to be as wise as Abraham's servant in not making premature judgments or assumptions that You are leading when there needs to be further evidence that this is the path You have chosen for me.

February 8 -Genesis 24:26, 27

Then the servant bowed his head and prayed: "I thank You, God of my master Abraham! You have led me to his relatives and kept Your promise to him."

Lord, these verses this morning remind me of Psalm 34:3: "Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together."

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February 9 -Genesis 24:50

Laban and Bethuel answered, "The Lord has done this. We have no choice in the matter."

Lord, my thoughts turn to Psalm 33:11 this morning: "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations. "

February 10 – Genesis 26:12

Isaac planted grain and had a good harvest that same year. The Lord blessed him.

Lord, my thoughts turn again to Psalm 31:19: "How great is your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, which You bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in You."

February 11 – Genesis 28:15

"Wherever you go, I will watch over you, then later I will bring you back to this land. I won't leave you – I will do all I have promised."

Lord, I find myself meditating on Isaiah 41:13 this morning: "For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you.'"

February 12 – Genesis 28:16

Jacob work up suddenly and thought, "The Lord is in this place, and I didn't even know it."

Lord, increase the level of my sensitivity with regard to Your presence as I face the challenges and circumstances of this new day.

February 13 – Genesis 29:20

Jacob worked seven years for Laban, but the time seemed like only a few days, because he loved Rachel so much.

Lord, I am reminded of Ephesians 5:25 this morning: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her." Lord, help me to demonstrate that kind of love to my spouse today.

February 14 – Genesis

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Rachel was very jealous of Leah for having children, and she said to Jacob, "I'll die if you don't give me some children!" But Jacob became upset with Rachel and answered "Don't blame me! I'm not God."

Lord, I find myself responding to these verses this morning with Psalm 25:4, 5: "Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long."

February 15 – Genesis 31:42

"If the fearsome God worshiped by Abraham and my father Isaac had not been on my side, you would have sent me away without a thing. But God saw my hard work, and He knew the trouble I was in, so He helped me. Then last night He told me how wrong you were."

Lord, what joy comes to my heart this morning knowing that You are fully aware of what is going on in my life and my circumstances You have orchestrated to make me more like the Savior. What joy!

February 16 – Genesis 32:38

The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob. You have wrestled with God and with men, and you have won. That's why your name will be Israel."

Lord, this verse reminds me of 1 Corinthians 15:57: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

February 17 -Genesis 33:4

But Esau ran toward Jacob and hugged and kissed him. Then the two brothers started crying.

Lord, I find my thoughts turning to Psalm 133: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore."

February 18-Genesis 39:9

"No one in my master's house is more important than I am. The only thing he hasn't given me is you, and that's because you are his wife. I won't sin against God by doing such a terrible thing as this."

Lord, my thoughts turn to Psalm 51:4 where David says: "Against You, You only,

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have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. “

February 19 -Genesis 39:23

The jailer did not worry about anything, because the Lord was with Joseph and made him successful in all that he did.

Lord, Your words to Joshua in Joshua 1:9 come to mind today: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

February 20 -Genesis 40:23

But the king's personal servant completely forgot about Joseph.

Lord, Psalm 178:8 comes to mind: “It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.”

February 21 – Genesis 41:9

The king’s personal servant said, “Now I remember what I was supposed to do.”

Lord, I am reminded of Proverbs 21:1: “The king’s heart is in the hand of the Lord; He directs it like a watercourse wherever He pleases.” You have demonstrated that with the king’s servant here in the passage for today.

February 22 – Genesis 41:28

“It is just as I said – God has shown what he intends to do.”

Lord, I am thinking of Proverbs 16:9 this morning: “In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.”

February 23 – Genesis 41:32

God has given you two dreams to let you know that he had definitely decided to do this and that he will do it soon.

Lord, this morning Proverbs 19:21 is in my thoughts: “Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

February 24 – Genesis 43:10

“If we had not wasted all this time, we could already have been there and back twice.”

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Lord, so that I will not be guilty of wasting time, the prayer of Moses in Psalm 90:12 is on my lips this day: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

February 25 – Genesis 43:14

"When you go in to see the governor, I pray that God All-Powerful will be good to you and that the governor will let your other brother and Benjamin come back home with you. If I must lose my children, I suppose I must."

Lord, Paul's words to the Romans in Romans 8:28 are in my thoughts this day: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

February 26 – Genesis 45:5

"Don't worry or blame yourselves for what you did. God is the one who sent me ahead of you to save lives."

Lord, my thoughts turn to Isaiah 48:17 this morning; "This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'"

February 27 – Genesis 45:8

"After all, you weren't really the ones who sent me here – it was God. he made me the highest official in the king's court and placed me over all of Egypt."

Lord, I am thinking of Psalm 34:19 this morning: "A righteous man may have man troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all."

February 28 – Genesis 45:20

"They can leave their possessions behind, because they will be given the best of everything in Egypt."

Lord, I am thinking of Colossians 3:1, 2 today: "Since then you have been with Christ, set your hearts on things above, for Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

February 29 – Genesis 45:28

...And said, "Now I can believe you! My son Joseph must really be alive, and I will get to see him before I die."

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Lord, Paul's words to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthian 2:9 are in my thoughts today: "However, as it is written, 'No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.'"

MARCH

March 1 – Genesis 46:30

Jacob said to Joseph, "Now that I have seen you and know you are still alive, I am ready to die."

Lord, my thoughts this morning turn to Simeon who was promised that he would see the Lord Jesus before he died. We read in Luke 2:28-30: "Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying, 'Sovereign Lord, as You have promised, You now dismiss Your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen Your salvation.'"

March 2 – Genesis 48:11

Jacob turned to Joseph and told him, "For many years I thought you were dead and that I would never see you again. But now God has even let me live to see your children."

Lord, Jacob's words this morning remind me of Paul's words to the Ephesians in Ephesians 3:20: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

March 3 – Genesis 49:18

"Our Lord, I am waiting for You to save us."

Lord, Paul's words to the Thessalonian saints come to mind this morning: "the One who calls you is faithful and He will do it (1 Thess. 5:24)."

March 4 – Genesis 50:15

After Jacob died, Joseph's brothers said to each other, "What if Joseph still hates us and wants to get even with us for all the cruel things we did to him?"

Lord, I have been thinking about Philippians 4:6, 7 today: "Do not be anxious about anything but in everything 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."

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March 5 – Genesis 50: 19, 20

But Joseph told them, “Don’t be afraid! I have no right to change what God has decided. You tried to harm me, but God made it turn out for the best, so that He could save all these people, as He is now doing.”

Lord, help me to live more and more with the divine perspective so that I do not become bitter and resentful over adverse circumstances that come into my life.

March 6- Exodus 4:12

“Now go! When you speak, I will be with you and give you the words to say.”

Lord, I am thinking of Jeremiah 1:9 today: “Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, ‘Now, I have put My words in your mouth.’”

March 7 – Exodus 5:22, 23

Moses left them and prayed, “Our Lord, why have you brought so much trouble on your people? Is that why you sent me here? Ever since you told me to speak to the king, he has caused nothing but trouble for these people. And you haven’t done a thing to help.”

Lord, the words of the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:12 are on my mind today: “Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror, then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then I shall know fully even as I am fully known.”

March 8 – Exodus 6:5

“Now I have seen how the people of Israel are suffering because of the Egyptians, and I will keep my promise.”

Lord, this verse is such a comfort this morning. Just to know that when we are in the crucible, You are there and very much aware of what is going on in our lives.

March 9 – Exodus 6:9

When Moses told this to the Israelites, they were too discouraged and mistreated to believe him.

Lord, Paul’s challenge to the Galatian Christians in Galatians 6:9 is on my mind today: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

March 10 – Genesis 7:13

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The king behaved just as the Lord had said and stubbornly refused to listen.
Lord, Your all-knowing attribute is demonstrated in John 6:70, 71: "Then Jesus replied, 'Have I not chosen you, the twelve, yet one of you is the devil?' He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, who though one of the twelve, was later to betray him."

March 11 – Exodus 9:16

But he has kept you alive, just to show you His power and to bring honor to Himself everywhere in the world.

Lord, this verse reminds me of Ecclesiastes 11:9: "Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment."

March 12 – Exodus 12:13

"The blood on the houses will show Me where you live, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. Then you won't be bothered by the terrible disasters I will bring on Egypt."

Lord, my thoughts turn toward the Lamb of God in Hebrews 9:14: "How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God."

March 13 – Exodus 12:50, 51

The Israelites obeyed everything the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron to tell them. And on the same day the Lord brought Israel's families and tribes out of Egypt.

Lord, thank You for this reminder this morning that obedience is the key to direction and deliverance.

March 14 – Exodus 12:21, 22

during the day the Lord went ahead of His people in a thick cloud, and during the night He went ahead of them in a flaming fire. That way the Lord could lead them at all times, whether day or night.

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Lord, I am thinking today of Proverbs 3:5, 6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

March 15 – Exodus 14:13, 14

But Moses answered, "Don't be afraid! Be brave, and you will see the Lord save you today. These Egyptians will never bother you again. The Lord will fight for you, and you won't have to do a thing."

Lord, I am thinking this morning of Joab's words to Abishai as they went into battle: "Be strong and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The Lord will do what is good in His sight." (2 Sam. 10:12)

March 16 – Exodus 15:2

"The Lord is my strength, the reason for my song, because he has saved me. I praise and honor the Lord – He is my god and the God of my ancestors."

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Zephaniah 3:17 today: "The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

March 17 – Exodus 15:25

Moses asked the Lord for help, and the Lord told him to throw a piece of wood into the water. Moses did so, and the water became fit to drink.

Lord, I am thinking of Isaiah 41:13 in relationship to this verse today: "For I am

March 18 – Exodus 17:4

Then Moses prayed to the Lord, "What am I going to do with these people? They are about to stone me to death!"

Lord, Isaiah 58:9 says it well: "Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: 'Here am I...'"

March 19 – Exodus 17:12

Finally, Moses was so tired that Aaron and Hur got a rock for him to sit on. Then they stood beside him and supported his arms in the same position until sunset.

Lord, this verse reminds me of Paul's words in Galatians 6:2: "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

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March 20 – Exodus 23:20

“I am sending an angel to protect you and to lead you into the land I have ready for you.”

Lord, the words in Ezekiel 12:28 come to mind: “Therefore say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: “None of My words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled,” declares the Sovereign Lord.

March 21 – Exodus 32:7

The Lord said to Moses: “Hurry back down! Those people you lead out of Egypt are acting like fools.”

Lord, the prayer of my heart this morning is that in the remaining days of my life here on earth, I would never be an embarrassment to You.

March 22 – Exodus 32:8

“They have already stopped obeying me and have made themselves an idol in the shape of a young bull. They have bowed down to it, offered sacrifices, and said that it is the god who brought them out of Egypt.”

Lord, those words at the end of 1 John 5:21 come to mind today: “Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.”

March 23 – Exodus 32:30

The next day Moses told the people, “This is a terrible thing you have done. But I will go back to the Lord to see if I can do something to keep this sin from being held against you.”

Lord, this reminds me of the wonderful provision we have in the Lord Jesus described in 1 John 2:1, 2: “My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

March 24 – Exodus 33:14

The Lord said, “I will go with you and give you peace.”

Lord, thank You so much for this promise that You will be with us, that we can count on Your presence and Your peace as we face this brand new day.

March 25 – Exodus 33:15, 16

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Then Moses replied, “If You aren’t going with us, please don’t make us leave this place. But if You go with us, everyone will know that You are pleased with Your people and with me. That way, we will be different from the rest of the people on earth.”

Lord, these words in Hebrews 13:5 bring a great deal of comfort: “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”

March 26 – Exodus 33:17

So the Lord told him, “I will do what you have asked, because I am your friend and I am pleased with you.”

Lord, the longing of my heart is to be your friend and to have the smile of your approval on my conduct and conversation.

March 27 – Exodus 34:6

Then He passed in front of Moses and called out, “I am the Lord God. I am merciful and very patient with my people. I show great love, and I can be trusted.”

Lord, there are four wonderful things about You that bring great joy in this verse this morning: (1) You are “merciful”; (2) You are “very patient”; (3) You “show great love”; and (4) You “can be trusted.” Thank you from the bottom of my heart for these great qualities.

March 28 – Exodus 34:29

Moses came down from Mount Sinai, carrying the Ten Commandments. His face was shining brightly because the Lord had been speaking to him. But Moses did not know at first that his face was shining.

Lord, Paul’s words to the Corinthians in 2 Corinthians 3:18 come to mind on this occasion: “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

March 29 – Exodus 39:42, 43

When Moses saw that the people had done everything exactly as the Lord had commanded, he gave them his blessing.

Lord, my thoughts turn to Joshua 1:8 on this occasion: “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be

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careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”(NIV)

March 30 – Exodus 40: 34, 35

Suddenly the sacred tent was covered by a thick cloud and filled with the glory of the Lord. And so, Moses could not enter the tent.

Lord, I am reminded of what John says of Jesus in John 1:14: ‘The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.’

March 31 – Exodus 40:36-38

Whenever the cloud moved from the tent, the people would break camp and follow; then they would set up camp and stay there, until it moved again. No matter where the people traveled, the Lord was with them. Each day His cloud was over the tent, and each night a fire could be seen in the cloud.

Lord, I am thinking of Proverbs 4:18: “The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.”

APRIL

April 1 -Leviticus 8:34

We have obeyed the Lord in everything that has been done today, so that your sins may be forgiven.

Lord, my thoughts turn to Joshua 1:8 this morning: “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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.”(NIV)

April 2 -Leviticus 9:6

Moses said: "The Lord has ordered you to do this, so that He may appear to you in all His glory."

Lord, the prayer of the Lord Jesus in John 17:24 is on my heart this morning: “Father, I desire that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am, in order that they may behold My glory which Thou hast given Me; for Thou didst love Me before the foundation of the world.” (NASB)

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April 3 -Leviticus 9:23

He and Moses went into the sacred tent, and when they came out, they gave the people their blessing. Then the Lord appeared to the people in all of His glory. *Lord, the request of Moses in Exodus 33:18 is on my lips this morning: "Then Moses said, 'Now show me Your glory.'" (NIV)*

April 4 -Leviticus 10:1, 2

Nadab and Abihu were two of Aaron's sons, but they disobeyed the Lord by burning incense to Him on a fire pan when they were not supposed to. Suddenly the Lord sent fiery flames and burned them to death.

Lord, my thoughts turn to Hebrews 10:31 this morning: "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."(NASB)

April 5 – Leviticus 10:3

Then Moses told Aaron that this was exactly what the Lord had meant when He said: "I demand respect from My priests, and I will be praised by everyone!"

Aaron was speechless.

Lord, I am reminded of Moses and his encounter with You at the burning bush when You said in Exodus 3:5: "'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'" (NIV)

April 6 – Leviticus 16:1, 2

Two of Aaron's sons had already lost their lives for disobeying the Lord, so the Lord told Moses to say to Aaron: "I, the Lord, appear in a cloud over the place of mercy on the sacred chest, which is behind the inside curtain of the sacred tent. and I warn you not to go there except at the proper time. Otherwise, you will die!"

Lord, David's words in Psalm 34:8, 9 are a comfort this day: "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing." (NIV)

April 7 – Leviticus 18:4, 5

"I am the Lord your God, and you must obey My teachings. Obey them and you will live. I am the Lord."

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Lord, I find myself turning to Psalm 26:2, 3 this morning: “Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for Your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth.” (NIV)

April 8 – Leviticus 19:1, 2

The Lord told Moses to say to the community of Israel: “I am the Lord your God. I am holy, and you must be holy, too!”

Lord, I find myself thinking of Peter’s words in 1Peter 1:15, 16: “But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” (NASB)

April 9 – Leviticus 19:11

“Do not steal, tell lies or cheat others.”

Lord, Colossians 3:17 fills the bill for this morning: “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” (NASB)

April 10 – Leviticus 20:7, 8

“Dedicate yourselves to me and be holy because I am the Lord your God I have chosen you as My people, and I expect you to obey My laws.”

Lord, I am thinking of Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 7:1 this morning:

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (NASB)

April 11 – Leviticus 20:26

“I am the Lord, the holy God. You have been chose to be My people, and so you must be holy, too.”

Lord, Paul says a similar thing to the Galatians in Galatians 5:24: “Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires” (NASB).

April 12 – Leviticus 22:29

“When you offer a sacrifice to give thanks to Me, you must do it in a way that is acceptable.”

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Lord, Paul's words to the Thessalonians fill my thoughts this morning: "In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:18, NASB)

April 13 – Leviticus 25:17

"I am the Lord your God, so obey Me and don't cheat anyone."

Lord, I find myself still in 1 Thessalonians this morning: "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil." (1 Thess. 5: 21, 22, NASB)

April 14 – Leviticus 26:21

"If you keep rebelling against Me, I'll punish you seven times worse; just as your sins deserve!"

Lord, David's words in Psalm 34:18, 19 are on my mind today: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all." (NIV)

April 15 – Numbers 6: 24-26

The Lord told Moses, "When Aaron and his sons bless the people of Israel, they must say: 'I pray that the Lord will bless and protect you, and that He will show you mercy and kindness. May the Lord be good to you and give you peace.'"

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Psalm 31:19 this morning: "How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, which You bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in You." (NIV)

April 16 – Numbers 7:89

Whenever Moses needed to talk with the Lord, he went into the sacred tent, where he heard the Lord's voice coming from between the two winged creatures above the lid of the sacred chest.

Lord, David's words in Psalm 27:4 are on my mind this morning: "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple." (NIV)

April 17 – Numbers 8: 23-26

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The Lord also told Moses, “Levites who are between the ages of 25 and 50 can work at my sacred tent. But once they turn 50, they must retire. They may help the other Levites in their duties, but they must no longer be responsible for any work themselves. Remember this when you assign their duties.”

Lord, the longing of my heart this morning is that I might go all out to the finish line and be thoroughly used up when I die.

April 18 – Numbers 9:23

They obeyed the Lord’s commands and went wherever He directed Moses.

Lord, I am reminded of Your words to David in Psalm 32:8: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.” (NIV)

April 19 – Numbers 10:9

“Whenever you go into battle against an enemy attacking your land, give a warning signal on the trumpets. Then I, the Lord, will hear it and rescue you.”

Lord, I am thinking of 2 Chronicles 32:7, 8: “’Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles.’ And the people gained confidence from what Hezekiah the king of Judah said.” (NIV)

April 20 – Numbers 10:34

And the cloud always stayed with them.

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Hebrews 13:5, 6 this morning: “Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with that you have; for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,’ so that we confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?’” (NASB)

April 21 – Numbers 11:23

The Lord answered, “I can do anything! Watch and you’ll see My words come true.”

Lord, Your words to Jeremiah are on my mind this morning: “I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?” (Jer. 32:27, NIV)

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April 22 – Numbers 11:34

After they had buried the people who had been so greedy for meat, they called the place “Graves for the Greedy.”

Lord, Paul’s words to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:10 fit here this morning: “For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.” (NASB)

April 23 – Numbers 14:8

“If we obey the Lord, He will surely give us that land rich in with milk and honey.”

Lord, I am thinking of David’s words in Psalm 37:4: “Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.” (NIV)

April 24 – Numbers 14:9

“So don’t rebel. We have no reason to be afraid of the people who live there. The Lord is on our side, and they won’t stand a chance against us!”

Lord, Isaiah 41:10 comes to mind this morning: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (NIV)

April 25 – Numbers 14:11

The Lord said to Moses, “I have done great things for these people, and they still reject me by refusing to believe in My power.”

Lord, Your words to David through Nathan the prophet at the time of his disobedience come to mind today: “...And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.” (2 Sam.12:8, NIV)

April 26 – Numbers 14:17

“Show us Your great power, Lord. You promised.”

Lord, 2 Chronicles 20:12 is in my thoughts this morning: “O our God, will You not judge them? for we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.” (NIV)

April 27 – Numbers 16:4

When Moses heard this, he knelt down to pray.

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Lord, Your words to Jeremiah in Jeremiah 33:3 help us understand Moses' action in this verse: "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (NIV)

April 28 – Numbers 18:5

"Follow these instructions, so I won't become angry and punish the Israelites ever again."

Lord, the words of Psalm 119:57 are meaningful in this context: "You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey Your words. I have sought Your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise." (NIV)

April 29 – Numbers 20:6

Moses and Aaron went to the entrance of the sacred tent, where they bowed down. The Lord appeared to them in all of His glory.

Lord, my mind and heart is encouraged this morning thinking of 1 John 3:1,2: "See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is." (NASB)

April 30 – Numbers 20:12

But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you refused to believe in My power, these people did not respect me. And so, you will not be the ones to lead them into the land I have promised."

Lord, help me to be a good witness for You today, both in my conduct and in my conversation.

MAY

May 1 – Numbers 22:34

Balaam replied, "I was wrong. I didn't know you were trying to stop me. If you don't think I should go, I'll return home right now."

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Lord, Proverbs 3:5, 6 are in my thoughts this morning: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” (NIV)

May 2 – Numbers 23:10b

“I hope to obey God for as long as I live and to die in such peace.”

Lord, my thoughts turn to Isaiah 32:17 today: “The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.”
(NIV)

May 3 – Numbers 23:12

Balaam answered, “I can say only what the Lord tells me.”

Lord, I am remembering what You did for Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:9: “Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, ‘Now, I have put My words in your mouth.’” (NIV)

May 4 – Numbers 23:19

“God is not a mere human! He doesn’t tell lies or change His mind. God always keeps His promises.”

Lord, this verse reminds me of 1 Thessalonians 5:24: “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.” (NASB)

May 5 – Numbers 27:15-17

Moses replied, “You are the Lord God, and You know what is in everyone’s heart. So I ask You to appoint a leader for Israel. Your people need someone to lead them into battle, or else they will be like sheep wandering around without a shepherd.”

Lord, my thoughts turn to Isaiah 40:11 where Your shepherding work is described: “He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.”
(NIV)

May 6 – Numbers 30:2

“When one of you men makes a promise to the Lord, you must keep your word.”

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Lord, my thoughts turn to Solomon's words in Ecclesiastes 5:4, 5: "When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it." (NIV"

May 7 – Deuteronomy 2:7

"The Lord has helped us and taken care of us during the past 40 years that we have been in this huge desert. We've had everything we needed, and the Lord has blessed us and made us successful in whatever we have done."

Lord, Moses' testimony here in the verse of the morning reminds me of Lamentations 3:22, 23: "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." (NIV)

May 8 – Deuteronomy 3:23, 24

"At that time I prayed and begged, 'Our Lord, it seems that You have just begun to show me Your great power. No other god in the sky or on earth is able to do the mighty things that You do.'"

Lord, these words from Moses sound a lot like Jeremiah's words in Jeremiah 32:17: "Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You." (NIV)

May 9 – Deuteronomy 5:29

"I wish they would always worship Me with fear and trembling and be this willing to obey Me! Then they and their children would always enjoy a successful life."

Lord, I am reminded of Paul's words to the Philippians in Philippians 2:12, 13: "So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (NASB)

May 10 – Deuteronomy 6:5

"So love the lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength."

Lord, this reminds me of Your words in Matthew 22:37, 38: "And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment.'" (NASB)

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May 11 – Deuteronomy 6:6, 7

“Memorize His laws and tell them to your children over and over again. Talk about them all the time, whether you’re at home, walking along the road, or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning.”

Lord, my thoughts turn to Psalm 119:16: “I delight in Your decrees; I will not neglect Your word.” (NIV)

May 12 -Deuteronomy 6:8, 9

"Write down copies and tie them to your wrists and foreheads to help you obey them. Write these laws on the door frames of your homes and on your town gates."

Lord, Psalm 119:37fills my thoughts this morning: “Turn my eyes away from worthless things; renew my life according to Your word”.

May 13 -Deuteronomy 6:13

“Worship and obey the Lord your God with fear and trembling, and promise that you will be loyal to Him."

Lord, I want to focus on the three things that delight Your heart today: worship, obedience and loyalty.

May 14 -Deuteronomy 7:9

“You know that the Lord your God is the only true God. So love Him and obey HIS commands, and He will faithfully keep His agreement with you and your descendants for a thousand generations."

Lord, I John 3:18 is in my thoughts this morning: “Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” (NASB)

May 15 -Deuteronomy 8:6

"Obey the commands the Lord your God has given you and worship Him with fear and trembling."

Lord, Your words in John 15:10, 14 fill my thoughts this morning: “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love...You are My friends, if you do what I command you.” (NASB)

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May 16 – Deuteronomy 8:10

“After you eat and are full, give praise to the Lord your God for the good land He gave you.”

Lord, David says it well in Psalm 103:2: “Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.” (NIV)

May 17 – Deuteronomy 8:17, 18

“When you become successful, don’t say, ‘I’m rich, and I’ve earned it all myself.’ Instead, remember that the Lord your God gives you the strength to make a living That’s how He keeps the promise He made to your ancestors.”

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Paul’s words to young Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:6-8: “But godliness actually is a means of great gain, when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. And if we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.” (NASB)

May 18 – Deuteronomy 10:12, 13

“People of Israel, what does the Lord your God want from you? The Lord wants you to respect and follow Him, to love and serve him with all your heart and soul, and obey His laws and teachings that I am giving you today. Do this, and all will go well for you.”

Lord, Micah’s words in Micah 6:8 are in my thoughts today: “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (NIV)

May 19 -Deuteronomy 11:22, 23

"Love the Lord your God and obey all the laws and teachings that I'm giving you today. If you live the way the Lord wants, He will help you take the land. And even though the nations there are more powerful than you, the Lord will force them to leave when you attack."

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Psalm 145:18, 19 this morning: “The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.” (NIV)

May 20 -Deuteronomy 11:26, 27

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"You have a choice -do you want the Lord to bless you, or do you want Him to put a curse on you? Today, I am giving you His laws, and if you obey Him, He will bless you."

Lord, thank You for this simple reminder this morning that obedience brings Your blessing.

May 21 -Deuteronomy 13:4

"You must be completely faithful to the Lord. Worship and obey only the Lord and do this with fear and trembling."

Lord, so that I can be completely at peace about these things You desire of us, I have the prayer of David on my lips this morning: "Teach me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23, 24, NIV)

May 22 -Deuteronomy 16:17

"The bigger the harvest the Lord gives you, the bigger your gift should be."

Lord, my thoughts turn to 2 Corinthians 9:8 today: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed." (NASB)

May 23 -Deuteronomy 20:4

"The Lord your God will fight alongside you and help you win the battle."

Lord, I am reminded of Joshua 10:14: "There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a man. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israeli!" (NIV)

May 24 -Deuteronomy 23:14

"You must keep your camp clean of filthy and disgusting things. The Lord is always present in your camp, ready to rescue you and give you victory over your enemies. But if He sees something disgusting in your camp, He may turn around and leave."

Lord, Paul's words to the Corinthians come to mind this morning: "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in His triumph in Christ and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." (2 Corinthians 2:14, 15, NASB)

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May 25 -Deuteronomy 28:63

"The Lord is happy to make you successful and to help your nation grow while you conquer the land. But if you disobey Him, He will be just as happy to pull you up by your roots."

Lord, I am thinking of Jeremiah 17:7, 8: "But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."(NIV)

May 26 -Deuteronomy 30:20

"Be completely faithful to the Lord your God, love Him, and do whatever He tells you. The Lord is the only one who can give life, and He will let you live a long time in the land that He promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Lord, the longing of my heart today is to be these three things to You:

(1) "completely faithful"; (2) "to love you"; and (3) "to do whatever You tell me."

May 27 -Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be brave and strong! Don't be afraid of the nations on the other side of the Jordan. The Lord your God will always be at your side, and He will never abandon you."

Lord, I am reminded this morning of Psalm 20:7: "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God "(NIV)

May 28 -Deuteronomy 31:8

"The Lord will lead you into the land. He will always be with you and help you, so don't ever be afraid of your enemies."

Lord, this verse reminds me of Isaiah 48:17: "This is what the Lord says -your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'"(NIV)

May 29 -Deuteronomy 32:3

"Join with me in praising the wonderful name of the Lord our God."

Lord, Psalm 100:4, 5 comes to my thoughts this morning: "Enter His gates with

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thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." (NIV)

May 30 – Deuteronomy 32:28, 29

“People of Israel, that’s what the Lord has said to you. But you didn’t have good sense, and you never listen to advice. If you did, you could see where you are headed.”

Lord, Proverbs 1:33 comes to my thoughts today: “But whoever listens to Me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.” (NIV)

May 31 – Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is our hiding place; He carries us in His arms.

Lord, Psalm 84:11 comes to mind as I read the verse of the morning: “for the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.” (NIV)

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June 1 – Joshua 1:5

“Joshua, I will always be with you and help you as I help Moses, and no one will ever be able to defeat you.”

Lord, these words remind me of Zephaniah 3:17: “The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. he will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” (NIV)

June 2 – Joshua 1:9

“I’ve commanded you to be strong and brave. Don’t ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go.”

Lord, I am reminded of 1 Chronicles 29:12 today: “Wealth and honor come from You; You are the ruler of all things. In Your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.” (NIV)

June 3 -Joshua 3:5

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Joshua told the people, "Make yourself acceptable to worship the Lord, because He is going to do some amazing things for us."

Lord, I am thinking of Genesis 35:2: "So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, 'Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.' "(NIV)

June 4 -Joshua 4:22-24

Tell them, "The Lord our God dried up the Jordan River so we could walk across. He did the same thing here for us that He did for our people at the Red Sea, because He wants everyone on earth to know how powerful He is. And He wants us to worship only Him."

Lord, I am reminded of Psalm 126:3: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." (NIV)

June 5 -Joshua 6:27

The Lord helped Joshua in everything he did, and Joshua was famous everywhere in Canaan.

Lord, a similar blessing was bestowed upon Joseph in Genesis 39:23: "The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did." (NIV)

June 6 -Joshua 10:25

And Joshua continued, "Don't ever be afraid or discouraged. Be brave and strong. This is what the Lord will do to all your enemies."

Lord, I am reminded of David's words to Solomon in 1 Chronicles 28:20: "David also said to Solomon his son, 'Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.' "(NIV)

June 7- Joshua 21:45

The Lord promised to do many good things of Israel, and He kept His promise every time.

Lord, 2 Chronicles 15:7 fills my thought this morning: "But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded." (NIV)

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June 8 – Joshua 23:8

“Be as faithful to the Lord as you have always been.”

Lord, my thoughts turn to 1 Corinthians 1:9 this morning: “God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (NASB)

June 9 – Joshua 23:11

“Be sure to always love the Lord your God.”

Lord, I am thinking of 1 John 4:12 this morning: “No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.” (NASB)

June 10 – Joshua 23:14

“I will soon die, as everyone must. But deep in your hearts you know that the Lord has kept every promise He ever made to you. Not one of them has been broken.”

Lord, I am reminded of Peter’s words in 2 Peter 3:9 this morning: “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but it patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” (NASB)

June 11 – Judges 4:14

Deborah shouted, “Barak, it’s time to attack Sisera! Because today the Lord is going to help you defeat him. In fact, the Lord has already gone on ahead to fight for you.”

Lord, Psalm 60:12 comes to mind this morning: “With God we will gain the victory, and He will trample down our enemies.” (NIV)

June 12 -Judges 21:25

In those days Israel wasn't ruled by a king, and everyone did what they thought was right.

Lord, thank You for Your word today that guides us so we do not have to guess about what we think is right.

June 13 -Ruth 1:16, 17

Ruth answered, "Please don't tell me to leave you and return home! I will go where you go, I will live where you live; your people will be my people, your

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God will be my God. I will die where you die and be buried beside you. May the Lord punish me if we are ever separated, even by death!"

Lord, help me to live out this same commitment that Ruth made to Naomi with my spouse and my family.

June 14 -Ruth 1:20, 21

Then she told them, "Don't call me Naomi any longer! Call me Mara, because God has made my life bitter. I had everything when I left, but the Lord has brought me back with nothing. How can you still call me Naomi when God has turned against me and made my life so hard?"

Lord, I am thinking of Hebrews 12:15 today: "See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled." (NASB)

June 15 -Ruth 3:18

Naomi replied, "Just be patient and don't worry about what will happen. He won't rest until everything is settled today!"

Lord, this verse reminds me of I Peter 5:7: "Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." (NASB)

June 16 – 1 Samuel 1:17

Eli replied, "You may go home now and stop worrying. I'm sure the God of Israel will answer your prayer."

Lord, my thoughts turn toward 1 John 5:14, 15 today: "And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, he hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him." (NASB)

June 17 – 1 Samuel 1:26-28

"Sir," Hannah said, "a few years ago I stood here beside you and asked the lord to give me a child. Here he is! The Lord gave me just what I asked for. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will be the Lord's servant for as long as he lives."

Lord, these words from Hannah remind me of Matthew 21:22: "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive." (NASB)

June 18 – 1 Samuel 3:9

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So he said, “Go back and lie down! If someone speaks to you again, answer, ‘I’m listening, Lord. What do you want me to do?’” Once again Samuel went back and lay down.

Lord, this verse reminds me of Isaiah 30:21: “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” (NIV)

June 19 – 1 Samuel 3:18

Samuel told Eli everything. Then Eli said, “He is the Lord, and he will do what’s right.”

Lord, Eli’s words remind me of Genesis 18:25: “...Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (NIV)

June 20 – 1 Samuel 12:22

“But the Lord has chosen you to be His own people. he will always take care of you so that everyone will know how great He is.”

Lord, this verse reminds me of 2 Corinthians 8:9: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” (NASB)

June 21 – 1 Samuel 12:23

“I would be disobeying the Lord if I stopped praying for you! I will always teach you how to live right.”

Lord, this verse reminds me of 1 Corinthians 15:58: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” (NASB)

June 22 – 1 Samuel 12:24

“You also must obey the Lord – you must worship Him with all your heart and remember the great things he has done for you.”

Lord, the longing of my heart is to be fully obedient, to worship You with transparent praise, and to call to mind the great things You have done for me

June 23 – 1 Samuel 17:37

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“...The Lord has rescued me from the claws of lions and bears, and He will keep me safe from the hands of the Philistine.” Saul answered, “All right, go ahead and fight him. And I hope the Lord will help you.”

Lord, I am reminded of 1 Corinthians 15:57 this morning: “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (NASB)

June 24 -1 Samuel 18:3

Jonathan liked David so much that they promised to always be loyal friends.

Lord, this verse reminds me of Psalm 133:1: “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!” (NIV)

June 25 -1 Samuel 23:16

But Jonathan went to see David, and God helped him encourage David.

Lord, this verse remind me of Philippians 2:1, 2: “If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”(NASB)

June 26 -1 Samuel 25:32

David told her: "I praise the Lord God of Israel! He must have sent You to meet me today."

Lord, help me to be very sensitive to the divine encounters You place in my path today.

June 27 -1 Samuel 30:6

David was desperate. His soldiers were so upset over what had happened to their sons and daughters that they were thinking about stoning David to death. But he felt the Lord God giving him strength.

Lord, this verse reminds of Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” (NASB)

June 28 – 1 Samuel 30:22

Some of David’s men were good-for-nothings, and they said, “Those men didn’t go with us to the battle, so they don’t get any of the things we took back from the Amalekites. Let them take their wives and children and go!”

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Lord, the conduct of these misfits reminds me of Paul's words in Philippians 2:3, 4: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." (NASB)

June 29 – 1 Samuel 30:23

But David said, "My friends, don't be so greedy with what the Lord has given us! The Lord protected us and gave us victory over the people who attacked."

Lord, David's words in Psalm 18:46 come to mind today: "The Lord lives! Praise to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!" (NIV)

June 30- 1 Samuel 30:24

"Who would pay attention to you, anyway? Soldiers who stay behind to guard the camp get as much as those who go into battle."

Lord, my thoughts turn toward Psalm 25:9 this morning: "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way." (NIV)

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July 1 – 2 Samuel 1:26

"Jonathan, I miss you most! I loved you like a brother. You were truly loyal to me and more faithful than a wife to her husband."

Lord, help me to remember, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." (Prov. 17:17, NIV)

July 2 -2 Samuel 4:9

David answered: "I swear that only the Lord rescues me when I'm in trouble!"

Lord, let these words dwell on my heart: "He reached down from on high and took hold of me; He drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me." (Psalm 18:16, 17, NIV)

July 3 -2 Samuel 5:10

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David became a great and strong ruler, because the Lord All-Powerful was on his side.

"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. "
(Josh. 1:5, NIV)

July 4 -2 Samuel 7:21

'You have done this wonderful thing, and You have let me know about it, because You wanted to keep Your promise."

"The Lord delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love." (Ps. 147:11, NIV)

July 5 -2 Samuel 7:28

""Lord All-Powerful, You are God. You have promised me some very good things, and You can be trusted to do what You promise."

"Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. " (I Thess. 5:24, NASB)

July 6 -2 Samuel 10:12

"Be brave and fight hard to protect your people and the cities of our God. I pray that the Lord will do whatever pleases Him."

Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. (I Chr. 16:11, NIV)

July 7 – 2 Samuel 12:10

"Because you wouldn't obey Me and took Uriah's wife for yourself, your family will never live in peace."

"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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. " (Josh. 1:8, NIV)

July 8 – 2 Samuel 12:12

"What you did was in secret, but I will do this in the open for everyone in Israel to see."

"On the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus. " (Rom. 2:16, NASB)

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July 9 – 2 Samuel 14:17

"I can rest easy now that you have given your decision. You know the difference between right and wrong just like an angel of God, and I pray that the Lord your God will be with you."

"The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever." (Isaiah 32:17, NIV)

July 10 – 2 Samuel 15:20

"You haven't been with me very long, so why should you have to follow me, when I don't even know where I'm going? Take your soldiers and go back. I pray that the Lord will be kind and faithful to you."

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them." (Isaiah 42:16, NIV)

July 11 -2 Samuel 15:21

Ittai answered, "Your Majesty, just as surely as you and the Lord live, I will go where you go, no matter if it costs me my life."

"But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.'" (Ruth 1:16, 17, NIV)

July 12 -2 Samuel 22:2, 3

"Our Lord and our God, You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector. You are the rock where I am safe. You are my shield, my powerful weapon and my place of shelter."

"Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You." (Jer. 32:17, NIV)

July 13-2 Samuel 22:26

"You are always loyal to Your loyal people, and You are faithful to the faithful."

"If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself." (2 Tim. 2:13, NASB)

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July 14 -2 Samuel 22:31

"Your way is perfect, Lord, and Your word is correct. You are a shield for those who run to You for help."

"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always."(1 Chr. 16:11, NIV)

July 15-1Kings 2:2

"My son, I will soon die, as everyone must. But I want you to be strong and brave."

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:1, 2, NASB)

July 16 -1Kings 2:3

"Do what the Lord your God commands and follow His teachings. Obey everything written in the Law of Moses. Then you will be a success, no matter what you do or where you go."

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the laws my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."(Josh. 1:7, NIV)

July 17 -1Kings 4:29

Solomon was brilliant. God had blessed him with insight and understanding.

"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask: of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." (James 1:5, NASB)

July 18 -1 Kings 8:56

"Praise the Lord! He has kept His promise and given us peace. Every good thing He promised to His servant Moses has happened."

"Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed." (Josh. 23:14, NIV)

July 19 -1 Kings 8:61

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"Obey the Lord our God and follow His commands with all your heart, just as you are doing today."

"But Samuel replied, 'Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.'" (I Sam. 15:22, NIV)

July 20 -1 Kings 11:6

Solomon's father had obeyed the Lord with all his heart, but Solomon disobeyed and did what the Lord hated.

"He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way." (Ps. 25:9, NIV)

July 21 -1 Kings 11:9, 10

The Lord God of Israel had appeared to Solomon two times and warned him not to worship foreign gods. But Solomon disobeyed and did it anyway. This made the Lord very angry.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me. " (Ex.20:4, 5, NIV)

July 22 -1 Kings 13:34

This sinful thing led to the downfall of his kingdom.

"For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king." (I Sam. 15:23, NIV)

July 23 -1 Kings 18:36

When it was time for the evening sacrifice, Elijah prayed: "Our Lord, You are the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. Now, prove that You are the God of this nation, and that I, your servant, have done this at Your command."

"Give me a sign of Your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for You, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me." (Ps. 86:17, NIV)

July 24 -1 Kings 18:37

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"Please answer me, so these people will know that You are the Lord God and that You will turn their hearts back to You."

"O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people bear Your name" (Dan. 9:19, NIV)

July 25 -1 Kings 18:44

After the seventh time the servant replied, "I see a small cloud coming this way. But it's no bigger than a fist." Elijah told him, "Tell Ahab to get his chariot ready and start home now. Otherwise, the rain will stop him."

"You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas." (Psalm 65:5, NIV)

July 26 -1 Kings 18:45, 46

A few minutes later, it got very cloudy and windy, and rain started pouring down. So Elijah wrapped his coat around himself, and the Lord gave him strength to run all the way to Jezreel. Ahab followed him.

"Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes and showers righteousness on you." (Hosea 10:12, NIV)

July 27 -2 Kings 4:43

"There's not enough here for 100 people," his servant said. "Just give it to them," Elisha replied. "The Lord has promised there will be more than enough."

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19, NASB)

July 28 -2 Kings 4:44

So the servant served the bread and grain to the people. They ate and still had some left over, just as the Lord had promised.

"And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, 'Gather up the leftover fragments that nothing may be lost.' And so they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten." (John 6:12, 13, NASB)

July 29 -2 Kings 5:14

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Naaman walked down to the Jordan; he waded out into the water and stooped down in it seven times, just as Elisha had told him. Right away, he was cured and his skin became as smooth as a child's.

"Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of His servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God." (Isaiah 50:10, NIV)

July 30 -2 Kings 6:16, 17

"Don't be afraid," Elisha answered. "There are more troops on our side than on theirs." Then he prayed, "Lord, please help him to see." And the Lord let the servant see that the hill was covered with fiery horses and flaming chariots all around Elisha.

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, for there is a greater power with us than with him. With him is only the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles...' (2 Chr. 32:7, 8, NIV)

July 31 -2 Kings 7:9

They said to each other, "This isn't right. Today is a day to celebrate, and we haven't told anyone else what has happened. If we wait until morning, we will be punished. Let's go to the king's palace right now and tell the good news."

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7, NIV)

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August 1 -1 Chronicles 4:10

One day he prayed to Israel's God: "Please bless me and give me a lot of land. Be with me so I will be safe from harm." And God did just what Jabez had asked.

'And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.'
(1 John 5:14, 15, NASB)

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August 2 -1 Chronicles 9:20

Phinehas son of Eleazar had supervised their work because the Lord was with him.

"So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. '"(Gen. 41:38, 39, NIV)

August 3 -1 Chronicles 11:9

David became a great and strong ruler because the Lord All-Powerful was on his side.

The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care because the Lord war with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did. (Gen. 39:23, NIV)

August 4 -1 Chronicles 16:8-10

Praise the Lord and pray in HIS name! Tell everyone what He has done. Sing praises to the Lord! Tell about His miracles. Celebrate and worship His holy name with all your heart.

"I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together." (Ps. 34:1-3, NIV)

August 5 -1 Chronicles 16:24

Tell every nation on earth, "The Lord is wonderful and does marvelous things!"

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him." (Ps. 98:1, NIV)

August 6 – 1 Chronicles 16:34

Praise the Lord because he is good to us, and His love never fails.

"for the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:5, NIV)

August 7 – 1 Chronicles 17:19

"It was Your choice to do these wonderful things for me and to make these promises."

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“Great are Your purposes and mighty are Your deeds. your eyes are open to all the ways of men; You reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.” (Jer. 32:19, NIV)

August 8 – 1 Chronicles 19:13

“Be brave and fight hard to protect our people and the towns of our Lord God. I pray He will do whatever pleases Him.”

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.” (Eph. 6:10, 11, NASB)

August 9 – 1 Chronicles 21:1

Satan decided to cause trouble for Israel by making David think it was a good idea to find out how many people there were in Israel and Judah.

“In order that no advantage be taken of us by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his schemes.” (2 Cor. 2:11, NASB)

August 10 – 1 Chronicles 21:8

David prayed, “I am Your servant. But what I did was stupid and terribly wrong. Please forgive me.”

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9, NASB)

August 11 -1 Chronicles 22:13

"If you obey the laws and teachings that the Lord gave Moses, you will be successful. Be strong and brave and don't get discouraged or be afraid of anything."

“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity but of power and love and discipline.” (2 Tim. 1:7, NASB)

August 12 -1 Chronicles 28:7

"If he continues to obey My laws and commands, his kingdom will never end."

“This is what the Lord says -your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, ‘I am the Lord your God who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.’”(Isa. 48:17, NIV)

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August 13 -1 Chronicles 28:9

"Solomon, my son, worship God and obey Him with all your heart and mind, just as I have done. He knows all your thoughts and your reasons for doing things, and so if you turn to Him, He will hear your prayers. But if you ignore Him, He will reject you forever."

"He who rejects Me, and does not receive My saying, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day." (John 12:48, NASB)

August 14 -1 Chronicles 29:13

"We thank You, our God, and praise You."

"Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men." (Ps. 107:15, NIV)

August 15 – 2 Chronicles 6:19

"But I ask You to answer my prayer."

"Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full." (John 16:24, NASB)

August 16 – 2 Chronicles 6:30

"You know what is in everyone's heart. So from Your home in heaven, answer their prayers, according to what they do and what is in their hearts."

"The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good." (Prov. 15:3, NIV)

August 17 – 2 Chronicles 7:14

"If My own people will humbly pray and turn back to Me and stop sinning, then I will answer them from heaven. I will forgive them and make their land fertile once again."

"For this is what the high and lofty One says – He who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" (Isaiah 57:15, NIV)

August 18 – 2 Chronicles 13:18

Judah's army won because they had trusted the Lord God of their ancestors.

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Joshua said to them, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the Lord will do to all the enemies you are going to fight." (Josh. 10:25, NIV)

August 19 -2 Chronicles 14:2

Asa obeyed the Lord his God and did right.

"I was 40 years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'" (Josh. 14:7-9, NIV)

August 20 -2 Chronicles 14:11

Asa prayed: "Lord God, only You can help a powerless army defeat a stronger one. So we depend on You to help us. We will fight against this powerful army to honor Your name, and we know that You won't be defeated. You are the Lord our God."

"All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands." (1 Sam. 17:47, NIV)

August 21 -2 Chronicles 15:7

"So you must be brave. Don't give up! God will honor you for obeying Him."

"Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it." (Ezra 10:4, NIV)

August 22 -2 Chronicles 16:9

"The Lord is constantly watching everyone, and He gives strength to those who faithfully obey Him. But you have done a foolish thing, and your kingdom will never be at peace again."

"His eyes are on the ways of men; He sees their every step." (Job 34:27, NIV)

August 23 – 2 Chronicles 18:12, 13

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Meanwhile, the messenger who sent to get Micaiah whispered, "Micaiah, all the prophets have good news for Ahab. Now go and say the same thing." Micaiah replied, "I'll say whatever the living Lord my God tells me to say."

"Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth." (Jer. 1:8, 9, NIV)

August 24 – 2 Chronicles 24:24

The Syrian army was very small, but the Lord let them defeat Judah's large army, because He was punishing Joash and the people of Judah for turning away from Him.

"And you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproofed by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.'" (Hebrews 12:5, 6, NASB)

August 25 – 2 Chronicles 28:22

Even after all these terrible things happened to Ahaz, he sinned against the Lord even worse than before.

"If you remain hostile toward Me and refuse to listen to Me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve." (Lev. 26, 21, NIV)

August 26 -2 Chronicles 32:7, 8

"Be brave and confident! There's no reason to be afraid of King Sennacherib and his powerful army. We are much more powerful, because the Lord our God fights on our side. The Assyrians must rely on human power alone." These words encouraged the army of Judah.

"You armed me with strength for battle; You made my adversaries bow at my feet. You made my enemies turn their backs in flight, and I destroyed my foes." (Ps. 18:39, 40, NIV)

August 27 -2 Chronicles 32:22

The Lord rescued Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem from Sennacherib and also protected them from other enemies.

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"They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; He rescued me because He delighted in me." (Ps. 18:18, 19, NIV)

August 28 -Ezra 7:10

Ezra had spent his entire life studying and obeying the law of the Lord and teaching it to others.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15, NASB)

August 29 -Ezra 8:21

Beside the Ahava River, I asked the people to go without eating and to pray. We humbled ourselves and asked God to bring us and our children safely to Jerusalem with all of our possessions.

"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." (Matt. 7:7, NASB)

August 30 -Ezra 10: 1

While Ezra was down on his knees in front of God's temple, praying with tears in his eyes and confessing the sins of the people of Israel, a large number of men, women, and children gathered around him and cried bitterly.

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hand, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom." (James 4:8, 9, NASB)

August 31 -Ezra 10:4

"Ezra, it's up to you to do something! We will support whatever you do. So be brave!"

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58, NASB)

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September 1 -Nehemiah 1:5

"Lord God of heaven, You are great and fearsome. And You faithfully keep Your promises to everyone who loves You and obeys Your commands."

"May the word of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Ps. 19:14, NIV)

September 2 -Nehemiah 2:20

I answered, "We are servants of the God who rules from heaven, and He will make our work succeed."

"Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember Your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, You were angry. How then can we be saved?" (Isaiah 64:4, 5, NIV)

September 3 -Nehemiah 4:10

Meanwhile, the people of Judah were singing a sorrowful song: "So much rubble for us to haul! Worn out and weary, will we ever finish this wall?"

"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary." (Gal. 6:9, NASB)

September 4 -Nehemiah 5:19

I pray that God will bless me for everything I have done for my people.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Rom. 8:18, NASB)

September 5 -Nehemiah 6:16

When our enemies in the surrounding nations learned that the work was finished, they felt helpless, because they knew that our God had helped us rebuild the wall.

"When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below." (Josh. 2:11, NIV)

September 6 -Nehemiah 8:6

Ezra praised the great Lord God, and the people shouted, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed with their faces to the ground and worshiped the Lord.

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*"May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in His work."
(Psalm 104:31, NIV)*

September 7 – Nehemiah 9:3

For three hours they stood and listened to the Law of the Lord their God, and then for the next three hours they confessed their sins and worshipped the Lord.

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, and weeping and mourning." (Joel 2:12, NIV)

September 8 – Esther 4:14

"If you don't speak up now, we will somehow get help, but you and your family will be killed. It could be that you were made queen for a time like this!"

"You intended to harm me, but God intended for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Gen. 50:20, NIV)

September 9 – Job 1:20, 21

When Job heard this, he tore his clothes and shaved his head because of his great sorrow. He knelt on the ground, then worshipped God and said: "We bring nothing at birth; we take nothing with us at death. The Lord alone gives and takes. Praise the name of the Lord!"

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that also at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exultation." (1 Peter 4:12, 13 NASB)

September 10 – Job 1:22

In spite of everything, Job did not sin or accuse God of doing wrong.

"Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done." (Luke 22:42, NASB)

September 11 -Job 3:26

"I have no peace or rest -only troubles and worries."

"For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves in

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order that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead.” (2 Cor. 1:8, 7, NASB)

September 12-Job 5:8, 9

"Job, if I were you, I would ask God for help. His miracles are marvelous, more than we can count."

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jer. 33:3, NIV)

September 13 -Job 6:10

"Then I would be comforted, knowing that in all of my pain I have never disobeyed God."

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted God." (2Cor 1:3, 4, NASB)

September 14 -Job 11:13

"Surrender your heart to God, turn to Him in prayer."

"You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; You encourage them, and You listen to their cry." (Ps. 10:17, NIV)

September 15 -Job 12:13

"But God is the real source of wisdom and strength."

"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding." (Prov. 3:13, NIV)

September 16 – Job 13:15

"God may kill me, but still I will trust Him and offer my defense."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

September 17 – Job 14:5

"Our time on earth is brief; the number of our days is already decided by You."

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12, NIV)

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September 18 – Job 17:1

"My hopes have died, my time is up, and the grave is ready."

"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. for momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison." (2 Cor. 4:16, 17, NASB)

September 19 – Job 19:25

"I know that my Savior lives, and at the end He will stand on this earth."

"The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!" (Psalm 18:46, NIV)

September 20 – Job 19:26, 27

"My flesh may be destroyed, yet from this body I will see God. Yes, I will see him for myself, and I long for that moment."

"According to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death." (Phil. 1:20, NASB)

September 21 -Job 23:10

"But He knows what I am doing, and when He tests me, I will be pure as gold."

"See, I have refined you, though not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction." (Isaiah 48:10, 11, NIV)

September 22 -Job 30:16

"I am sick at heart! Pain has taken its toll."

"For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, 'Do not fear; I will help you.'" (Isaiah 41:13, NIV)

September 23 -Job 31:1, 2

"I promised myself never to stare with desire at a young woman. God All-Powerful punishes men who do that."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." (Matt.5:27, 28, NASB)

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September 24 -Job 33:14

"God speaks in different ways, and we don't always recognize his voice."

"The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for Your servant is listening.'" (1 Sam. 3:10, NIV)

September 25 -Job 34:21

"God watches everything we do."

"My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from Me, nor is their sin concealed from My eyes." (Jer. 6:17, NIV)

September 26 – Job 36:15

"Hard times and trouble are God's way of getting out attention!"

"So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him." (Jer. 18:3, 4, NIV)

September 27 – Job 38:1, 2

From out of a storm, the Lord said to Job: "Why do you talk so much when you know so little?"

"But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent before Him." (Hab. 2:20, NIV)

September 28 – Job 42:1, 2

Job said: "No one can oppose You, because You have the power to do what You want."

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?"

September 29 – Job 42:5, 6

"I heard about you from others; now I have seen You with my own eyes. That's why I hate myself and sit here in dust and ashes to show my sorrow."

"'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.'" (Isaiah 6:5, NIV)

September 30 – Job 42:10

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After Job had prayed for his three friends, the Lord made Job twice as rich as he had been before.

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us." (Eph. 3:20, NASB)

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October 1 -Psalm 1:6

The Lord protects everyone who follows Him, but the wicked follow a road that leads to ruin.

"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it." (Matt. 7:13, NASB)

October 2 -Psalm 4:3

The Lord has chosen everyone who is faithful to be His very own, and He answers our prayers.

"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession." (Deut. 7:6, NIV)

October 3 -Psalm 4:8

I can lie down and sleep soundly because You, Lord, will keep me safe.

"I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn against me on every side." (Psalm 3:5, 6, NIV)

October 4 -Psalm 5:3

Each morning You listen to my prayer, as I bring my requests to You and wait for Your reply.

"And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there." (Mark 1:35, NASB)

October 5 -Psalm 5:12

Our Lord, You bless those who live right, and You shield them with Your kindness.

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"But whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm." (Prov. 1:33, NIV)

October 6 – Psalm 7:10

You, God, are my shield, the protector of everyone whose heart is right.

"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me," declares the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17, NIV)

October 7 – Psalm 7:17

I will praise You, Lord! You always do right. I will sing about You, the Lord Most High.

"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God." (Col. 3:16, NASB)

October 8 – Psalm 8:9

Our Lord and Ruler, Your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!

"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6, NIV)

October 9 – Psalm 9:1

I will praise You, Lord, with all my heart and tell about the wonders You have worked.

"...God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will." (Heb. 2:4, NASB)

October 10 – Psalm 9:10

Everyone who honors Your name can trust You, because You are faithful to all who depend on You.

"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." (Lam. 3:22, 23, NIV)

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October 11 -Psalm 10:17

You listen to the longings of those who suffer. You offer them hope, and You pay attention to their cries for help.

"For what credit is there if when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God. For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps." (1 Peter 2:20, 21, NASB)

October 12 -Psalm 13:5, 6

I trust Your love, and I feel like celebrating because You rescued me. You have been good to me, Lord, and I will sing about You.

"He brought me out into a spacious space; He rescued me because He delighted in me." (2Sam 22:20, NIV)

October 13 -Psalm 16:1, 2

Protect me, Lord God! I run to You for safety, and I have said, "Only You are my Lord! Every good thing I have is a gift from You."

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chick under her wings, and you were unwilling." (Matt. 23:37, NASB)

October 14 -Psalm 16:5, 6

You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and You keep me safe. You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright.

"Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His glory and excellence." (2 Peter 1:3, NASB)

October 15 -Psalm 16:7

I praise you, Lord, for being my guide. Even in the darkest night, Your teachings fill my mind.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8, NIV)

October 16 -Psalm 16:11

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You have shown me the path to life, and You make me glad by being near to me. Sitting at Your right side, I will always be joyful.

"The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day." (Prov. 4:18, NIV)

October 17 -Psalm 18:1, 2

I love You, Lord God, and You make me strong. You are my mighty rock, my fortress, my protector and the rock where I am safe. You are my shield, my powerful weapon and my place of shelter.

"In order that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have strong encouragement, we who have fled for refuge in laying hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil." (Heb. 6:18, 19, NASB)

October 18 -Psalm 18:25, 26

You are always loyal to Your loyal people, and You are faithful to the faithful. With all who are sincere, You are sincere, but You treat the unfaithful as their deeds deserve.

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life." (Gal. 6:7, 8, NASB)

October 19 -Psalm 18:30-32

Your way is perfect, Lord, and Your word is correct. You are a shield for those who run to You for help. You alone are God! Only You are a mighty rock. You give me strength and guide me right.

"This is what the Lord says -your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: 'I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.'" (Isaiah 48:17, NIV)

October 20 -Psalm 18:46

You are the living Lord! I will praise You. You are a mighty rock. I will honor You for keeping me safe.

"Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the

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sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen." (Heb. 13:20, 21, NASB)

October 21 -Psalm 19:7

The Law of the Lord is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people.

"Then Your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my hearts delight, for I bear Your name, O Lord God Almighty." (Jer. 15:16, NIV)

October 22 -Psalm 19:8

The Lord's instruction is right; it makes our hearts glad. His commands shine brightly, and they give us light.

"The unfolding of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." (Psalm 119:130, NIV)

October 23 – Psalm 19:11

By your teachings, Lord, I am warned; by obeying them, I am greatly rewarded.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105, NIV)

October 24 – Psalm 19:13

Don't let me do wrong on purpose, Lord or let sin have control over my life. Then I will be innocent, and not guilty of some terrible fault.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 119:23, 24, NIV)

October 25 – Psalm 19:14

Let me words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, Lord, because you are my mighty rock and my protector.

"Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for Your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in Your truth." (Psalm 26:2, 3, NIV)

October 26 – Psalm 20:4

May God do what you want most and let all go well for you.

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“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; 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)

October 27 – Psalm 23:1, 2

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life.

“He tends His flock like a shepherd; He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.” (Isaiah 40:11, NIV)

October 28 -Psalm 24:1

The earth and everything on it belong to the Lord. The world and its people belong to Him.

“For Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.” (Col. 1:16, 17, NASB)

October 29 -Psalm 25:4, 5

Show me Your paths and teach me to follow; guide me by Your truth and instruct me. You keep me safe, and I always trust You.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Prov. 3:5, 6, NIV)

October 30 -Psalm 25:9

You lead humble people to do what is right and to stay on your path.

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’ But you said, ‘We will not walk in it.’” (Jer. 6:16, NIV)

October 31 -Psalm 26:2, 3

Test my thoughts and find out what I am like. I never forget your kindness, and I am always faithful to you.

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“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12, NASB)

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November 1- Psalm 27:1

You, Lord, are the light that keeps me safe. I am not afraid of anyone. You protect me, and I have no fears.

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Heb. 4:12, NASB)

November 2- Psalm 28:6

I praise You, Lord, for answer my prayers.

“Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24, NIV)

November 3 – Psalm 28:7

You are my strong shield, and I trust You completely. You have helped me, and I will celebrate and thank You in song.

“Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father...” (Eph. 5:19, 20, NASB)

November 4 – Psalm 29:11

Pray that our Lord will make us strong and give us peace.

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:13, NASB)

November 5 – Psalm 31:33

You, Lord God, are my mighty rock and my fortress. Lead me and guide me, so that Your name will be honored.

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"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." (Psalm 23:1-3, NIV)

November 6 -Psalm 31:19

You are wonderful, and while everyone watches, You store up blessings for all who honor and trust You.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (Mal 3:10, NIV)

November 7 -Psalm 32:7

You are my hiding place! You protect me from trouble, and You put songs in my heart because You have saved me.

"And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude and as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. '" (Rev.19:6, 7, NASB)

November 8 -Psalm 32:8

You said to me, "I will point out the road that you should follow. I will be your teacher and watch over you."

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" (Isaiah 30:21, NIV)

November 9 -Psalm 34:4, 5

I asked the Lord for help, and He saved me from all my fears. Keep your eyes on the Lord! You will shine like the sun and never blush with shame.

"Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame." (Isaiah 50:7, NIV)

November 10 – Psalm 34:15

If you obey the Lord, He will watch over you and answer your prayers.

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“And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” (John 14:313 – 15, NASB)

November 11- Psalm 34:18

The Lord is there to rescue all who are discouraged and have given up hope.

“You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.” (2 Chron. 20:17, NIV)

November 12 – Psalm 34:19

The Lord’s people may suffer a lot, but He will always bring them safely through.

“And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” (1 Peter 5:10, NASB)

November 13 – Psalm 35:28

Then I will shout all day, “Praise the Lord God! He did what was right.”

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.” (Rev. 22:12 NASB)

November 14 – Psalm 36:7

Your love is a treasure, and everyone finds shelter in the shadow of Your wings.

“Because You are my help, I sing in the shadow of Your wings. My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.” (Psalm 63:7, 8, NIV)

November 15 -Psalm 37:3, 4

Trust the Lord and live right! The land will be yours, and you will be safe. Do what the Lord wants, and He will give you your heart's desire.

“But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.” (1 Sam. 12:24)

November 16 -Psalm 37:5, 6

Let the Lord lead you and trust Him to help. Then it will be as clear as the noonday sun that you were right.

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"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding, but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you." (Psalm 32:8, 9, NIV)

November 17 -Psalm 37:18

Those who obey the Lord are daily in His care, and what He has given them will be theirs forever.

"Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you." (1Peter 5:7, NASB)

November 18 -Psalm 37:23, 24

If you do what the Lord wants, He will make certain each step you take is sure. The Lord will hold your hand, and if you stumble, you still won't fall.

"It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect." (2 Sam. 22:33, NIV)

November 19 -Psalm 37:39

The Lord protects His people, and they can come to Him in times of trouble.

"And call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me." (Psalm 50:15, NIV)

November 20 – Psalm 38:15

I trust You, Lord God, and You will do something.

"Great are Your purposes and mighty are Your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; You reward everyone according to this conduct and as his deeds deserve." (Jer. 32:19, NIV)

November 21 – Psalm 40:1-3

I patiently waited, Lord, for You to hear my prayer. You listened and pulled me from a lonely pit full of mud and mire. You let me stand on a rock with my feet firm, and You gave me a new song, a song of praise to You. Many will see this, and they will honor and trust You, the Lord God.

"He reached down from on high and took hold of me; He drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me." (2 Sam. 22:17, 18, NIV)

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November 22 – Psalm 40:5

You, Lord God, have done many wonderful things, and You have planned marvelous things for us. No one is like you! I would never be able to tell all You have done.

“But just as it is written, ‘Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.’ (1 Cor. 2:9, NASB)

November 23 – Psalm 40:17

I am poor and needy, but, Lord God, You care about me, and You come to my rescue. Please hurry and help.

“O Lord listen! O Lord forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, O my God, do not delay, because Your city and Your people bear Your name.” (Daniel 9:19, NIV)

November 24 -Psalm 42:1, 2

As a deer gets thirsty for streams of water, I truly am thirsty for You, my God. In my heart, I am thirsty for You, the living God. When will I see Your face?

“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.” (Rev. 22:17, NASB)

November 25 -Psalm 42:5

Why am I discouraged? Why am I restless? I trust You! And I will praise You again because You help me.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:6, 7, NASB)

November 26 -Psalm 51:2

Wash me clean from all of my sin and guilt.

“Come now, let us reason together, ”says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.” (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)

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November 27 -Psalm 51:10

Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again.

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.” (Phil. 4:8, NASB)

November 28 – Psalm 55:6

I wish I had wings like a dove, so I could fly far away and be at peace.

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast.” (Psalm 139:7-10, NIV)

November 29 – Psalm 55:22

Our Lord, we belong to You We tell You what worries us, and You won't let us fall.

“The Lord will fulfill [His purpose] for me; Your love, O Lord, endures forever – do not abandon the works of Your hands.” (Psalm 138:8, NIV)

November 30 – Psalm 57:5

May You, my God, be honored about the heavens; may Your glory be seen everywhere on earth.

“Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil. 2:9-11, NASB)

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December 1 – Psalm 60:5

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Answer our prayers! Use Your powerful arm and give us victory. Then the people you love will be safe.

"I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me? (Jer. 32:27, NIV)

December 2 -Psalm 62:5, 6

Only God gives inward peace, and I depend on Him. God alone is the mighty rock that keeps me safe, and He is the fortress where I feel secure.

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is the Rock eternal." (Isaiah 26:3, 4, NIV)

December 3 -Psalm 63:1

You are my God. I worship You. In my heart, I long for You, as I would long for a stream in a scorching desert.

"O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt you and praise Your name, for in perfect faithfulness You have done marvelous things, things planned long ago. " (Isaiah. 25:1, NIV)

December 4 -Psalm 63:3

Your love means more than life to me, and I praise You.

"For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that One died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." (2 Cor. 5:14, 15, NASB)

December 5 -Psalm 63:5

I will sing joyful praises and be filled with excitement like a guest at a banquet.

"And he said to me, 'Write, "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."' And he said to me, "These are true words of God."' (Rev.19:9, NASB)

December 6 -Psalm 65:11

Wherever Your footsteps touch the earth, a rich harvest is gathered.

"By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." (John 15:8, NASB)

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December 7 – Psalm 69:1, 2

Save me, God! I am about to drown. I am sinking deep in the mud, and my feet are slipping. I am about to be swept under by a mighty flood.

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 8:38, 39, NASB)

December 8 – Psalm 69:3

I am worn out from crying, and my throat is dry. I have waited for You till my eyes are blurred.

“And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” (Rev. 21:4, NASB)

December 9 – Psalm 69:13

But I pray to You, Lord. So when the time is right, answer me and help me with Your wonderful love.

“And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.” (1 John 5:14, 15, NASB)

December 10 – Psalm 69:16

Answer me, Lord! You are kind and good. Pay attention to me! You are truly merciful.

“And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” (Rom. 8:26, 27, NASB)

December 11-Psalm 69:17

Don't turn away from me. I am Your servant, and I am in trouble. Please hurry and help!

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"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deut. 31:8, NIV)

December 12 -Psalm 69:30

I will praise the Lord God with a song and a thankful heart.

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:4, 5, NIV)

December 13 -Psalm 70:5

I am poor and needy, but You, the Lord God, care about me. You are the one who saves me. Please hurry and help!

"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19, NASB)

December 14 -Psalm 71:9

Don't throw me aside when I am old; don't desert me when my strength is gone.

"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." (Isaiah 46:4, NIV)

December 15 -Psalm 71:12

Come closer, God! Please hurry and help.

"The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!'" (Deut. 33:27, NASB)

December 16 – Psalm 71:14

I will never give up hope or stop praising You.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:13, NASB)

December 17 – Psalm 71:15

All day long I will tell the wonderful things You do to save Your people. But You have done much more than I could possibly know.

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“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” (Eph. 3:20, 21, NASB)

December 18 – Psalm 71:16

I will praise You, Lord God, for Your mighty deeds and Your power to save.

“Strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. For He delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.” (Col. 1:11-13, NASB)

December 19 – Psalm 17:18

Don't leave me when I am old and my hair turns gray. Let me tell future generations about Your mighty power.

“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age; they will stay fresh and green.” (Psalm 92:12-14, NIV)

December 20 – Psalm 73:23, 24

But I never really left You, and You hold my right hand. Your advice has been my guide, and later You will welcome me in glory.

“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you.’” (Isaiah 41:13, NIV)

December 21 – Psalm 73:25, 26

In heaven I have only You, and on this earth You are all I want. My body and mind may fail, but You are my strength and my choice forever.

“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” (2 Cor. 4:16-18, NASB)

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December 22 – Psalm 75:1

Our God, we thank You for being so near to us! Everyone celebrates Your wonderful deeds.

"The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'"
(Exodus 33:14, NIV)

December 23 – Psalm 79:9

Our God, you keep me safe. Now help us! Rescue us. Forgive our sins and bring honor to Yourself.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace." (Eph. 1:7, NASB)

December 24 -Psalm 80:3

Our God, make us strong again! Smile on us and save us.

"And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may dwell in me." (2 Cor. 12:9, NASB)

December 25 -Psalm 84:11

Our Lord and our God, You are like the sun and also like a shield. You treat us with kindness and with honor, never denying any good thing to those who live right.

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15, NASB)

December 26 -Psalm 84:12

Lord God All-Powerful, You bless everyone who trusts You.

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. '" (Matt. 28:18-20, NASB)

December 27 -Psalm 85:7

Show us Your love and save us!

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever

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believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16, NASB)

December 28 – Psalm 86:1, 2

Please listen, Lord, and answer my prayer! I am poor and helpless. Protect me and save me because You are my God. I am Your faithful servant, and I trust You.

"Do not be afraid of the, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put My words in your mouth." (Jer. 1:8, 9, NIV)

December 29 – Psalm 86: 4, 5

Make my heart glad! I serve You, and my prayer is sincere. You willingly forgive, and Your love is always there for those who pray to You.

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that our joy may be made full." (John 15:11, NASB)

December 30 – Psalm 86:11

Teach me to follow You, and I will obey Your truths. Always keep me faithful.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Tim. 4:7, 8, NASB)

December 31- Psalm 90:12, 16

Teach us to use wisely all the time that we have. Do wonderful things for us, Your servants, and show Your mighty power to our children.

"And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Rom. 13: 11, 12, NASB)

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3. **Sponsor a couples' weekend.** There is no need to wait for our spring Kaleo and Summer's Mill conferences. The Ministries is able to provide materials and speakers for interested groups throughout the year.
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– 2 Corinthians 1:12 (TLB)

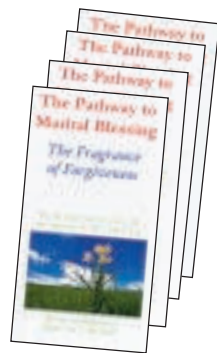


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