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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book to all who want a closer, more personal, more intimate relationship with Yeshua. He is life, He is light, He is love, and the closer you walk with Him, the more like Him you will be. The road will not always be easy, but the rewards are so great!

Praise Yeshua!

Dear Reader,

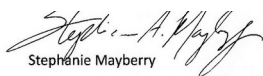
If the words in my books speak to you, resonate with you, touch you, please know it isn't really me, it is Yehovah speaking to you.

See, I am just a vessel that He uses to convey His message to you, to others. I am no great writer; I am just the obedient hand that holds the pen for the greatest author of all – my Yehovah.

He alone deserves all of the praise, all the glory.

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement. Each and every email, every word, every letter is such a treasure to me! I pray for your continued growth in your relationship with Yehovah. Forever walk in His Word and you will know blessings beyond your imagination.

Yehovah is so good, isn't He?



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Before You Begin

Throughout this book, I use the name Yeshua, the Hebrew name commonly rendered Jesus in English. If that name is unfamiliar to you, you are still welcome here. You do not need to learn a new vocabulary before you begin talking to Him. I also use the name Yehovah when referring to God. Direct Scripture quotations retain the wording of the King James Version.

Do you want a closer relationship with Yeshua? Do you want to know Him more, understand His Word, and see His nature reflected in the way you live? That is what these thirty-one days of prayer are about. Bring your hunger, your questions, and even the things you have a hard time admitting to yourself. He already knows what is there. You can talk to Him about it.

As you pray through this book, you may recognize words and phrases from Scripture. That is intentional. “Praying without ceasing,” “studying to show myself approved,” asking for a new heart, and wanting to bear good fruit all come from His Word. Sometimes you will recognize a verse immediately. Other times, something may sound familiar and send you looking for it in your Bible. Go look! Read the surrounding verses, too. I want these prayers to draw you into His Word and help you bring that Word into your own prayers.

Praying the Word is powerful. You are bringing what He has spoken into your conversation with Him and asking Him to work

it into your life. When you pray, “Give me a new heart,” you are asking for something He has already spoken about. When you ask Him to help you love your enemies, you are asking Him to help you obey His command. You begin to see where your heart, your habits, and your responses need to change. And you are taking those things to the One who can help you change them.

Let the Scripture become personal. If you read about forgiveness and someone comes to mind, talk to Him about that person. Tell Him where it hurts. Ask Him to help you forgive. If you read about obedience and recognize something you have been resisting, bring that before Him. Ask Him for understanding, but also ask Him for the courage to act on what you already understand. Give His Word room to reach into the places you would rather leave alone.

And as you pray, open your mouth. Pray aloud, at least loud enough that you can hear yourself. You do not have to shout or use a voice that sounds different from your own. You are talking to Yeshua. Speak to Him.

Think about how the Bible begins. Yehovah spoke, and creation responded. “Let there be light: and there was light” (Genesis 1:3). Psalm 33:9 says, “For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.” Yehovah spoke everything into existence. From the beginning, Scripture shows you the power of His spoken Word. And Proverbs 18:21 tells you that death and life are in the power of the tongue. Your words matter. Pay attention to what you give voice to, including when you pray.

Throughout the Bible, you find people lifting their voices to Yehovah. Solomon prayed aloud before the congregation of Israel (1 Kings 8:22–23). Yeshua prayed where others could hear Him at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:41–42). In Acts 4:24, the believers “lifted up their voice to God with one accord.” Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises in prison, and the other prisoners heard

them (Acts 16:25). They gave voice to their prayers in places of worship, in the face of opposition, and even behind prison walls. You can give voice to yours, too.

There is something about hearing yourself say, “Lord, I need You.” You hear yourself asking for forgiveness, surrendering your will, and declaring that you want to walk in His ways. The words you have been carrying inside now have a voice. When your mind wanders, speaking can help you return your attention to the conversation. When you struggle to begin, start with what you know: “Yeshua, I want to be closer to You. Help me pray.”

He knows your thoughts, and He hears the prayer you cannot get past your tears. But I encourage you to make praying aloud part of your daily time with Him. Find a place where you can speak freely. You do not need an audience, and you do not need to sound like anyone else. Let Him hear your voice, and let yourself hear the words you are bringing before Him.

These written prayers will help you get started, but leave room for your own words. If something in a prayer brings a person, a situation, or a need to mind, stop and pray about it. If you need to spend more time on one day, spend more time there. The goal is a deeper relationship with Yeshua, and that deserves your attention more than finishing a page.

Keep your Bible nearby. Take time with the questions, and be honest in your answers. Ask Him to open your understanding and show you what needs to change. Then be willing to respond when He does.

You do not need the right words. You can begin with a hungry heart and a simple prayer: “Lord, I want more of You.”

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DAY 1



DAY 1

Closer relationship with Yeshua

Revelation 3:20

Lord, I want a closer, deeper, more meaningful relationship with You. I give my life to You. Every word, every action, and every thought is for You and to glorify You. I need You, Lord. I need You to mold me and shape me into who You want me to be. I hear You knocking; I hear Your voice. Please come to me and be with me.

Help me draw closer to You. I want that deep relationship with You. Help me as I study Your Word, Lord. Write Your words on my heart and infuse Your Spirit with mine so that You are my thoughts, my actions, my words, so that I live and breathe with You. Make me like You so that when people look at me, it's Your face that they see.

I want my life to reflect You in such a way that people want to know You. I want to be that light so that they ask where my peace, my joy, and my contentment come from. That can only come from having a relationship with You, a true relationship that puts me on my knees in prayer and draws me into Your Word each day.

I want to know You; I want more of You. I need You, Lord. I ask You, please let this month of prayer, this month of seeking You, be fruitful and profitable. Guide me as I seek You and open my understanding so that I can have the closeness and intimacy with You that I so desperately need and desire.



Reflection

What do you feel are some personal barriers that keep you from having intimacy with Yeshua?

What is one thing that you can change today to move you toward a deeper relationship with Yeshua?

What are you asking Yeshua to change in you as you seek a closer relationship with Him?

DAY 2



DAY 2

Deeper understanding of who I am in Yeshua 2 Corinthians 5:17

Lord, I want You to define me. I want my identity to be in You, not the world. But I want to know who that person is, that new creature in You. I want to understand this transformed life that You have given me because in knowing who I am in You, I will draw closer to You. I want to understand who I am in You, what purpose You have for my life, and what You want me to become.

I want to fulfill that purpose You have for my life. Use me, Lord. I submit fully to You. I know I can't live without You. I know I am not whole without You. Lord, I put You above everything. There is nothing greater, nothing higher, nothing more important than You. Mold me and shape me. Move in me and on me and through me so that Your ways become my ways and Your thoughts become my thoughts.

Help me to understand what I am becoming in You. I know it is ongoing, and the more I reach for You, the more You will draw me to You. Put people in my path who love me enough to help me grow in You, people who know Your truth and are fully submitted to You. Give them a burden to pray for me, for who I am and who I am becoming in You.

I want You to draw me into You now, Yeshua. I want all that You have for me, and I only want to serve You.



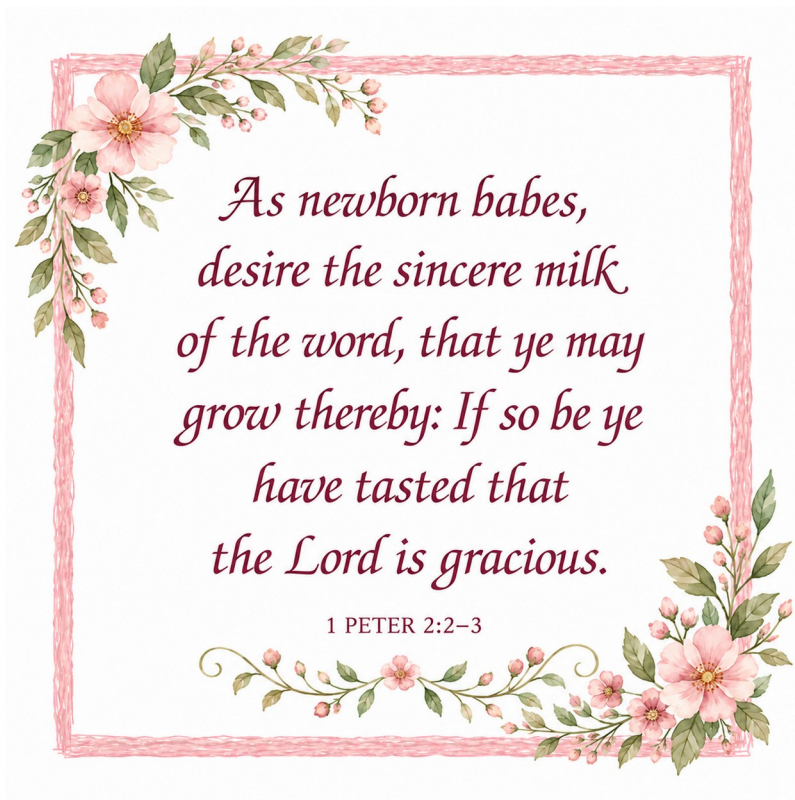
Reflection

What do you feel are some personal barriers that keep you from finding your identity in Yeshua?

What is one thing that you can declare today that helps you find your identity in Yeshua instead of in the world?

What have you allowed to define you that you need to surrender to Yeshua?

DAY 3



DAY 3

Increased hunger for the Word of Yehovah

1 Peter 2:2-3

Lord, I hunger for Your Word because I want more of You. Give me an increased hunger for Your Word. Give me a hunger for Your truth. I want to know You, know who You are. I want to be the person You created me to be, and I want the promises that You have poured into Your holy Scriptures. I know that I can only have them by obedience to You, which begins with praying without ceasing and studying to show myself approved.

Only then will I be able to fulfill the purpose that You have for me, for my life. Only then will I truly know You and have the relationship with You that You desire. Your Word is living and active, sharper than a two-edged sword. It is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. It is forever and will forever sustain me, guide me, and mold me so that I am more like You.

Open my heart, my understanding of Your Word. Bring Your holy Scriptures to life and write them on my heart so that they are a part of me, so that when I speak, it is Your Word that comes forth. I desire the milk of Your Word so that I can grow - grow in You. I have tasted and seen that the Lord is good.

And I want more. Never stop pouring Your Word into me. I want more.



Reflection

What do you feel are some personal barriers that keep you from increasing your hunger for Yehovah by seeking Him daily?

What can you change today to make studying His Word a regular part of your life?

What do you want to understand more deeply in His Word? Bring that before Him in prayer.

DAY 4



DAY 4

Help me to seek the things of Yehovah first Matthew 6:33

I love You, Lord. I want You to be first in my life. I want to seek You first in all that I do. I want the things of Yehovah above all else. But sometimes the enemy puts things in my path to try to distract me and make me turn my eyes off of You, and I lose my focus. Help me to overcome the enemy's games so that I can keep my eyes heavenward and keep my focus on You.

Help me to understand and remember that ANYTHING I put before You is idolatry. You MUST be first and foremost in my life because only then can I truly love. Because if I don't have You, I don't have love. But more than that, I know I can't live without You. I know You will guide me, protect me, shelter me, cover me, and raise me up so that I can fulfill all of the plans that You have for me.

Show me where I have been giving You what is left over instead of giving You first place. Even good things can take more of my attention than they should. Before I make plans, before I reach for advice, before I try to work everything out myself, remind me to come to You. Order my steps today. Let my choices show that Your Kingdom and Your righteousness matter more to me than getting my own way.

I want to always, always seek You first.



Reflection

What is taking time, attention, or importance in your life that belongs to Yehovah?

When you face a decision or a difficulty, where do you turn first?
What needs to change?

What is one thing you can do today to put Him first in an area you have been holding back?

DAY 5



DAY 5

Better understanding of Scripture

2 Peter 3:18

Lord, I want to grow in grace. I want to grow in YOU. I want to grow in the knowledge of my Lord, Yeshua. So I want a deeper, better understanding of Scripture, of Your Word. Open my eyes so that Your Word is made clear. I want to understand. I ask You to write Your words on my heart, but let them live in my spirit so that they are a part of me and color and shape everything I think and say and do.

This is how I will know You. This is how I will be intimate with You. This is how You will direct my life. So, open my understanding of Your Word today. Help me slow down long enough to read what is actually there. Keep me from reaching for a familiar explanation before I have listened to Your Word.

Show me who is speaking, who is being addressed, and what the surrounding verses reveal. Bring other Scriptures to my remembrance so that I can understand Your Word through Your Word. And when what I read challenges what I have always believed, give me a teachable heart. I don't want to defend an error just because it is familiar.

I want Your truth, Lord, even when accepting it means I have to change. Help me live what You show me. I just want more and more of You.



Reflection

Is there a portion of Scripture you have struggled to understand?
What questions do you have about it?

How do you respond when His Word challenges something you
have always believed?

What are you asking Him to open your understanding to, and how
will you make time to study it?

DAY 6



DAY 6

Fully understand what happened at the cross

Romans 5:8

Lord, I want to fully understand what happened at the cross. I know You died for our sins, for MY sins, but I want to fully comprehend it. I desperately need a revelation of the love of Yehovah. I need to understand just how much You love me – and I know it was carried out at the cross.

I just need to see it, to KNOW it. I know that You died for all of us while we were yet sinners. You died for everyone from the holiest saint to the most heinous criminal – and it is Your will that they ALL be saved! You prayed for those who crucified You – asking mercy for them even as they mocked and tortured You.

I want to be like You and have that love and grace inside me so that I can be so selfless and see the soul instead of the person. I want those new eyes! I thank You, Lord, for giving Your life, for Your sacrifice, for loving me even when I have not been at my best, even when I forgot about You or outright rejected You.

Thank You for not giving up on me and always calling me back home. Let me reflect this loving nature to everyone I encounter so that they are impacted and want to know this joy I have – the joy I have in You.



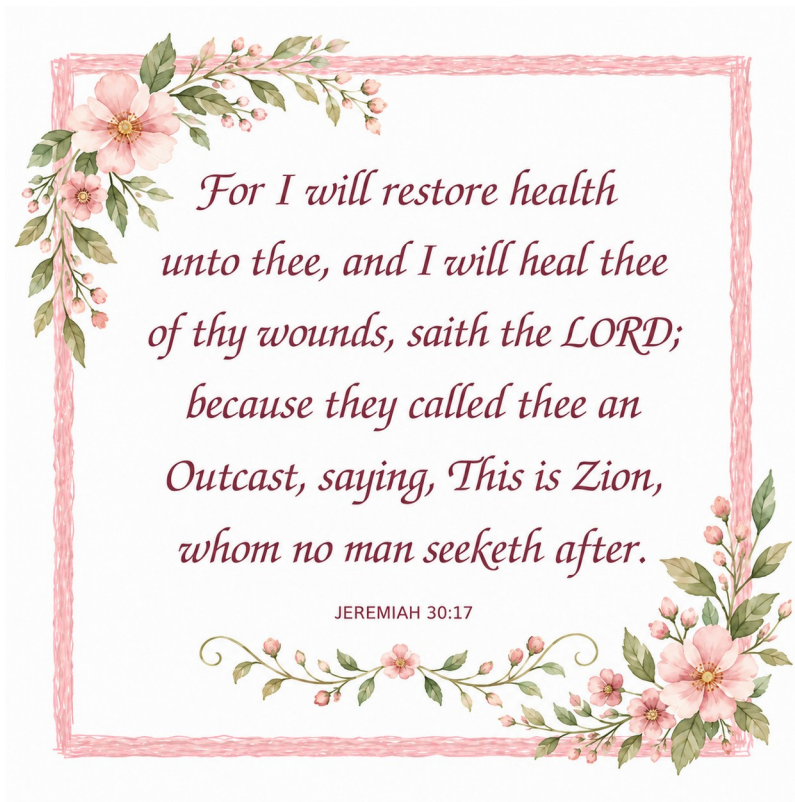
Reflection

When you think about what Yeshua did at the cross, what does it show you about His love for you?

Who do you need help seeing as a soul He wants to save, rather than through what that person has done?

Ask Him for a revelation of His love. Where do you need that love to change the way you respond to others?

DAY 7



DAY 7

Healing

Jeremiah 30:17

Lord, You are the great Healer, and I need You now. Heal me physically, mentally, and spiritually. I give myself over fully to You. Move on me now, please, Lord. Move in me and through me, healing every part, even the wounds I am not aware of. I know that Your great healing power is mighty, and You want me whole, so I ask You today: touch me, Lord.

Heal me. For healing will prepare me to serve You better, to stand more staunchly for You. When the body heals, the scar tissue that forms is tougher, fortifying that part of the body, making it stronger than it was before. It is the same regardless of where the healing takes place: the body, the heart and emotions, psychology, or spirit.

It is all the same: stronger, tougher. I need that! I need You! I need that healing touch so that I am stronger, better, tougher than I was before. For that is what will form my ministry, and I need to be completely healed – and fortified – in those areas so that I can help others who are hurt, too.

I thank You for Your healing and all You do in my life.



Reflection

Where do you need Jehovah’s healing touch today—physically, mentally, or spiritually?

Is there a hurt you have kept to yourself that you need to bring before Him? What do you want to tell Him?

How has what you have been through helped you understand someone else’s hurt? How can you pray for that person?

DAY 8



DAY 8

Overcome fear

Isaiah 41:10

Lord, You tell us over and over to fear not. Throughout Your Word, You remind me that You are with me. Your Word says that fear is a spirit that You did not give me. I want to be free from the spirit! Lord, move on me in a mighty way!

Move in me and through me, purging any fear that is polluting my spirit. Take with it the anxiety, the worry, the tension, because I don't want to be afraid anymore! I need You, Lord. Fear has been here a long time. I accepted it and even welcomed it at times, but in order to live more fully in You, I must let it go.

I must remove fear from my spirit, my mind, my vocabulary, and my actions and replace it with Your love. Because when I have Your love in me, there is no room for fear. Your Word promises that, and that is what I want today! Thank You for molding and shaping me, for helping me get rid of those things within me that are not pleasing to You, that are not of You.

Starting with fear. Take it, Lord! Take my fear and replace it with faith!



Reflection

What fear has been influencing your thoughts, your choices, or your walk with Yeshua?

What does His Word say that you can pray when that fear rises?

What would you do differently if you trusted Him in the very place where you have been afraid?

DAY 9



DAY 9

Develop a richer, more fulfilling prayer life

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Teach me to pray, Lord. Help me to develop a richer, more fulfilling prayer life. I realize that it begins by meeting You daily, praying daily, praying without ceasing. And I understand that praying without ceasing is about the relationship, a constant communion with You, my spirit joined to Your Spirit – and that is praying without ceasing – because my spirit will always be communing with You.

Help me to quiet the busy chatter, my hectic life, and learn how to stop, be still, and touch You. I desire more of You, Lord, to be closer to You. I need that time alone with You so I can know You and have a deeper relationship with You. And I will open my mouth, for the power of life and death is in the tongue, and I will begin to praise You.

I will forgive all who have wronged me so that You will forgive me and hear my prayers. I pray for Your will in my life, that Your will always be done. For to be outside of Your will is to be separated from You – and I don't want that. I pray for Your provision in my life and thank You for Your faithfulness and love.

I lift others up to You for their various needs and always, ALWAYS, the salvation of their souls. I just want to be close to You, Lord. I want to know You. And it starts by opening my mouth and beginning to pray.



Reflection

What gets in the way of your time alone with Yeshua?

What do you want to tell Him that you have had a hard time putting into words? Try praying it aloud.

How can you stay in communion with Him throughout your day, even while taking care of your responsibilities?

DAY 10



DAY 10

Build my faith

Hebrews 11:1

Lord, I need You to build my faith. Your Word says that I am to trust in You for ALL THINGS. But sometimes that is so hard. You promise over and over that You will provide for my needs. But sometimes You seem so far away. Please, increase my faith. Help me build it so that no matter what the circumstances, I can hold on to Your promises, so that I can remember that You said over and over in Your Word that You would NEVER leave me or forsake me.

I want to have unshakable, immovable faith in You. When I cannot see how a situation will work out, help me remember who I am talking to. You have not become less faithful because I do not understand what You are doing. Bring Your Word to my remembrance when my thoughts start running ahead of me. Teach me to pray before I panic and to obey before I have every answer.

Remind me of the ways You have already carried me. I don't want to overlook today's provision because I am worried about tomorrow. Help me notice Your faithfulness right here and thank You for it. Let my faith grow as I keep walking with You, one obedient step at a time. Help me to find that faith, to grow it, to learn to live in it in all that I do.



Reflection

Where are you finding it hardest to trust Yehovah right now?

When has He carried you through something you could not handle on your own? What do you need to remember?

What is one step you can take in faith while you are still waiting for the answer?

DAY 11



DAY 11

Forgiveness

Matthew 5:44

Lord, I know You have said to love my enemies. I know that You said if I don't forgive those who wrong me, then You won't forgive me. But it is so hard! Lord, help me to forgive. Help me to do as You say I should and love my enemies, bless them, and do good to them even though they hate me and curse me.

Help me to pray for them as You say I should, even though they persecute me and spitefully use me. I don't want to love them, Lord. And I certainly don't want to pray for them! But I know I have to because You command it. I know I have to because I want You to forgive me.

And I know I have to forgive them because at the end of the day, they, too, are souls that You want to see saved. You died for them just as You died for me. So, I need You to please put Your love for them into my heart so that I can love them as You do and see them through Your eyes.

Because You are love, and if I have Your Spirit in me, then I am love, too.



Reflection

Who comes to mind when you pray about forgiveness? Tell Yeshua honestly where it still hurts.

What makes it difficult to see that person as a soul He wants to save?

How can you begin to pray for that person today? Ask Him to put His love for that soul in your heart.

DAY 12



DAY 12

Give me a new heart

Ezekiel 36:26

Lord, I need a new heart. I need my stony heart taken away and I need You to replace it with a heart of flesh. I want to have in my new heart the love that You feel for others. You are love, so when Your Spirit is within me, then I am love, too. But I need Your Spirit in me every minute of every day.

I need it to draw me closer to You and to continue changing me – changing my heart. Plow my heart right now, Lord! Make it tender so that You can sow the seeds of Your Word within me and write them upon this heart. I want to receive it, to receive You. Give me a new heart that is removed from this world and walks with You.

I want to speak Your words, think Your thoughts, and do Your work with my hands. I want to be like You. Show me where hurt has made me hard and where pride has kept me from receiving correction. I don't want to protect an attitude that is keeping me from You. Help me listen without immediately defending myself.

Let Your Word reach the places I have kept closed, and teach me to respond with a willing heart. Make room in me for the work You want to do. And it starts with this new heart.



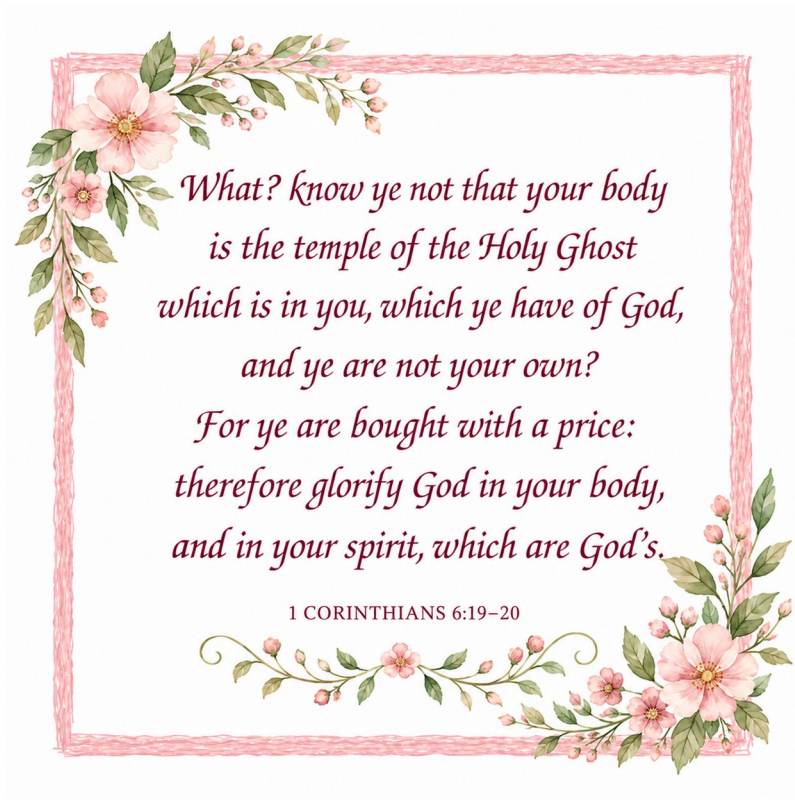
Reflection

Where has your heart become hard or resistant to what Yehovah is asking of you?

What has He shown you in His Word that you need to receive with a more tender, teachable heart?

What would change in your words or actions if you allowed His love to shape your response?

DAY 13



DAY 13

Take better care of my temple

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Lord, my body is Your temple, the temple of the Holy Spirit – Your Spirit. My body belongs to You. I commit to taking better care of Your temple, Lord. Help me become a better steward of this body You have given me so that I may be a better witness, be healthy, and have more energy to go out and teach Your Word.

Lord, temptation is everywhere with unhealthy foods and practices, and I ask You right now to help me eat healthier, get better, more restful sleep, and protect my health and wellness both mentally and physically. Help me avoid and better manage any stress in my life. I realize that the devil will try to steal my shalom, my peace.

Renew my joy in You, my passion, my imagination, my excitement. I hereby declare that he will not touch me or my family! Help me recognize when I need to stop and rest instead of pushing until I have nothing left. Give me wisdom to ask for help and receive good care. Teach me to work within the strength I have today without measuring my worth by how much I finish.

Let the way I care for this body reflect gratitude for the life You have given me. Draw me closer to You so that I may keep Your temple well maintained and healthy.



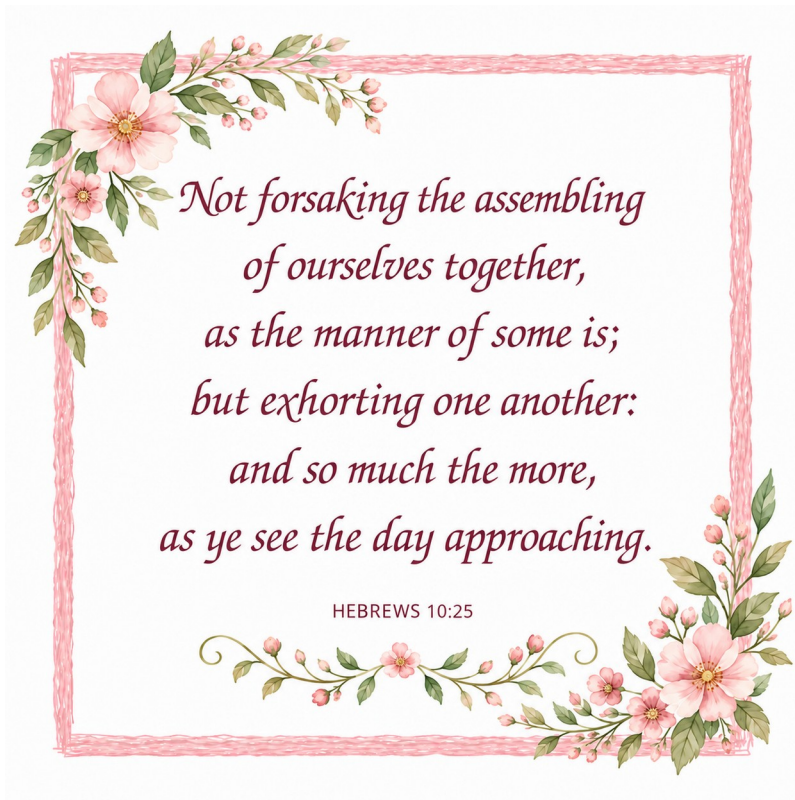
Reflection

What do your habits say about how you care for the body
Yehovah has given you?

Where do you need His help with rest, nourishment, stress, or
another area of caring for His temple?

What is one realistic change you can make this week to become a
better steward of your body?

DAY 14



DAY 14

Lead me to a body of believers

Hebrews 10:25

Lord, lead me to a body of believers who have a hunger for Your truth, who want to know more of You, and who live for You with every breath in their body. Guide me to a body that worships You in spirit and in truth, who rightly divide the Word, and seek for You to write Your words on their hearts.

Whether it's a gathering in a home like the Acts church or a gathering in another structure, remove from my mind any preconceived notions of how "church" should work and just lead me to truth – Your truth. Let me know them by the fruit they bear and bring me to a body that will edify me and raise me up to become the disciple You want me to be.

Lead me to a body where I can identify my spiritual gifts and learn how to use them for Your glory, for the furtherance of Your kingdom, for leading others to You. Lead me to a body where they heal the sick, deliver those in bondage, and war in the spirit against the hell that wants to rob us of our joy, our peace, and our families.

Make us strong, Lord. Bind us together and lead us into the coming days that are filled with uncertainty in the world. Remind us that the only thing, the ONLY THING we can believe in, depend on, and trust is YOU.



Reflection

What fruit do you need to look for in a body of believers who will help you grow in truth?

Are expectations about how church should look keeping you from recognizing faithful fellowship?

How can you encourage, pray for, and serve the believers Jehovah places in your life?

DAY 15



DAY 15

Allow Yehovah to fulfill His purpose in my life

Jeremiah 29:11

Lord, I cry out to You now. You knew me before You formed me. You know the plans You have for me. Help me to come in line with Your plans for my life. Help me to discover the purpose You have for me, for my life. Help me to understand that purpose and give me courage, strength, wisdom, and boldness as I pursue it.

You have numbered my days, Lord, and You have promised to fulfill every purpose that You have for me as long as I am faithful to You. Help me to choose You, always You. Give me a heart for You, a mind for You. Put a desire deep within me to always, always seek Your face first. I want to please You.

I want to be all that You want me to be. Help me be faithful in what is already in front of me while I wait for what I cannot yet see. I don't want to miss the person who needs kindness today because I am looking for a bigger assignment tomorrow. Teach me to receive the preparation along with the promise.

Work on my character, my patience, and my willingness to serve where You place me. Let my desire to fulfill Your purpose begin with obedience in the things You have already shown me. Mold me and shape me so that I will be.



Reflection

What do you believe Yehovah is calling you to do? What has He already placed before you?

What fear, distraction, or attachment is making it difficult to respond to Him?

What can you do today to be faithful with what He has already shown you, even if you cannot see the whole plan?

DAY 16



DAY 16

Repent

Acts 3:19

Lord, I know that Your Word says that in order to be forgiven by You, I must repent of my sins before You. Humble me so that I am ready to repent whenever I sin. It is not my intention to sin, but this human flesh is not yet perfected. Help me, Lord, to walk the path You have laid out for me, to walk in Your footsteps.

Humble me so that I am not so proud or haughty that it restricts my repentance. Give me a repentant heart that is as quick to forgive as it is to seek forgiveness. Let all my ways reflect a heart and mind for You. Mold me, shape me, and guide me. Help me to understand the depth and gravity of repentance that goes far beyond simply saying “I’m sorry.” Help me to find the reverence in the act and make it quick to spring to my lips when needed.

I open my mouth to declare that I seek to be holy for You are holy, and I long to obey Your commands. Repentance is holiness. True repentance is holiness. Show me the next step after I ask forgiveness. Help me turn away from what I have confessed, make right what I can, and stop making excuses for what needs to change.

I want my choices to show that I have turned toward You. I long to be holy as You are holy.



Reflection

Is there something you need to repent of that you have been excusing or putting off?

What needs to change beyond saying, ‘I’m sorry’?

What will turning away from that sin look like in your choices today? Ask Him to help you follow through.

DAY 17



DAY 17

Become a better disciple

Matthew 4:19

Lord, I want to be a better disciple to You. I want to follow You. I want to be a fisher of men. I know that it is Your will for all believers to be disciples, that living for You is an active, living existence. I know that You don't just expect but command that everyone who chooses to live for You should actively go out and reach the lost, minister to the lost, and lead people to You.

Make me a better disciple. Teach me to pray, Lord, for the people I know and the ones I don't. Make me bold so that I will approach people and offer to pray for them. Make me bold, Lord, so I am quick and confident to share Your good news with everyone. Give me wisdom so that when I encounter those who reject You, I will not waste time convincing a settled mind and can shake the dust off my feet and seek out the hungry.

Bring the hungry to me, Lord! Put those in my path who are hungry for You, who want to know You. Even if they are searching for something but don't know what – send them to me so I can share You with them, show them Your face. Mold me and shape me into the disciple that You want me to be.



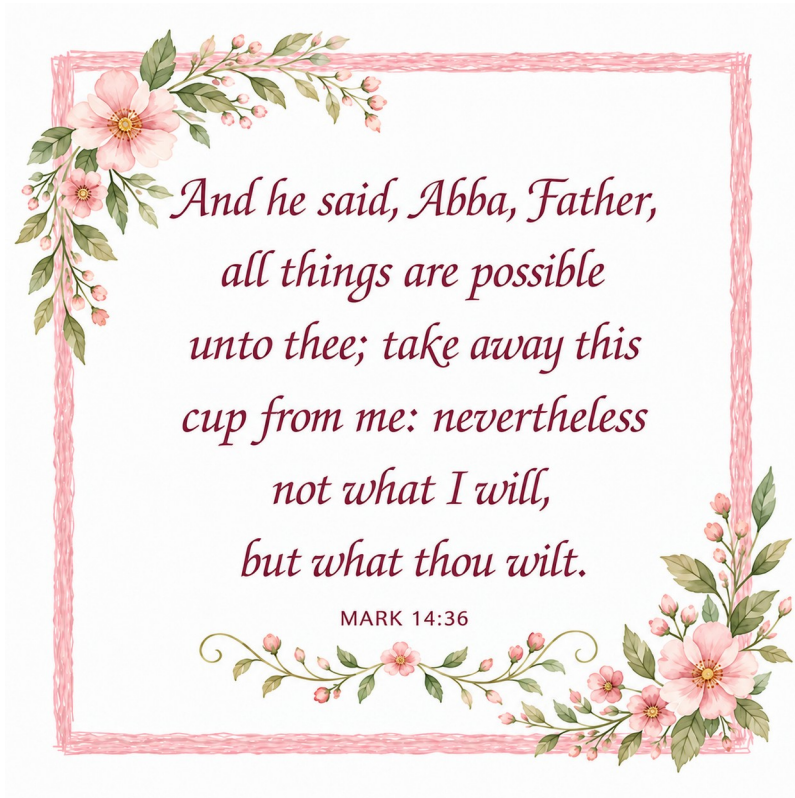
Reflection

What does following Yeshua require of you in your everyday life?

Who has He placed in your path that you can pray for, encourage, or share His Word with?

What keeps you from reaching out? Ask Him for the wisdom and boldness to take the next step.

DAY 18



DAY 18

Yehovah's will, not mine

Mark 14:36

Lord, You knew me before You formed me. You know my ways, my thoughts, my beginning, and my end. You know the outcome of every choice I make long before I make it. And You know what is best for me. I never want to be out of Your will, Yehovah. I never want to walk in that dry place and feel so far from You.

Help me stay in Your will and help me to keep my gaze focused on You. I don't want to be distracted by the world because that just causes discontent and frustration. I want to keep my eyes on You, walking in Your will. Open all doors that lead to Your will, Lord, and close all doors that lead away from it.

Help me so that I do not stray or step off the path. When Your answer is different from what I hoped for, help me keep listening. Don't let disappointment become an excuse to go my own way. Teach me to wait without trying to force a door You have closed. Search the desires behind my prayers and show me where I am asking You to approve a decision I have already made.

I want to follow You with an open hand and a willing heart. Even when I cannot see the whole path, help me obey the next step You have made clear. Keep me aligned with Your will, always.



Reflection

Where are you struggling to surrender your will to Yehovah’s will?

Is there an answer you want so much that you have had a hard time listening for His direction?

What would obedience look like if His direction takes you somewhere different from what you expected?

DAY 19



DAY 19

Deeper understanding of my authority in Yeshua

Philippians 4:13

Lord, help me to realize the authority that I have in You. When I was baptized in Your name, like so many others in Your Word, I took on Your authority. But I never fully recognized it. Teach me, Lord, the authority that I have in You, to battle the enemy, to have no fear, to worry for nothing, to walk confidently and boldly to lead the lost to You.

Teach me, Lord, the power of my words and the power of things spoken in Your name. When I walk in Your authority, I will not fear. I will be anxious for nothing. I will break the enemy's back as I snatch souls from the greedy gates of hell. For that is my purpose. It is the purpose of all who choose to follow You, to live for You.

And it is the reason that You give Your authority to all who go down in the water in Your name. I thank You for this authority, Your authority. Make me a wise steward and teach me how to use it. Keep me humble as I learn to walk in what You have given me. I want to use Your authority under Your direction, with love for the people who need Your help.

Let my confidence always rest in You. For I truly can do all things through You who strengthen me.



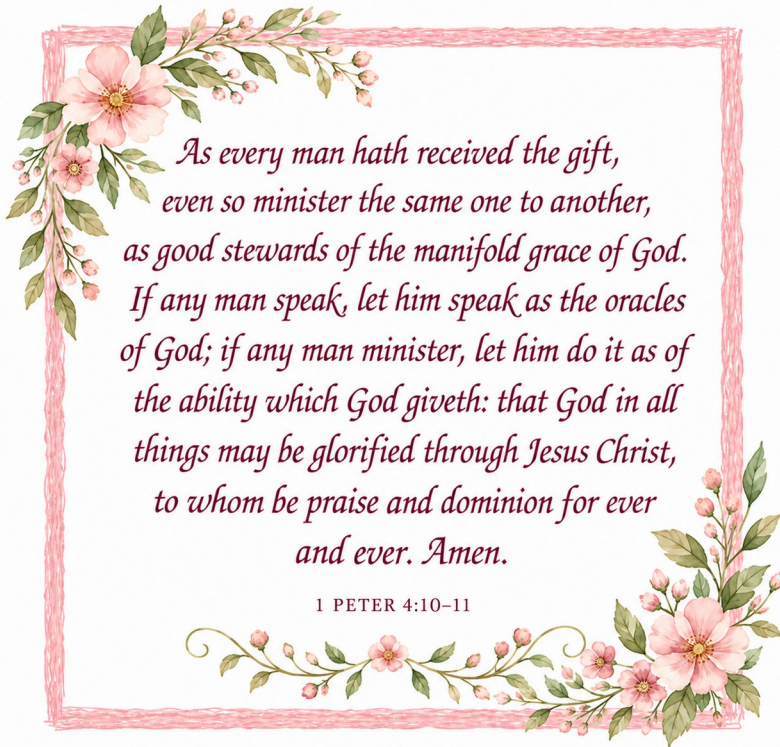
Reflection

Where do you need a deeper understanding of the authority you have in Yeshua?

How does knowing that this authority comes from Him affect the way you pray and respond to the enemy?

What situation do you need to bring before Him today, asking for wisdom and boldness to walk in His authority?

DAY 20



DAY 20

Understand my spiritual gifts

1 Peter 4:10-11

Lord, You said that everyone has received gifts from You. Your Word says that we are to use these gifts to minister to each other and to reach the lost. I want to be a good steward of Your manifold grace, so help me to understand my own spiritual gifts. Help me to know them and understand them. Help me to know how to use them for Your glory.

Put others in my path who will help me understand my gifts and use them effectively as You would have me use them. I know that my gifts are to be used to serve You, but I want to know what You want from me. I only want to serve You. I only want to please You. I don't want to squander what You have so freely given, and I don't want to hide my light.

I want to be a light to the world so that people can see You through my life. I want my life to be a living testimony, and that means knowing my gifts and using them according to Your will for my life. I want to be obedient. Keep me from comparing what You have given me with what You have given someone else.

Help me serve faithfully, even when no one notices. Let love guide the way I use every gift, and let the praise always go to You. I want to glorify You.



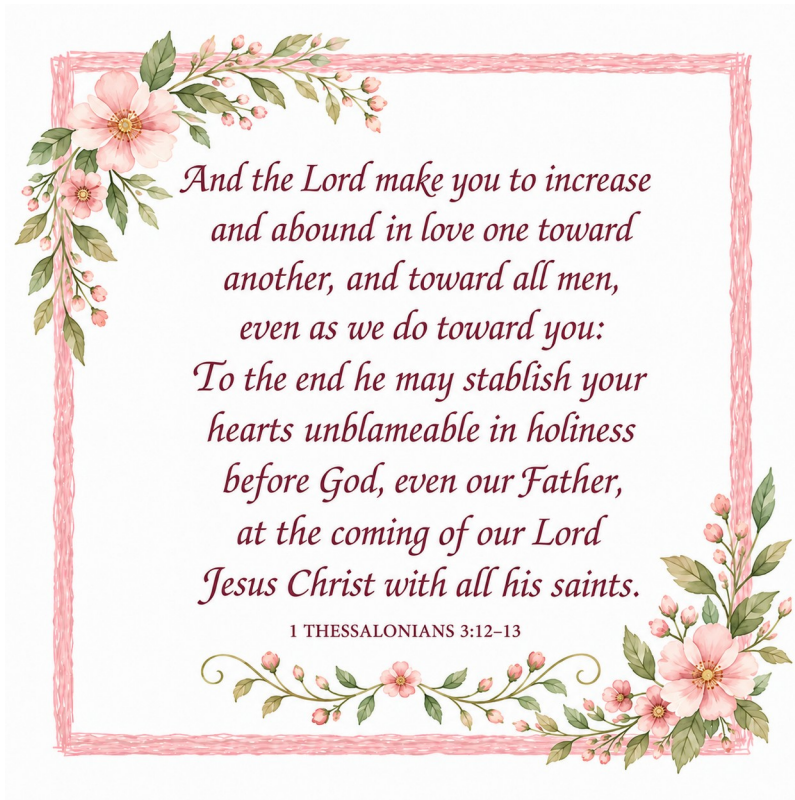
Reflection

What gifts has Yehovah given you, and where have you seen opportunities to use them?

Is fear, comparison, or uncertainty keeping you from using what He has placed in you?

How can you use one of those gifts to serve someone this week and give Him the glory?

DAY 21



DAY 21

Put the love of Yehovah in my heart

1 Thessalonians 3:12–13

Lord, I ask You to put the love that You have for people, even my enemies, in my own heart. I want to feel the love that You have for them, for all souls. I want to know that unconditional love, the depth and breadth of loving someone so much that no matter what they do to me, I can forgive them.

Help me love them so much that I grieve for them when they are lost and rejoice with them when they find Your sweet salvation. I want to have that love that compels me to go out and reach the lost, the unwanted, the forgotten. Lord, I want to love the lepers! I ask You to let me see people through Your eyes and love them through Your heart.

For that unconditional, Christlike love is holiness. Let that love reach into ordinary moments, too. Help me listen when someone needs to be heard and notice the person everyone else walks past. Keep me from speaking truth with an attitude that makes it harder for someone to receive it. When I need to correct, give me gentleness. When I need to step back, help me do it without hatred.

I don't want to talk about Your love while withholding it from the person standing in front of me. Let them encounter Your kindness through me today. And I want to be holy as You are holy.



Reflection

Who do you find difficult to love, and what do you need to bring before Yehovah about that relationship?

Who around you may feel unwanted, forgotten, or beyond anyone’s concern?

What can you do to show His love to that person? Ask Him to help you see the soul through His eyes.

DAY 22



DAY 22

Purify me so that I may embody and display all the fruits of the spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

Lord, I ask You to cleanse me and purge me of anything within me that offends You. Mold me, shape me, form me into what You want me to be. My life is Yours. Kill off the parts of me that are not pleasing to You and fill me with You. Fill me with Your Spirit so that I may have a new life, a new song, a new tongue, a new outlook.

And let Your Spirit work in me so that I may bear good fruit. Lord, I want to bear the good fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. For this is what You are and what I long to be. And the more I am like You, the less I am like me. And the closer I get to being holy as You are holy.

Let that fruit show when I am tired, when plans change, and when someone says something that hurts. Search my responses, Lord. Show me what is growing there. I don't want to sound loving in prayer and then speak harshly to my family. Help me receive correction without pride and practice self-control before words leave my mouth. When You reveal something that needs to go, help me surrender it.

Let Your Spirit shape the way I treat people when no one is watching and there is nothing for me to gain. Teach me to bear good fruit!



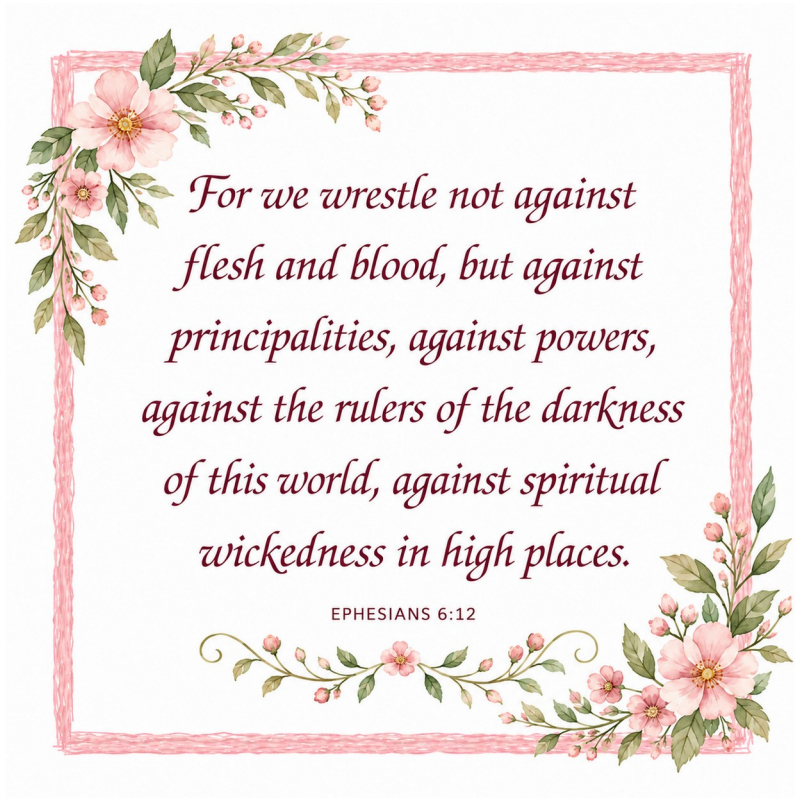
Reflection

Which fruit of the Spirit is most evident in your life? Where do you still need Him to work?

Think about a recent difficult moment. What fruit did your response reveal?

What needs to be surrendered so that His Spirit can produce better fruit in that part of your life?

DAY 23



DAY 23

Deeper understanding that everything is spiritual

Ephesians 6:12

Lord, increase my understanding of the reality of my walk with You. I am created in Your image, and Your Word says that You are a spirit. Since I am created in Your image, I am a spirit first and foremost. This means that the bulk of my battle is in the spirit.

This fleshly body is just a vehicle to get me through this world. My spirit is my true life and it abides in You. Help me, Lord, to keep my mind in the awareness that people are driven by the spiritual. If they have not submitted to Your Spirit, the Holy Spirit, then they have submitted to something else and that is what I am dealing with.

Help me to remember this and help me maintain my love for the soul that is bound. Give me compassion for the prisoner and help me so that I can help them break free from their chains. So instead of getting angry with the person, help me to remember that my battle is not with them, that they are prisoners.

I am battling the spirit that oppresses them – and it wants to keep them bound. Teach me to set the captives free!



Reflection

When someone hurts or opposes you, what helps you remember that your battle is not against flesh and blood?

How would seeing the soul instead of reacting to the person change the way you pray?

Where do you need discernment, compassion, and His guidance as you face the battle before you?

DAY 24



DAY 24

Realizing my power to defeat the enemy

Luke 10:19

Lord, I know that You said You gave me power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, but sometimes I just feel so helpless! I need You to help me fully realize the power and authority that I have in You to defeat the enemy. Help me to understand true warfare and make me Your soldier.

Give me discernment and understanding so that I can identify the enemy, know how to fight it, and emerge victorious. And give me the knowledge and ability to share this with others so that I can teach them how to have victory over the enemy. I want to be able to help others escape those prisons and teach them how to break free, how to defeat the enemy, how to engage in true spiritual warfare.

But it starts with understanding that You gave me Your power and Your authority to walk in every day so that I would be equipped to deal with whatever the enemy throws at me. Keep me close to You, Lord. Teach me to resist the enemy without turning people into targets. Let prayer be my first response, and keep Your Word in my mouth and in my heart.

Show me what I need to surrender so that I am submitted to You as I stand against him. I want to follow Your direction, not act out of anger or pride. My confidence is in You. I need that understanding today.



Reflection

Where have you felt helpless in a spiritual battle? Bring that situation before Yeshua.

What do you need Him to teach you about the power and authority He has given you?

How can what you are learning help you pray for someone else who needs freedom in Him?

DAY 25



DAY 25

Be more fully submitted to the Holy Spirit

James 4:7

Lord, I know You called me out of the world. I know that You want me to walk in Your ways – walk as You walked, but sometimes it is hard. Sometimes I slip into my old carnal, worldly ways and don't even realize it until I am already there. I face so much temptation every day. I want the devil to flee from me and Your Word says that he will do this if I am submitted to You.

Deepen my understanding. I am committed to You but I need to be fully submitted to You, to Your Holy Spirit. Your Word says that it is Your Spirit that will comfort me, guide me, and open my understanding of You. I want to walk as You walked and do all that I can to please You, but I can't do it alone. I need Your Spirit.

I need to be filled with Your Spirit. I need to understand, to know, what it means to be fully submitted to You. I need Your Spirit to guide me, help me, fill me so that the devil cannot even find a foothold within me. I want the devil to flee from me because the light inside of me is so much greater than what the world, his kingdom, could ever produce.

Help me separate from the world, Lord! Make the things of the world detestable to me because they are detestable to You. Then help me get past myself so that I can rest in You, fully submitted to You.



Reflection

What part of your life have you committed to Yeshua in words but still struggle to submit to Him?

When do you notice yourself slipping back into old ways? What do you need to bring under His direction?

What will you surrender today so that His Spirit can guide your thoughts, your words, and your actions?

DAY 26



*And be not conformed
to this world: but be ye
transformed by the renewing
of your mind, that ye may
prove what is that good,
and acceptable, and perfect,
will of God.*

ROMANS 12:2

DAY 26

I am separate from the world

Romans 12:2

I know that the world is not my home, and I should be separate from it. I know that I am not to love the things of the world because that makes me an enemy of Yours. Sometimes it is hard, though, because I do live in the world. But I must always remember that I am not of the world. And that is where I struggle sometimes.

Help me to separate myself from this evil world. Show me the areas that I need to work on, the parts of me that are still bound to a world that I no longer belong in. Root out those things within me that are detestable to You. Reveal them to me and cut them off – kill them – so that I may be pleasing and acceptable to You.

I command carnality to go in the name of Yeshua! I take control over my own flesh and bring it into submission to my will so that I may be submitted to Your will. Help me to remember that there is nothing good that is of this world and anything that may bring me enjoyment or entertainment is only temporal and can be a doorway that leads me away from You.

For Your things are eternal and good and holy. Your things feed me, edify me, and allow me to fulfill my purpose in You. Those are the things that I seek. Help me be wholly separate and apart from the world so that I can be holy as You are holy.



Reflection

What habits, influences, or desires are still keeping you tied to the ways of the world?

What has His Word shown you that you need to lay down? What has made it difficult to let go?

What can you do today to renew your mind in His Word and walk in obedience to Him?

DAY 27



DAY 27

Help me weather the storms better

James 1:2-4

I know that storms are inevitable. They are going to happen. You said in Your Word that there would be trials and difficulties. You also said that as long as I am faithful and obedient to You, You would never forsake me. And when the storms come, it's human nature to get anxious or scared or flustered. But help me to remember that I can always run to You, even wake You from slumber, and You will speak to the storm, "Peace, be still." I want that peace in ME so that when the storm is raging around me, I can rest and know that You have me in the palm of Your hand.

Help me to look for the lessons in the storm so that I can weather them better and walk away stronger, wiser, and more rooted in You. Help me learn to look to You first when difficulties come.

Help me remember to always seek Your will in my life even if it doesn't look like what I expect or want. I want to remember that You know best, and You know what is best for me.

Help me to stop getting in my own way. I want to give my life over to You so that I can have a deeper relationship with You. Help me to walk in Your ways, the way You walked. Show me the obedience You seek in me and call me to more. I don't want my will, but Your will to be done. I just need to stop trying to hold onto that control.

I need to trust You to guide me in Your time and in Your ways. Help me weather the storms with grace and peace that can only come from You.



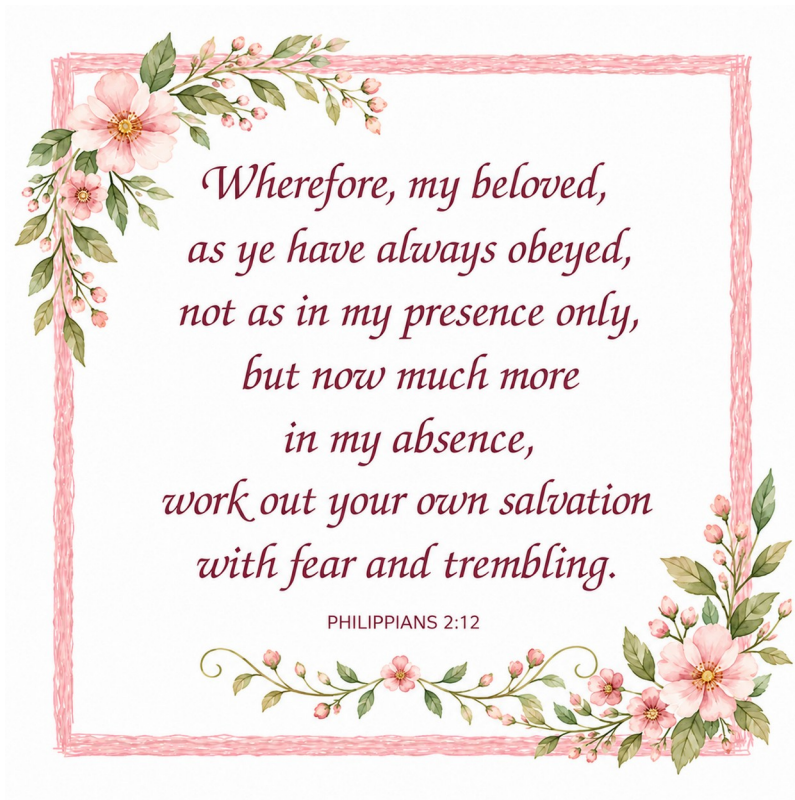
Reflection

What storm are you facing, and where have you been turning for help?

What might Yehovah be teaching you while you walk through this difficulty?

What do you need to surrender so that you can trust His timing and follow His direction through the storm?

DAY 28



DAY 28

Working out my own salvation

Philippians 2:12

I want to keep my mind set on You so that I do it Your way and not my own. I don't want my own perceptions and ideas to seep in, polluting Your Word and hindering my salvation and growth in You. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear so I can learn Your ways and Your thoughts and grow to have Your nature. Plow my heart; make me teachable so that I can receive Your Word, even when it is contrary to my flesh.

Especially when it is contrary to my flesh. Don't let me get in my own way. Show me what I need to lay down and what I need to pick up in order to walk in Your ways. Kill off those things within me that are not pleasing to You. Reveal them to me and kill them so that they no longer separate me from You – so that they no longer prevent me from growing in You.

I want to be pleasing to You, always. I want to be obedient to You. Help me keep a right attitude so that I can walk in that obedience. Give me the courage and the strength to do this because I know that it is hard to come out of the world. Give me the perseverance and steadfastness to walk in Your ways because I know that they are so different from what the world believes.

I just want to please You. I understand that I am the only one who is responsible for working out my salvation. Help me to do that, even if it means leaving all that I know and am accustomed to behind. It is all worth it to walk with You forever.



Reflection

Where have you depended on what someone else believes instead of studying His Word for yourself?

Is there something His Word has made clear that you still need to put into practice?

What will obedience require of you, and what help do you need to ask Him for as you respond?

DAY 29



DAY 29

Be holy as He is holy

Leviticus 19:2

I want to be holy as You are holy. I want to be holy as You have commanded me to be. I know that means putting away the things of the world. Give me the courage and strength to do whatever it takes to walk with You in holiness. I know that faith without works is dead. I want to show the world my faith by my works so that others can see You within me. Guide me through Your Word so that I can be holy as You are holy.

Bring Your Word to life and let it burn as a fire within me. I know that I cannot be holy if I don't take action. I know that in order to be holy, I must keep Your statutes and walk in Your ways. Help me to understand those statutes and set my feet in Your footsteps. I want to walk as You walked. I want to walk in holiness. Search me, see me, root out those things that do not please You.

Purify me and give me a heart of flesh. And as I lay down each thing of the world, help me to see that my identity is rooted in You and not in those things – not in my position in the world. Let me see myself through Your eyes, the ugly and the beautiful, so that I may begin to nurture what is beautiful and starve what is ugly. If I am going to come out of the world as You commanded, I am going to have to starve, to kill those ugly things that are the remnants that keep me bound to a world that should not want me.

I want to be transformed by You, by Your Word, by Your love. For that is how I will be holy as You are holy.



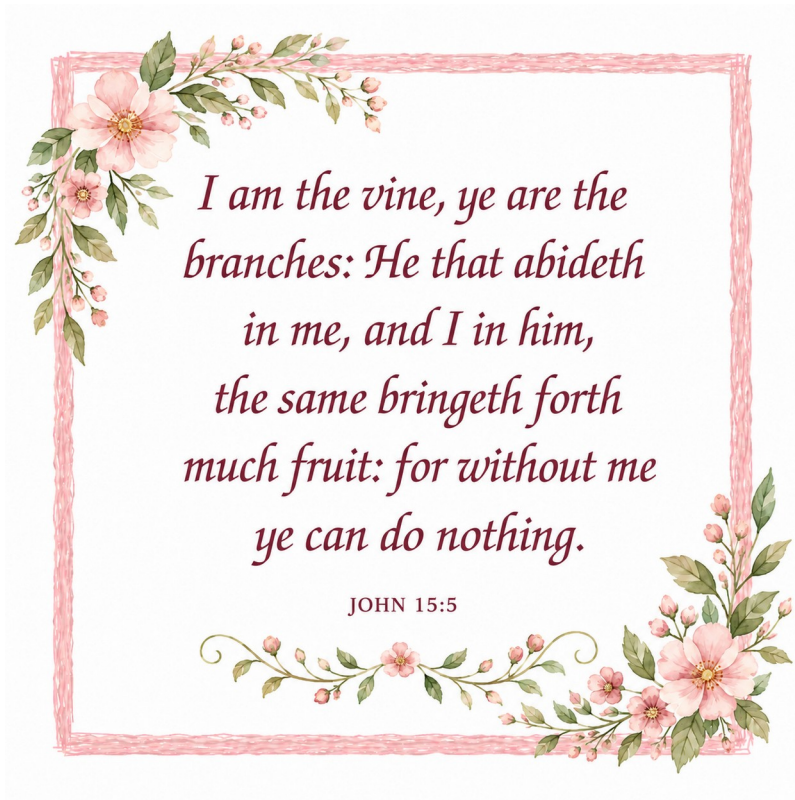
Reflection

What does being holy as He is holy mean for the way you live each day?

What has Yehovah shown you in His Word that needs to change in your attitudes, habits, or relationships?

What is one step of obedience you can take today as you ask Him to make you more like Him?

DAY 30



DAY 30

Help me to abide in Yeshua

John 15:5

I want to abide in You. I MUST abide in You, for that is the only way I will be saved. And by abiding in You, I must keep Your statutes and walk as You walked. Illuminate Your walk so that I may follow it. Open my eyes to see that it isn't what I want or how I feel or what I like or what makes me comfortable.

It's about what YOU have called me to do, to be. You are the vine, and I do not want to be separated from that. But in order to remain with You and grow in You, I must be obedient to You. You said to keep Your commandments only if I love You. Help me to see those commandments, to understand them, to hunger for them and the life that they bring.

Show me the blessings of keeping Your commandments. You said if I abide in You, then I will walk as You walked. Help me to see beyond myself, my own limited, biased view, and find You and Your ways. Help me to reach beyond any false teaching I may have encountered or inaccurate interpretations I may have formed on my own as I allowed my flesh to override the guidance of Your Spirit.

Move me out of the way so that I can abide in You – so that I can be holy as You are holy and stay rooted in You. Help me grow and bear much good fruit.



Reflection

What helps you stay rooted in Yeshua, and what tends to draw your attention away from Him?

Is there a commandment you have been struggling to understand or obey? Bring it before Him honestly.

What can you change in your daily walk to give His Word more room to guide you?

DAY 31



DAY 31

Help me bear good fruit

Matthew 7:17-20

Help me to walk in such a way that others will know me by the fruit that I bear. I want to bear good fruit. I don't want to be cast into the fire. Help me to discern between good fruit and corrupt fruit. I know that the view of good fruit has been skewed by false teachers and those who fail to study, so open my eyes and show me true good fruit.

As I study Your Word and ingest it, write it on my heart. Let it work in me, changing me, so that my fruit is good and I can be a good witness. Give me a testimony! Change the fruit that I bear so that it reflects Your holiness within me. I don't want the world's interpretation of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance – I want the true definition that is Yours.

I want to love as You love. I want the joy and peace that can only come from You. I want Your patience, gentleness, and goodness toward others so I can lead them to You. Strengthen my faith so that I know, I KNOW, that as long as I am obedient and faithful to You, that You will NEVER leave me or forsake me. I want the faith that gives me the courage to break away from the world and loose myself from that bondage.

Help me to have meekness, to know who and what I am in relation to You. And give me self-control to walk in Your ways and have the discipline to stay on this walk and always bear fruit that comes from Your holiness. For that is how they will see You when they look at me.



Reflection

As you look back over these days of prayer, where can you see Him working in your life?

What fruit do your words, choices, and relationships reveal? Where do you still need Him to change you?

What will you continue praying and putting into practice after Day 31 so that you keep growing in Him?

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