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## JANUARY

**January 1— Jeremiah 1:4, 5**

**The word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”**

*Lord, what a great joy this brings at the beginning of the new year, that you are so intimately involved in my life.*

**January 2— Jeremiah 1:8, 9**

**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.”**

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*Lord, may the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight.*

**January 3— Jeremiah 2:13**

**“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.”**

*Lord, I am here at Your spring this morning satisfying my spiritual thirst.*

**January 4— Jeremiah 3:22**

**“Return, faithless people; I will cure you of backsliding. Yes, we will come to you, for you are the Lord our God.”**

*Lord, You and You alone, are the desire of my heart.*

**January 5— Jeremiah 4:14**

**O Jerusalem, wash the evil from your heart and be saved. How long will you harbor wicked thoughts?**

*Search me, O God, and know my heart, and know my thoughts.*

**January 6— Jeremiah 4:18**

**“Your own conduct and actions have brought this upon you. This is your punishment. How bitter it is! How it pierces to the heart!”**

*Lord, I am reminded of the law of the harvest, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

**January 7— Jeremiah 4:22**

**“My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.”**

*Lord, my desire is to get to know you better and better, that I might understand more fully your plan and purpose for my life.*

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**January 8— Jeremiah 6:16**

**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.’”**

*Lord, I want the ancient path, I want the good way, and I have found the rest for my soul.*

**January 9— Jeremiah 8:20**

**“The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.”**

*Lord, my prayer for today is that you will lead me to some souls that are ripe for harvest.*

**January 10— Jeremiah 9:23, 24**

**This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.**

*Lord, may I be characterized by the three things that bring delight to your heart, that is: Kindness, Justice, and Righteousness.*

**January 11— Jeremiah 10:6**

**No one is like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.**

*Lord, my heart bows in worship, praising You because You are great and Your name is mighty in power.*

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**January 12— Jeremiah 10:23**

**I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps.**

*Lord, since I belong to You, my prayer this day is for the guidance of your spirit.*

**January 13— Jeremiah 10:24**

**Correct me, Lord, but only with justice – not in your anger, lest you reduce me to nothing.**

*Lord, I am Your son, so discipline me as You see fit.*

**January 14— Jeremiah 12:5**

**“If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?”**

*Lord, I am claiming Your promise to Isaiah, that “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”.*

**January 15— Jeremiah 14:7**

**Although our sins testify against us, O Lord, do something for the sake of your name. For our backsliding is great; we have sinned against you.**

*Lord, with the psalmist David I would pray: “Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all iniquity.”*

**January 16— Jeremiah 15:16**

**When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty.**

*Lord, Your word is my joy and my heart's delight.*

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**January 17— Jeremiah 16:17**

**My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.**

*Lord, I am comforted this day by the words of Proverbs 28:13 "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy."*

**January 18— 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; it's leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.**

*Lord, according to the psalmist, if I delight in Your word and meditate on it day and night, I am going to be like a tree planted by streams of water which yields it's fruit in season.*

**January 19— Jeremiah 17:9**

**The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?**

*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.*

**January 20— Jeremiah 17:10**

**"I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."**

*Lord, I long for You to search my heart and examine my mind, because I want to bring You joy and delight this day.*

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**January 21— Jeremiah 18:6**

**“O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.”**

*Lord, mold me and make me after Your will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

**January 22— Jeremiah 20:9**

**But if I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.**

*Lord, Your word is in my heart, so my prayer is for You to make me sensitive to the opportunities to proclaim Your truth.*

**January 23— Jeremiah 20:12**

**O Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.**

*Lord, thank You that You care enough to examine and to probe the heart and the mind. I place myself in Your hands to do that this day.*

**January 24— Jeremiah 23:22**

**But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds.**

*Lord, help me to be faithful this day, to proclaim Your word, knowing that it will not return to You empty, but it will accomplish what You desire.*

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**January 25— Jeremiah 23:29**

**“Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”**

*Lord, thank You that Your word is like a purifying fire and like a hammer that breaks the rock of our resistance. I ask You Lord to use Your word in my life this day.*

**January 26— Jeremiah 24:7**

**I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.**

*Lord, with the apostle Paul, “I am counting all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord.”*

**January 27— Jeremiah 27:5**

**With my great power and outstretched arm I made the earth and its people and the animals that are on it, and I give it to anyone I please.**

*Lord, thank You for the joy that comes when we acknowledge You as the Creator of all things, and that apart from You nothing has come into being that has come into being.*

**January 28— Jeremiah 29:11**

**“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.”**

*Lord it is so exciting to know that You have a wonderful plan and purpose for my life. It is my desire to know and experience that plan and purpose.*

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**January 29— Jeremiah 29:12, 13**

**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.**

*Lord, I am before You this day in prayer, and I am seeking You with all of my heart.*

**January 30— Jeremiah 31:3**

**The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.”**

*Lord, it was Your love in the past to save me, it is Your love in the present that sustains me, and it is Your love in the future that will take me safely home.*

**January 31— Jeremiah 31:25**

**“I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.”**

*Lord, refresh my weary body and satisfy my fainting heart.*

## **FEBRUARY**

**February 1— Jeremiah 31:33**

**“This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”**

*Lord, Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.*

**February 2— 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.”**

*Lord, thank You for the joy this promise brings that there is nothing too hard for You to take care of in my life.*

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**February 3— Jeremiah 32:19**

**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.**

*Lord, it is a wonderful thought, to know that You have Your eye upon me this day.*

**February 4— Jeremiah 32:26, 27**

**Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: “I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”**

*Lord, I rejoice in the awareness that all things are possible with You.*

**February 5— Jeremiah 32:33**

**They turned their backs to me and not their faces; though I taught them again and again, they would not listen or respond to discipline.**

*Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening, and do in my life whatever is necessary to make me more like Your Son.*

**February 6— Jeremiah 32:38, 39**

**They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them.**

*Lord, I would ask of You this day for a singleness of heart and action.*

**February 7— Jeremiah 32:40, 41**

**I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.**

*Lord, it means so much to know that You find joy in doing good for us.*

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**February 8— Jeremiah 33:3**

**“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.”**

*Lord, thank You for the access and audience that we have available to us 24 hours a day.*

**February 9— Jeremiah 33:8**

**I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.**

*Lord, this verse reminds me of 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

**February 10— Jeremiah 46:3, 4**

**“Prepare your shields, both large and small, and march out for battle! Harness the horses, mount the steeds! Take your positions with helmets on! Polish your spears, put on your armor!”**

*Paul told the Ephesians in Ephesians 6:11 “Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”*

**February 11— Jeremiah 50:25**

**The Lord has opened his arsenal and brought out the weapons of his wrath, for the Sovereign Lord Almighty has work to do in the land of the Babylonians.**

*Lord, I am reminded again of the weapons of your wrath in the Seal, the Trumpet, and the Bowl Judgments in the Book of Revelation.*

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**February 12— Lamentations 3:22, 23**

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassion's never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.**

*Lord, with Jeremiah, I too praise thee this day, with these words: "Great is Your faithfulness".*

**February 13— Lamentations 3:24**

**I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."**

*Lord, You are my portion, and I am waiting before You this day.*

**February 14— Lamentations 3:25**

**The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;**

*Lord, my hope is in You and You alone, and at the beginning of this day, I am seeking Your face.*

**February 15— Lamentations 3:26**

**It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

*Lord, knowing that Your timing is always perfect, I am waiting quietly before Thee.*

**February 16— Lamentations 3:27**

**It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.**

*Lord, I woke up to yoke up, use me however You would desire to do so. I am totally available.*

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**February 17— Lamentations 3:32**

**Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.**

*Lord, I am reminded of Hebrews 12:11: "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful, yet to those who have been trained by it afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."*

**February 18— Lamentations 3:33**

**For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.**

*This verse brings to mind Hebrews 12:7: "It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline!"*

**February 19— Lamentations 3:40**

**Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.**

*Lord, thank You for the reminder that we can avoid needless pain and judgment by examining and testing our ways before You.*

**February 20— Lamentations 3:41, 42**

**Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven, and say: "We have sinned and rebelled and you have not forgiven."**

*Lord, thank You for the promise that You are close to the brokenhearted and You save those who are crushed in spirit.*

**February 21— Lamentations 3:57**

**You came near when I called you, and you said, "Do not fear."**

*Lord, thank You that Your eyes are on the righteous, and Your ears are attentive to their cry.*

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**February 22— Ezekiel 2:7**

**You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.**

*Lord, I am ready and available to speak Your word today. Fill my mouth with Your message.*

**February 23— Ezekiel 3:10**

**And he said to me, “Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you.**

*Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.*

**February 24— Ezekiel 3:18**

**“When I say to a wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.”**

*Lord, I want to be a clean, clear channel for Your word this day to a lost and dying world.*

**February 25— Ezekiel 3:19**

**But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself.**

*Lord, this reminds me today that I am to stay focused on the communication of the message, not being concerned about the response to it.*

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**February 26— Ezekiel 11:19, 20**

**I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.**

*Lord, I am ready and available for all that You have promised in these verses.*

**February 27— Ezekiel 12:28**

**“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.’”**

*Lord, thank You for Paul’s words to the Thessalonians: “Faithful is the One who is calling you, who also will do it.”*

**February 28— Ezekiel 15:8**

**“I will make the land desolate because they have been unfaithful, declares the Sovereign Lord.”**

*Lord, You have reminded me this morning of the precarious circumstances America faces because of her unfaithfulness.*

## **MARCH**

**March 1— Ezekiel 16:59**

**“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will deal with you as you deserve, because you have despised my oath by breaking the covenant.**

*Lord, I am reminded of the words in Hebrews 10:31: “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”*

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**March 2— Ezekiel 18:4**

**For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son – both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.**

*Paul's words to the Romans in chapter 6, verse 23 comes to mind this morning: "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**March 3— Ezekiel 18:31**

**Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, O house of Israel?**

*Lord, my desire is to rid myself of anything that offends You, so that with a new heart and a new spirit I might worship You.*

**March 4— Ezekiel 22:14**

**Will your courage endure or your hands be strong in the day I deal with you? I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.**

*Lord, whatever it takes, my supreme desire is to bring You joy and delight.*

**March 5— Ezekiel 22:30**

**"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none.**

*Lord, my desire this morning is expressed in Colossians 1:10: "So that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."*

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**March 6— Ezekiel 24:14**

**“I the Lord have spoken. The time has come for me to act. I will not hold back; I will not have pity, nor will I relent. You will be judged according to your conduct and your actions, declares the Sovereign Lord.”**

*My thoughts this morning go to 1 Peter 4:17: “For it is time for judgment to being with the household of God if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”*

**March 7— Ezekiel 33:7**

**“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me.**

*Lord, teach me more and more of Your word, that I might faithfully warn this generation.*

**March 8— Ezekiel 33:11**

**Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’**

*Lord, I am reminded of 2 Peter 3:9 this morning: “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

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**March 9— Ezekiel 33:31**

**My people come to you, as they usually do, and sit before you to listen to your words, but they do not put them into practice. With their mouths they express devotion, but their hearts are greedy for unjust gain.**

*Lord, the words of James come to my attention this morning: "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves."*

**March 10— Ezekiel 34:11**

**"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them."**

*Lord, my mind goes back to Psalm 23 this morning: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing."*

**March 11— Ezekiel 34:15, 16**

**I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.**

*Lord, my thoughts remain in Psalm 23: "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."*

**March 12— Ezekiel 38:23**

**And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the Lord.'**

*Lord, I worship and praise You this day for Your greatness and holiness.*

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**March 13— Ezekiel 39:8**

**It is coming! It will surely take place, declares the Sovereign Lord. This is the day I have spoken of.**

*Lord, my thoughts turn to Revelation 22:12 this morning: "Behold, I am coming quickly and My reward is with Me to render to every man according to what he has done."*

**March 14— Daniel 1:8**

**But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.**

*Lord, I recall 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18 this morning: "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate", says the Lord, "and do not touch what is unclean, and I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me", says the Lord Almighty."*

**March 15— Daniel 2:20, 21**

**And said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.**

*Lord, I would lift up Your Name in praise for Your wisdom, Your strength, and Your sovereignty.*

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**March 16— Daniel 3:16-18**

**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”**

*Lord, thank You that sometimes You deliver us from the fiery furnace and other times You go with us through it. Whatever You choose is best for me.*

**March 17— Daniel 3:25**

**He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”**

*Lord, thank You for Your words to Moses in Exodus 3:14: “My presence will go with you and I will give you rest.”*

**March 18— Daniel 4:37**

**Now, I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.**

*Lord, I am reminded of the question in Genesis 18:25 “Will not the judge of all the earth do right?” The answer is “Yes Lord, You never make a mistake.”*

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**March 19— Daniel 5:17**

**Then Daniel answered the king, “You may keep your gifts for yourself and give your rewards to someone else. Nevertheless, I will read the writing for the king and tell him what it means.**

*Lord, thank You, that we do not have to turn to these satanic substitutes, but we can trust in the Lord with all of our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all our ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make our paths straight.*

**March 20— Daniel 6:10**

**Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.**

*The words of Peter in Acts 4:19, 20 come to mind: “But Peter and John answered and said to them, ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge. For we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard.’”*

**March 21— Daniel 7:14**

**He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.**

*Lord, those words in Revelation 19 come to my mind this morning: “Hallelujah! For the Lord, our God, the Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him!”*

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**March 22— Daniel 9:3**

**So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.**

*Lord, my passion for this day is to pray and to petition with such intensity that the result might be a mighty moving of Your spirit.*

**March 23— Daniel 9:19**

**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."**

*Lord, I come to You with the prayer of Daniel on my lips: "O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act!"*

**March 24— Daniel 12:3**

**Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.**

*Lord, Your words in the Sermon on the Mount are in my thoughts this day: "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father, who is in heaven."*

**March 25— Hosea 10:12**

**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.**

*Lord, break up the unplowed ground, because I want to be good soil that will bring forth much fruit.*

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**March 26— Micah 6:8**

**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.**

*Lord, my desire is to act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with You.*

**March 27— Micah 7:18, 19**

**Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.**

*Lord, I rejoice in Your great mercy that provides pardon and forgiveness for all of my sin.*

**March 28— Nahum 1:7**

**The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.**

*Lord, You are good, You are a great refuge in trouble, and thank You that You care for those who trust in You.*

**March 29— Habakkuk 3:17, 18**

**Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.**

*Lord, no matter what happens, I will rejoice in You, I will be joyful in God, my Savior.*

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**March 30— Zephaniah 3:17**

**The Lord you 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.”**

*Lord, thank You for Your presence and Your power to save. Lord, I want to be a great delight to You. I want to have You quiet my heart with Your love, and I want to make You sing.*

**March 31— Malachi 4:6**

**He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”**

*Lord, my prayer for the broken families in our land this day, is that You might turn the hearts of the fathers’ to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.*

## **APRIL**

**April 1— Matthew 1:21**

**“And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.”**

*Thank You Father for sending Your Son to save us from our sins.*

**April 2— Matthew 4:4**

**But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’”**

*Thy words were found and I did eat them and Thy word was the joy and rejoicing of my heart.*

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**April 3— Matthew 5:3**

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

*Father, thank You for the reminder that You bless the spirit of brokenness.*

**April 4— Matthew 5:4**

**“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”**

*You are the God of comfort and You are there to comfort us in our difficulties.*

**April 5— Matthew 5:5**

**“Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”**

*You highly prize the gentle and quiet spirit in Your children.*

**April 6— Matthew 5:6**

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”**

*Father, intensify my appetite for those things that bring You pleasure.*

**April 7— Matthew 5:7**

**“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”**

*This is a good reminder of the law of the harvest, what we sow we will reap.*

**April 8— Matthew 5:8**

**“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”**

*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

**April 9— Matthew 5:9**

**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”**

*The work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.*

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**April 10— Matthew 5:10**

**“Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

*To this you were called because Christ suffered for you leaving you an example that you should follow in His steps.*

**April 11— Matthew 5:11, 12**

**“Blessed are you when men revile you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

*Thank You for telling us that in this world we can expect trouble but You have overcome the world.*

**April 12— Matthew 5:13**

**“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.”**

*Lord, help me make people thirst for the Living Water today.*

**April 13— Matthew 5:14**

**“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.”**

*Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens and those who lead many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.*

**April 14— Matthew 5:16**

**“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”**

*Lord, I want to let my light shine so others can see my good deeds and glorify You.*

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**April 15— Matthew 5:20**

**“For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”**

*Lord, I am dressed in Your righteousness alone, faultless to stand before Your throne.*

**April 16— Matthew 5:23, 24**

**“If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.”**

*Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.*

**April 17— Matthew 6:19-21**

**“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”**

*Lord, You are the treasure of my heart and my longing this day is to be all that You want me to be.*

**April 18— Matthew 6:24**

**“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”**

*Lord, the single focus of my life this day is to bring You joy and delight.*

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**April 19— Matthew 6:33**

**“But seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”**

*Lord, this verse reminds us that when our priorities are right You promise the provision.*

**April 20— Matthew 6:34**

**“Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”**

*Lord, I am reminded of the statement hanging on my wall, “Don, trust Me. I have everything under control. Signed, Jesus.”*

**April 21— Matthew 7:1, 2**

**“Do not judge lest you be judged. “For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.”**

*Father, keep me from interfering with Your business in this matter of judging others.*

**April 22— Matthew 7:7, 8**

**“Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.”**

*Lord, I am beginning this day coming before Your throne asking of You, seeking You and You alone, and knocking at Your door.*

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**April 23— Matthew 7:13, 14**

**“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.”**

*Lord, thank You for this reminder that when I invited the Lord Jesus Christ into my heart, I left the freeway to destruction and took the narrow road which leads to life eternal.*

**April 24— Matthew 7:21**

**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.”**

*Lord, Your will is the supreme desire of my heart this day.*

**April 25— Matthew 7:22, 23**

**“Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’”**

*Lord, the passionate desire of my heart at the beginning of this new day is that I might know You more intimately and personally than in days past.*

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**April 26— Matthew 7:24, 25**

**“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock.”**

*For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid which is Jesus Christ. Thank You Father that my life is built upon Christ the Solid Rock.*

**April 27— Matthew 7:26, 27**

**“And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall.”**

*Lord, I want to be known as a person who is a doer of the Word and not just a hearer only.*

**April 28— Matthew 9:36**

**And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.**

*Lord, help me to see people today with the same compassion of my blessed Savior.*

**April 29— Matthew 9:37, 38**

**Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”**

*Lord of the harvest, the longing of my heart is to be a fruitful laborer in Your harvest.*

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**April 30— Matthew 10:29-31**

**“Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.”**

*Lord, thank You for this reminder today that You know everything about us and still we are precious in Your sight.*

## **MAY**

**May 1— Matthew 10:32, 33**

**“Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.”**

*Father, with the apostle Paul I want Christ magnified in my body whether by life or by death.*

**May 2— Matthew 10:37, 38**

**“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”**

*Father, may the confession of my lips this day be that I love You more than anyone or anything.*

**May 3— Matthew 10:39**

**“He who has found his life shall lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it.”**

*Father, I give my life to You this day to use as You see fit.*

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**May 4— Matthew 10:42**

**“And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones ever a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward.”**

*Father, help me to be a sensitive servant this day looking for opportunities to be a blessing to others.*

**May 5— Matthew 11:28**

**“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”**

*Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art.*

**May 6— Matthew 11:29, 30**

**“Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My load is light.”**

*Father, I woke up and now I want to yoke up with You this day.*

**May 7— Matthew 12:35**

**“The good man out of his good treasure brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of his evil treasure brings forth what is evil.”**

*Father, teach me to guard my heart so that good will flow from it each day.*

**May 8— Matthew 12:36, 37**

**“And I say to you, that every careless word that men shall speak, they shall render account for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.”**

*Father, may the words of my mouth and meditations of my heart be acceptable in Your sight this day.*

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**May 9— Matthew 13:8**

**“And others fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”**

*Lord, I want my heart to be good soil so that the seed of Your Word will bear an abundant harvest in my life.*

**May 10— Matthew 13:58**

**And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.**

*Lord, I would long that You would have a free hand to work in my life because of my trust in You.*

**May 11— Matthew 14:27**

**But immediately Jesus spoke to them saying. “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”**

*Lord, thank You for Your presence because with Your presence comes peace.*

**May 12— Matthew 15:18, 19**

**“But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murderers, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.”**

*Lord, I would ask You to search me and know my heart and try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me as I begin this day.*

**May 13— Matthew 16:16, 17**

**And Simon Peter answered and said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjonas, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”**

*Lord, may my lips and my life bear clear testimony to who you are and what You have done in my life.*

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**May 14— Matthew 16:24**

**Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”**

*Lord, I long for You to find me as Your disciple doing this day that which You desire.*

**May 15— Matthew 16:25**

**“For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.”**

*Lord, I am presenting my body afresh this day, a living sacrifice totally available for Your service.*

**May 16— Matthew 16:26**

**“For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

*Father, my focus for this day is upon things above not things here upon this earth.*

**May 17— Matthew 17:7, 8**

**And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, except Jesus Himself alone.**

*Father, my heart is singing, “Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.”*

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**May 18— Matthew 18:19, 20**

**“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst.”**

*Father, may I be aware of Your presence as I gather with Your children in fellowship this day.*

**May 19— Matthew 18:21, 22**

**Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”**

*Lord, it is the desire of my heart this day that I might be exercising myself to have a conscience void of offense toward You and toward my fellow man.*

**May 20— Matthew 19:26**

**And looking upon them Jesus said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**

*Ah Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.*

**May 21— Matthew 20:26, 27**

**“It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;”**

*Lord, I long to be Your servant bringing blessing to the lives of others this day.*

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**May 22— Matthew 20:28**

**“just as the Son of Man did not come to be serve, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

*Lord, I want to be thoroughly used up when I die.*

**May 23— Matthew 22:29**

**But Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures, or the power of God.”**

*Lord, help me to understand Your Word more clearly and to experience Your power in my life today.*

**May 24— Matthew 23:3**

**“Therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things, and do not do them.”**

*Lord, one of the goals of my life this day is to be a man of honor and that is to do what I say I will do.*

**May 25— Matthew 23:11, 12**

**“But the greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.”**

*Lord, I am reminded of Peter’s words this morning, “Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you at the proper time.”*

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**May 26— Matthew 23:37**

**“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 chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.”**

*Lord, my heart is singing, “Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment. There will I hide till life’s trials are o’er, sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me. Resting in Jesus I am safe ever more.”*

**May 27— Matthew 24:12**

**“And because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold.”**

*Lord, I know that being luke-warm makes You sick so help me to be hot in my love for You.*

**May 28— Matthew 24:35**

**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away.”**

*With the Psalmist I say, “I seek You with all my heart, do not let me stray from Your commands.”*

**May 29— Matthew 24:42**

**“Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.”**

*Lord, it sure would be wonderful if today is the day You would chose to come back.*

**May 30— Matthew 25:13**

**“Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.”**

*Lord, if this is the day and this is the hour of Your return I couldn’t be more excited. Even so come Lord Jesus.*

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**May 31— Matthew 26:29**

**“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”**

*Lord, each communion service reminds us that we have one less service to celebrate without You.*

## **JUNE**

**June 1— Matthew 26:33, 34**

**But Peter answered and said to Him, “Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away.” Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you that this very night, before the cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.”**

*Lord help me to stand tall and stay strong in Your strength whenever adversity comes.*

**June 2— Matthew 26:35**

**Peter said to Him, “Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You.” All the disciples said the same thing too.**

*Lord, may my testimony be that of the apostle Paul, “For me to live as Christ and to die is gain.”*

**June 3— Matthew 26:39**

**And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt.”**

*Father, I have the prayer that You taught Your disciples to pray upon my lips this day, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”*

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**June 4— Matthew 26:40**

**And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?”**

*Father, forgive me for the time when I have fallen to sleep when I should have been praying.*

**June 5— Matthew 26:41**

**“Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”**

*Lord, I would pray that Your strength would be made perfect in my weakness and that You would find me this day being faithful to watch and to pray.*

**June 6— Matthew 26:53**

**“Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”**

*Lord, the words of the Psalmist are on my lips this day, “And call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you and you will honor me.*

**June 7— Matthew 26:56**

**“But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.**

*Lord, thank You that not one word of all of Your good promises will fail.*

**June 8— Matthew 26:67, 68**

**Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, and said, “Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?”**

*“Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows yet we did esteem him, stricken, smitten of God and afflicted, but he was wounded for our transgressions, he is bruised for our iniquities.”*

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**June 9— Matthew 26:75**

**And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, “Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.**

*Father, my lips praise You this day for Your persistence and patience with our failures.*

**June 10— Matthew 27:19**

**And while he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.”**

*Lord, help me to be sensitive to those who are endeavoring to warn me of the consequence of my conduct.*

**June 11— Matthew 27:22**

**Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let Him be crucified!”**

*Lord, help me to stand firm this day and not yield to the cry of the crowd.*

**June 12— Matthew 27:24**

**And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; see to that yourselves.”**

*Lord, grant me the courage this day that I might be consistent in my conduct with my convictions.*

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**June 13— Matthew 27:28, 29**

**And they stripped Him, and put a scarlet robe on Him. And after weaving a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”**

*Lord, the day is soon coming when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.*

**June 14— Matthew 27:30, 31**

**And they spat on Him, and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. And after they had mocked Him, they took His robe off and put His garments on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.**

*“Greater love has no man than this that a man would lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).*

**June 15— Matthew 27:42**

**“He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we shall believe in Him.”**

*Father, thank You that Jesus did not save Himself so now He is qualified before You to save others.*

**June 16— Matthew 27:46**

**And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”**

*Lord, thank You that Jesus was forsaken in His suffering for sins so that we will never have to experience that.*

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**June 17— Matthew 27:50**

**And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.**

*Father, the writer to the book of Hebrews reminds us, “And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood He entered the holy place once for all having obtained eternal redemption.*

**June 18— Matthew 27:51**

**And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,**

*Lord, because of what Jesus did on that cross we can come by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is His flesh.*

**June 19— Matthew 27:54**

**Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”**

*Lord, may the evidence of Your work in my life bear testimony to those who know You not.*

**June 20— Matthew 27:65, 66**

**Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.” And they went and made the grave secure, and long with the guard they set a seal on the stone.**

*Lord, thank You for the reminder that no grave is secure enough to restrain the living Son of God.*

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**June 21— Matthew 28:2, 3**

**And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow;**

*Father, thank You that the angel did not come to let Jesus out but to let the people in.*

**June 22— Matthew 28:5, 6**

**And the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.”**

*Lord, thank You for the clear testimony of the angel telling the world that He has risen from the dead.*

**June 23— Matthew 28:8**

**And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His disciples.**

*Lord, the evidence of the resurrection is seen so clearly in the response of the women to the message of the angel.*

**June 24— Matthew 28:9, 10**

**And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they shall see Me.”**

*Lord, thank You so much that Jesus cared enough for His followers that He took time to reveal Himself in His resurrection body to them.*

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**June 25— Matthew 28:12, 13**

**And when they had assembled with the elders and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’**

*Lord, the truth of the resurrection can be seen in the lie that had to be told to keep people from knowing the truth.*

**June 26— Matthew 28:15**

**And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.**

*Lord, why is it that people will tell lies to cover the truth and the majority will believe them?*

**June 27— Matthew 28:16, 17**

**But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some were doubtful.**

*Lord, I come before You this day in worship and praise. I am rejoicing in my living Savior.*

**June 28— Matthews 28:18**

**And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”**

*Lord, there is great comfort in knowing that all authority has been given unto Jesus because He is soon going to exercise justice and righteousness on the earth.*

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**June 29— Matthew 28:19**

**“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,”**

*Lord, I want to be obedient to Your command in being busy making disciples who will be able to teach others also.*

**June 30— Matthew 28:20**

**“Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

*Lord, I want to teach these disciples the priority of obedience and thank You for the promise of Your presence.*

## **JULY**

**July 1— Mark 1:17, 18**

**And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And they immediately left the nets and followed Him.**

*Lord, I want to be found today following in Your footsteps.*

**July 2— 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.**

*“In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation” (Ps. 5:3).*

**July 3— And hearing this, Jesus said to them, “it is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

*Lord, may the message of our lives and lips bring healing to the hearts of many this day.*

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**July 4— “For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”**

*Lord, being a part of Your family this day I want to be found doing Your will.*

**July 5— Mark 4:8**

**“And other seeds fell into the good soil and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.”**

*Lord, may the seed of Your Word find good soil in my heart this day. I long for an abundant harvest.*

**July 6— “And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, and the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”**

*Lord, keep my heart free from wealth, worries and wrong priorities that Your Word might bear fruit.*

**July 7— Mark 4:38, 39**

**And He Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.**

*“You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.” (Isa. 26:3).*

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**July 8— Mark 4:41**

**And they became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”**

*Lord, free us from our fears that stifle our growth and keep us from moving ahead in your will.*

**July 9— And He did not let him, but He said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.”**

*Father, help me to magnify You this day by excitedly sharing the great things You are doing for me.*

**July 10— Mark 6:31**

**And He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while.” (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.)**

*Father, remind me to plan those times for rest and relaxation, that I might come back to service for You refreshed.*

**July 11— Mark 6:46**

**And after bidding them farewell, He departed to the mountain to pray.**

*Father, prayer was a very high priority in the life of Your Son here on earth. Help me to see it that way, too.*

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**July 12— Mark 7:21-23**

**“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”**

*“Above all else guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life” (Prov. 4:23).*

**July 13— Mark 8:34**

**And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”**

*Father, I find great joy in answering the call of Your Son to deny myself and take up my cross and to follow Him.*

**July 14— Mark 8:35**

**“For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s shall save it.”**

*Lord, I give to You myself afresh at the beginning of this day to make an investment of my life for eternity.*

**July 15— Mark 8:36, 37**

**“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”**

*“Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name” (Ps. 103:1).*

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**July 16— Mark 8:38**

**“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”**

*Lord, I am proud to be Your child and I am available to represent You in this sinful world today.*

**July 17— Mark 9:35**

**And sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all.”**

*Lord, I want to be Your servant, used up for You this day.*

**July 18— Mark 10:21**

**And looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”**

*Lord, help me to live this day with eternity’s values in view.*

**July 19— Mark 10:22**

**But at these words his face fell, and he went away grieved, for he was one who owned much property.**

*“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” (Ps. 26:2, 3).*

**July 20— Mark 10:23**

**And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!”**

*“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” (1 Tim. 6:10).*

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**July 21— Mark 10:27**

**Looking upon them, Jesus said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”**

*Lord, thank You for the awareness this day that nothing is impossible for You.*

**July 22— Mark 10:45**

**“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

*Father, energize me to serve and to give freely of myself to others this day.*

**July 23— Mark 12:11**

**“This came about from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes?”**

*Lord, it is such a thrill when we see Your fingerprints all over an impossible circumstance or situation.*

**July 24— Mark 13:8**

**“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.”**

*Lord, so many of these circumstances in this verse this morning make me ask the question: “Are we getting close to the kingdom?”*

**July 25— Mark 13:26**

**“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.”**

*Perhaps today, even so come quickly, Lord Jesus.*

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**July 26— Mark 13:31**

**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”**

*Lord, thank You for the realization that kings and kingdoms may pass away but that Your Word endures forever.*

**July 27— Mark 14:29**

**But Peter said to Him, “Even though all may fall away, yet I will not.”**

*Lord, I realize as I face this day, the way to continuing victory is total dependence upon You.*

**July 28— Mark 14:36**

**And He was saying, “Abba! Father! All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will but what Thou wilt.”**

*Lord, I come to this day desirous and determined to do Your will.*

**July 29— Mark 14:38**

**“Keep watching and praying, that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”**

*Lord, I am ready for anything through the strength of the One who indwells me. I place myself in Your hands at the beginning of this day.*

**July 30— Mark 14:50**

**And they all left Him and fled.**

*Lord, with Job I would say, “Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him...” (Job 13:15).*

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**July 31— Mark 15:34**

**And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” which is translated, “My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”**

*Lord, help me to understand that suffering produces perseverance and perseverance character and character hope.*

## **AUGUST**

**August 1— Mark 15:39**

**And when the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”**

*Lord, what joy it brings to our hearts to know that by the way You died the centurion was convinced of who You are.*

**August 2— Mark 16:15**

**And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”**

*Lord, I am available this day to be a witness of You to others.*

**August 3— Luke 1:37**

**“For nothing will be impossible with God.”**

*Thank You, Lord, for this promise that nothing will be impossible with You.*

**August 4— Luke 1:45**

**“And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.”**

*Lord, such blessing comes into our hearts when we realize that a promise made is a promise kept as far as You are concerned.*

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**August 5— Luke 1:46, 47**

**And Mary said: “My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.”**

*Lord, I want to be like Mary today with a soul that exalts You and a spirit that is rejoicing in You.*

**August 6— Luke 2:19**

**But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.**

*“May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer” (Ps. 19:14).*

**August 7— Luke 2:52**

**And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.**

*Lord, it is my desire this day to grow in these four areas: intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially.*

**August 8— Luke 5:16**

**But He Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.**

*Lord, I come to You with the words of David upon my lips: “Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me” (Ps. 27:7).*

**August 9— Luke 5:32**

**“I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”**

*Lord, keep me focused in the use of my time to spend much of it with those who are lost and dying and without Savior.*

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**August 10— Luke 3:31**

**“And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way.”**

*Lord, it is my goal to be kind, loving, and gentle in all of my relationships this day.*

**August 11— Luke 6:38**

**“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”**

*Lord, help me to sow bountifully in my giving that I might have a fruitful harvest as a result.*

**August 12— Luke 6:46**

**“And why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”**

*Lord, I call You Lord this day and it is the longing of my heart to fulfill Your will.*

**August 13— Luke 7:13**

**And when the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, “Do not weep.”**

*Lord, I am reminded of the words of the Book of Hebrews: “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.” (Heb. 4:15).*

**August 14— Luke 8:13**

**“And those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.”**

*Lord, I pray for roots this day that go down deep into the written Word and the Living Word.*

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**August 15— Luke 8:14**

**“And the seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.”**

*Lord, I would pray for strength to abstain from fleshy lusts which war against the soul.*

**August 16— Luke 8:15**

**“And the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”**

*My earnest desire this day is to receive Your Word into “...an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance” (Luke 8:15).*

**August 17— Luke 8:21**

**But He answered and said to them, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”**

*Lord, as a part of Your family I want to be known as a doer of Your Word.*

**August 18— Luke 9:23**

**And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”**

*Lord, I do want to take up my cross and follow You wherever You might lead.*

**August 19— Luke 9:62**

**But Jesus said to him, “No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”**

*Lord, as I face this day I’m not looking back, I’m looking up for instructions and on ahead for what You have in store.*

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**August 20— Luke 10:2**

**And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”**

*Lord, I want to be a sower and a reaper in Your great harvest field of the world today.*

**August 21— Luke 10:40**

**But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him, and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.”**

*Lord, I would want to remember this day that I am Your servant and keep me from being distracted in my service.*

**August 22— Luke 10:41, 42**

**But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only a few things are necessary, really only one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”**

*Lord, help me to make Your number one thing top priority in my life this day and that is to spend quality time with You alone.*

**August 23— Luke 11:23**

**“He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.”**

*Lord, I am with You and I want to be involved in the process of gathering in the fruit of Your harvest this day.*

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**August 24— Luke 11:28**

**But He said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”**

*Lord, thank You for the blessing that comes to those who hear Your Word and obey it.*

**August 25— Luke 12:15**

**And He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”**

*Lord, take away any desire in my heart to want to accumulate more and more things and replace it with the desire to give freely of myself to others.*

**August 26— Luke 12:19, 20**

**And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.” But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?’**

*Lord, I am reminded of 1 John 2:17: “And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.”*

**August 27— Luke 12:21**

**“So is the man who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”**

*Lord, as a giver I want to be known as a person who is rich toward God.*

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**August 28— Luke 12:32**

**“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.”**

*Lord, I am reminded of 1 John 4:18 today: “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.”*

**August 29— Luke 12:40**

**“You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”**

*Lord, I am ready and my light is trimmed and my invitation to You this day is “Come On!”*

**August 30— Luke 13:34**

**“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it!”**

*Lord, thank You for being our great protector. What joy to hide in the shelter of Your wings.*

**August 31— Luke 14:26, 27**

**“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be my disciple.”**

*Lord, every other person, place, or thing takes second seat to You. You truly are Lord of all in my life.*

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## SEPTEMBER

**September 1— Luke 14:33**

**“So therefore, no one of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.”**

*Lord, the title deed to all that I have is given to You afresh this day.*

**September 2— Luke 15:7**

**“I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”**

*Lord, I would long to have a part in making heaven joyful this day by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with someone who responds in a positive way.*

**September 3— Luke 15:17**

**“But when he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!’”**

*Lord, I want to be one who is fellowshiping in Your family and feasting at Your table.*

**September 4— Luke 16:10**

**“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.**

*Lord, I want to be known as a person who is faithful, fruitful, and a finisher.*

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**September 5— Luke 18:13**

**“But the tax-gatherer, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’”**

*Lord, may my life be characterized this day as a life of humility, brokenness, and filled with the spirit of repentance.*

**September 6— Luke 18:22**

**And when Jesus heard this, He said to him, “One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess, and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”**

*Lord, if there is anything standing in the way of my full commitment to the task, reveal it unto me that I might forsake it.*

**September 7— Luke 18:27**

**But He said, “The things impossible with men are possible with God.”**

*Lord, I am reminded of 1 Thessalonians 5:24: “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.”*

**September 8— Luke 19:10**

**“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”**

*Lord, thank You that the testimony of my lips this day is that in Your love You did seek me and by Your blood You did save me.*

**September 9— Luke 19:41**

**And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it.**

*Lord, intensify my compassion that I, too, might shed tears over the lost and dying world.*

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**September 10— Luke 20:38**

**“Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to Him.”**

*Lord, thank You for the reminder this morning that You are not the God of dead bodies but the God of living people.*

**September 11— Luke 21:4**

**“For they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.”**

*Lord, out of my love for You this day I would give all to You.*

**September 12— Luke 21:15**

**“For I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.”**

*Lord, fill my mouth with Your words and my thoughts with Your wisdom that I might accomplish Your will this day.*

**September 13— Luke 21:19**

**“By your perseverance you will win your souls.”**

*Lord, You are known as the God of perseverance. Help me to be known as a person of perseverance in the accomplishment of Your task this day.*

**September 14— Luke 21:27**

**“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”**

*O Lord, the expectation of my heart is that perhaps today we will see You coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

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**September 15— Luke 21:28**

**“But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”**

*Lord, the signs of the times are all around us indicating the fact that Your coming is near. How exciting!*

**September 16— Luke 21:33**

**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”**

*Lord, thank You for this reminder that all of creation can pass away but that Your Word stands forever.*

**September 17— Luke 21:36**

**“But keep on the alert at all times, praying in order that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”**

*Lord, I am alert and ready, praying for strength so that I might stand in the presence of my Savior, redeemed by His blood.*

**September 18— Luke 22:31, 32**

**“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”**

*Lord, thank You for this reminder. I have taken the shield of faith to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one as I begin this day.*

**September 19— Luke 22:33**

**And he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!”**

*Lord, keep me from making promises to You that I am not prepared to keep.*

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**September 20— Luke 22:34**

**And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.”**

*Lord, help me to honestly face the rebuke of reality when I make big flourishing promises to You.*

**September 21— Luke 22:42**

**Saying, “Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done.”**

*Lord, I would not want to escape the cup of adversity if this were Your will that I should drink it.*

**September 22— Luke 22:46**

**And said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”**

*Lord, help me to stay wide awake this day and not sleeping when Satan would come to tempt.*

**September 23— Luke 22:60**

**But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.”**

**And immediately, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed.**

*Lord, thank You that Your love is undiminished even in the arena of our personal failures.*

**September 24— Luke 22:61, 62**

**And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, “Before a cock crows today, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.**

*Lord, when I fail You keep me from making excuses and help me in my tears to demonstrate to You a broken heart over my failures.*

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**September 25— Luke 23:34**

**But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.**

*Father, may the spirit of forgiveness that filled the heart of the Savior as He hung upon the cross be in my heart as well.*

**September 26— Luke 23:42, 43**

**And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”**

*Lord, what joy comes into our hearts when we realize that when we are absent from the body we are present with the Lord.*

**September 27— Luke 23:44-46**

**And it was not about the sixth hours, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, the sun being obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit.” And having said this, He breathed His last.**

*Lord, thank You for teaching us how to die victoriously when that time comes in our lives.*

**September 28— Luke 24:6**

**“He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee.”**

*Lord, thank You that death is swallowed up in victory because now we have a living Savior.*

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**September 29— Luke 24:30, 31**

**And it came about that when He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.**

*Lord, I come to You with the prayer of the psalmist on my lips: "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law" (Ps. 119:18).*

**September 30— Luke 24:45**

**Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.**

*Father, thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit who will guide us into all truth.*

## OCTOBER

**October 1—John 1:11, 12**

**He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.**

*Lord, the big question that we face today is--have we received Him as our Savior?*

**October 2—John 1:14**

**And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

*Father, thank You for sending Your only Son who became flesh for the purpose of dying on the cross for our sins.*

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**October 3—John 1:29**

**The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"**

*Thank You, Father, for allowing Your Son to become the sacrificial Lamb whose shed blood purchased our redemption.*

**October 4—John 2:5**

**His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."**

*What great advice from Mary, His mother: Whatever He says--do it!*

**October 5—John 3:7**

**Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again."**

*The divine imperative is very clear: "You must be born again."*

**October 6—John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

*Thank You, Lord, that by simply believing in Your Son I will "not perish, but have eternal life."*

**October 7—John 3:19, 20**

**And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.**

*Lord, help me this day to walk in the light and refuse the path of darkness.*

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**October 8—John 3:21**

**But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.**

*Lord, what a joy it is walk in the light of Your truth and to be honest with everybody.*

**October 9—John 3:30**

**He must increase, but I must decrease.**

*Lord, more and more I want the Lord Jesus to be seen in my life.*

**October 10—John 4:13, 14**

**Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."**

*Father, thank You that with a right relationship with Your Spirit, the living water bubbles up like a spring in my life.*

**October 11—John 4:25, 26**

**The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."**

*Father, thank You that the Lord Jesus chose to reveal the fact that He was the Messiah to this outcast Samaritan woman.*

**October 12—John 4:28, 29**

**So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?"**

*Father, help me to be as enthusiastic and excited about Christ as this Samaritan woman is upon meeting Him.*

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**October 13—John 4:34**

**Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work."**

*Lord, help me this day to make the accomplishment of Your will the number one priority in my life.*

**October 14—John 4:35, 36**

**Do you not say, "There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest"? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.**

*Lord, help me to be sensitive and to recognize the needs in the hearts of individuals that I meet today.*

**October 15—John 4:39**

**And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."**

*Lord, help my witness to bear fruit in the lives of people that I encounter today.*

**October 16—John 4:42**

**and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."**

*Lord, may my life and lips bear witness to the fact that You are the Savior of the world.*

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**October 17—John 5:24**

**"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."**

*Lord, thank You for this reminder that as a result of believing in You, we will not come into judgment but have passed out of death into life.*

**October 18—John 6:35**

**Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."**

*Lord, thank You for Your capacity to satisfy our hunger and to slake our thirst.*

**October 19—John 6:37**

**All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.**

*Lord, thank You for Your total availability to us. What a blessing it is to know that when we come to You, we will not be cast out.*

**October 20—John 6:40**

**For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.**

*Lord, once again I want to thank You this morning for the gift of eternal life on the basis of believing in Your Son. Thank You also that we have the promise of resurrection in that future day.*

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**October 21—John 6:63**

**It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.**

*Lord, help me to walk in the Spirit today, for if I live in the flesh it will profit me nothing.*

**October 22—John 7:37, 38**

**Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'"**

*Lord, thank You the invitation to come to You and drink--and that as a result, from our "innermost being shall flow rivers of living water."*

**October 23—John 8:10, 11**

**And straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" And she said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go your way. From now on sin no more."**

*Lord, thank You for the wonderful forgiveness, freedom, and future You gave to this woman who was crushed by her failure.*

**October 24—John 8:12**

**Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."**

*Lord, thank You that You are the light of the world and that we can walk in the light of Your Word and Your presence.*

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**October 25—John 8:29**

**And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.**

*Lord, may my testimony this day be the same as that of Jesus. I count on the promise of Your presence. May I do those things which bring You pleasure.*

**October 26—John 8:30**

**As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.**

*Lord, I long to speak the words that would precipitate a decision on the part of others to believe in You.*

**October 27—John 8:32**

**And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

*Lord, help me to be faithful to speak Your word today to those who are in bondage.*

**October 28—John 9:4**

**We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.**

*Lord, I would be about Your work today knowing that the "night is coming when no man can work."*

**October 29—John 10:10**

**The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.**

*Lord, thank You that the reason You came was to give us life and to give it to us abundantly.*

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**October 30—John 10:11**

**I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.**

*Lord, thank You for this reminder this morning that You are the good shepherd and that You did lay down Your life for us, Your sheep.*

**October 31—John 10:27**

**My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.**

*Lord, thank You that Yours is the true voice amid the clatter of an unsaved world. As we are obedient, we are following You.*

## **NOVEMBER**

**November 1—John 10:28**

**And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.**

*Lord, thank You that I am eternally secure in Your hand.*

**November 2—John 10:29, 30**

**My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.**

*Father, thank You that You are greater than all and no one is able to snatch us out of Your hand.*

**November 3—John 11:25, 26**

**Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"**

*Lord, I do believe that You are "the resurrection and the life" and we who believe in You shall live eternally.*

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**November 4—John 11:33**

**When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her, also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit, and was troubled.**

*Lord, it is such a comfort to know that You identify with us in our grief.*

**November 5—John 11:35**

**Jesus wept.**

*Lord, thank You that You not only identified with Mary inwardly in her grief but outwardly as well, shedding tears over the death of Lazarus.*

**November 6—John 11:40**

**Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"**

*Lord, I do believe and I look forward to seeing the full manifestation of Your glory in some future day.*

**November 7—John 11:43**

**And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."**

*Lord, thank You that when You speak to those who are dead they respond by coming alive.*

**November 8—John 11:44**

**He who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings; and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."**

*Lord, it brings so much joy to my heart this day to know that You have power over physical death.*

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**November 9—John 12:21**

**These therefore came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."**

*Lord, it is my prayer that friends, associates, and strangers will see Jesus in me today.*

**November 10—John 12:24**

**Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

*Lord, the longing of my heart is to die to my desires that I might bear much fruit for You.*

**November 11—John 12:25**

**He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal.**

*Lord, I am reminded of the words of Jim Elliot, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, his life, to gain what he cannot lose, eternal life."*

**November 12—John 12:26**

**If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall My servant also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.**

*Lord, help me find real joy in serving others this day.*

**November 13—John 12:32**

**And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.**

*Lord, it the longing of heart that You be lifted up and exalted in my life today.*

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**November 14—John 12:48**

**He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.**

*Lord, this a sober reminder that when we reject You and Your Word the consequence is judgment.*

**November 15—John 13:4, 5**

**rose from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself about. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.**

*Lord, as Your faithful servant, help me to spend significant time this day serving and bringing comfort to others.*

**November 16—John 13:13, 14**

**You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.**

*Lord, help me to be constructively involved in serving others this day.*

**November 17—John 13:34, 35**

**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**

*Lord, may the love which is produced by Your Spirit be seen in my life this day.*

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**November 18—John 14:1**

**Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.**

*Lord, I face this day with anxious thoughts. Forgive me and help me to trust that You have everything under control.*

**November 19—John 14:2, 3**

**In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

*Lord, thank You that this day brings us one day closer to that wonderful time when we will go to the place that You have prepared for us.*

**November 20—John 14:6**

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me."**

*Lord, what a joy it is to realize as I face this new day that You are the only way, the only truth, and the only life.*

**November 21—John 14:13, 14**

**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.**

*Lord, thank You for this exciting prayer promise that You have given in these verses for today.*

**November 22—John 14:15**

**If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.**

*Lord, I do love You and I want to be obedient to Your word.*

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**November 23—John 14:21**

**He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.**

*Lord, I want to show the world how much I love You by being obedient to Your Word.*

**November 24—John 14:26**

**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.**

*Lord, I am open this day to the teaching of the Holy Spirit, and I ask that He might bring to remembrance those verses that will help me to negotiate life successfully.*

**November 25—John 14:27**

**Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.**

*Lord, too often I find myself troubled and fearful. Help me to reside in the gift of Your presence.*

**November 26—John 15:5**

**I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.**

*Lord, may this day find me abiding in You and bearing much fruit.*

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**November 27—John 15:7**

**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.**

*Lord, because I am abiding in You and Your words are abiding in me, I claim this wonderful prayer promise on this Thanksgiving day.*

**November 28—John 15:8**

**By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.**

*Lord, I long for a good crop so that others can truly be convinced that I am Your disciple.*

**November 29—John 15:10**

**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.**

*Lord, I express to You a desire to be fully obedient so that I might abide in Your love.*

**November 30—John 15:11**

**These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.**

**Lord, thank You that Your Word does bring joy to our hearts and this fruit of joy has nothing to do with our present circumstances and everything to do with your righteousness.**

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## DECEMBER

### December 1—John 15:13

**Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.**

*Lord, thank You for this reminder of the greatness of Your love and Your willingness to lay down Your life for us.*

### December 2—John 15:14

**You are My friends, if you do what I command you.**

*Lord, I want to be known as one of Your friends. Help me to be fully obedient to Your Word.*

### December 3—John 15:16

**You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.**

*Lord, thank You for choosing and appointing me with the purpose in mind that my life might bear fruit for You. Father, such is the longing of my heart at the beginning of this new day.*

### December 4—John 16:13

**But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.**

*Lord, thank You for the presence of the Holy Spirit who is available to guide us into all truth.*

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**December 5—John 16:22**

**Therefore you too now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you.**

*Lord, I am reminded of the words of the psalmist that weeping may last for a night but joy comes in the morning.*

**December 6—John 16:24**

**Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.**

*Lord, I do not want to be guilty of not asking You for specific things in my prayer life.*

**December 7—John 16:27**

**For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father.**

*Lord, I do love You and I do believe that You are the Son of God.*

**December 8—John 16:33**

**These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.**

*Lord, thank You for the victory that is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**December 9—John 17:4**

**I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.**

*Lord, I want to finish well so that I can say with the Savior that I glorified You on earth and accomplished that which You gave me to do.*

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**December 10—John 17:16,17**

**They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth.**

*Lord, I am reading Your Word today that I might be sanctified by Your truth.*

**December 11—John 19:2, 3**

**And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and arrayed Him in a purple robe; and they began to come up to Him, and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him blows in the face.**

*Lord, thank You for this sober reminder of what it cost our precious Savior to make payment for our sins.*

**December 12—John 19:26, 27**

**When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own household.**

*Lord, help me to be still be thinking of others at the time of my physical death.*

**December 13—John 19:30**

**When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit.**

*Lord, the longing of my heart is to be able to say the very same thing when I come to the end of my race: "It is finished!"*

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**December 14—John 19:36, 37**

**For these things came to pass, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."**

*Lord, what a witness it is that such minute details of Bible prophecy were fulfilled at the hour of Jesus' death.*

**December 15—John 19:39**

**And Nicodemus came also, who had first come to Him by night; bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.**

*Lord, Nicodemus must have been a born again in order to have the courage to prepare our Savior's body for burial.*

**December 16—John 20:13, 14**

**And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." When she had said this, she turned around, and beheld Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus.**

*Lord, thank You that You took time on resurrection Sunday to care about Mary's weeping and to satisfy her search.*

**December 17—John 20:15**

**Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."**

*Sometimes amid our tears we fail to see the solution, the Savior.*

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**December 18—John 20:16**

**Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).**

*Lord, help me to recognize Your voice as You speak to me through Your Word.*

**December 19—John 20:19**

**When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."**

*Lord, my prayer for this day is that Your peace would be my portion.*

**December 20—John 20:21**

**Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."**

*Lord, I would want to be busy this day involved in the mission that You have given to me.*

**December 21—John 20:27, 28**

**Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"**

*Lord, how comforting it is that You took time to satisfy the doubts of Thomas that You had truly risen from the dead.*

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**December 22—John 20:31**

**But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.**

*Lord, I thank You for inspiring John to write this marvelous text proving beyond the shadow of a doubt that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*

**December 23—John 21:3**

**Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out, and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.**

*Lord, help me not to forget what Peter forgot--that is, without You we can do nothing.*

**December 24—John 21:4**

**But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.**

*Lord, forgive me for not recognizing the times that You have come to speak to me through Your Word and through the word of a faithful friend. Let me be ever aware of You, even as the world prepares to celebrate your birth.*

**December 25—John 21:6**

**And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find a catch." They cast therefore, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish.**

*Lord, on this Your birthday, help me to cast my net on the right side because I want to be a successful fisher of men.*

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**December 26—John 21:13**

**Jesus came and took the bread, and gave them, and the fish likewise.**

*Lord, the bread and the fish must have reminded the men that You had fed thousands with the little boy's lunch.*

**December 27—John 21:14**

**This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after He was raised from the dead.**

*Lord, each of the disciples' three encounters with the risen Christ must have been incredible experiences. Lord, I cannot wait for Your kingdom when I see You face to face!*

**December 28—John 21:15**

**So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs."**

*Lord, the confession of my lips is that I do love You and I want to be constructively involved in the ministry You have in mind for me today.*

**December 29—John 21:16**

**He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."**

*Lord, You know my heart better than anyone else, and You know that I love You.*

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**December 30—John 21:17**

**He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."**

*Lord, You have my heart and whatever You want me to do today, I am ready and available.*

**December 31—John 21:22**

**Jesus said to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!"**

*Lord, as You prepare my heart for the new year I want to be focused on following You.*

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**January 11—Jeremiah 10:6**

**No one is like you, O Lord you are great, and  
your name is mighty in power.**

*Lord, my heart bows in worship, praising You because  
You are great and Your name is mighty in power.*

**Live this year one day at a time and  
spend part of each with the Lord.**

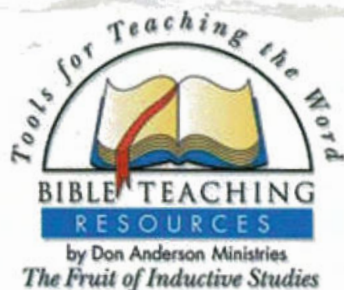
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