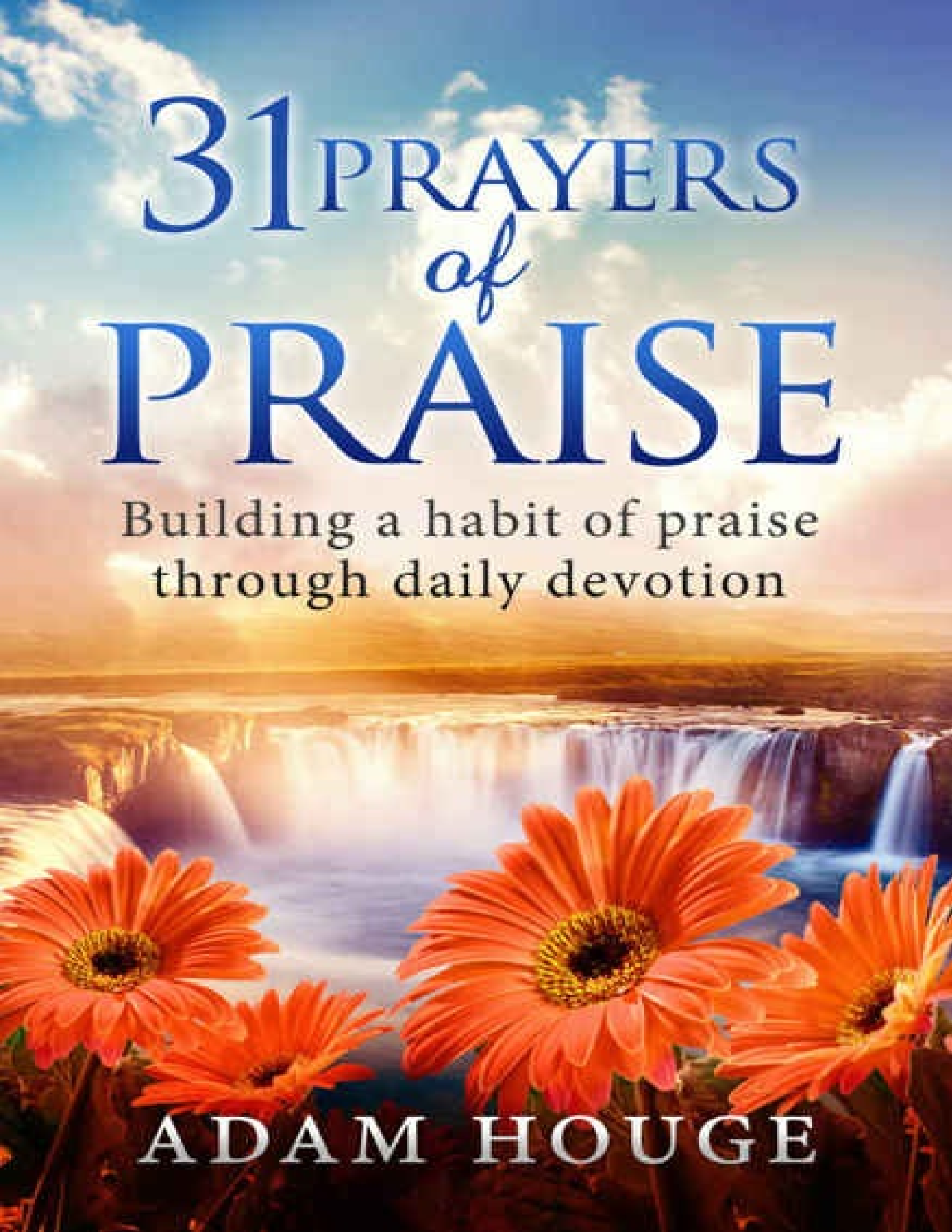

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Introduction

Who is like God, and who is like His majesty, that anyone can compare to Him? It isn't just because God is a God of power and majesty that we worship Him. In all that He is and all that He has, there is nothing that can compare to His incredible love.

It is by His love that He rules heaven and earth. It is because of love that He created us. It was due to His love that He laid down all of His glory and splendor to become a rejected poor man walking the streets of dust. Then, because He loved us, He even laid down that life to save us.

God has shown you by His amazing affection and grace that He would rather lose all things than lose you. In His love He has counted you as worth the price He suffered just to gain you and hold you. He didn't lay down His throne just to be crucified, only to take it up again. He laid down all these things to save you, cherish you, and set you free in His love.

For these reasons we serve and worship the Almighty God! In Him we have the substance of life, and that substance begins with His love. In all of these things, God has proven Himself to be worthy of our worship. It is because of His "worth-ship" that we worship Him.

God has done so much to deserve our affection. He is always worthy of our praise, and we ought to maintain a heart of constant worship toward Him. He deserves our constant, continual affection. There is no love like the love of our God! Who could fail to be grateful for it?

Over these next thirty days, we'll devote ourselves to prayer and to having a heart of worship. We'll form a habit of worship through a consistent daily devotion. If you do anything long enough, it will become a habit. Let's become habitual worshippers through consistently praising Him over these next thirty days.

During this time, come out from the distractions around you and be alone with God. Find a quiet corner of your house and make it your "secret place." There, in the secret place, God will meet up with you. He will wrap His arms around you and show you His affection. Grow deeper in your relationship with Him and respond to His affection by giving Him yours as well.

After reading the devotion, spend the rest of your time worshipping Him in the secret place. Be diligent to meet with Him there daily. Take this time to show Him your love through consistent prayer and daily praise.

Day One
Praise for Salvation

Lord, thank You for everything You have done for me. Thank You that I can have You and meet with You here in this place. God, who am I that You, the Lord of All, would grace me with Your presence? I'm not worthy of You! I've sinned against You in so many ways—yet You love me? Thank You, Jesus!

Thank You for everything You endured for me. You are worthy of my worship! You deserve my adoration and praise. God, I'm meeting with You here today to give You exactly that—to give You the praise and worship You deserve. Meet with me now as I worship You. Fill me, Lord, with Your Spirit!

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The Lord has been so faithful in everything He has done for you. He chose not to withhold His only Son from death so that He could show you just how much He loves you and could save you. But why? Because He ***wants*** you and wants a relationship with you. He ***wants*** to hold and cherish you and make you His.

Indeed, you are His special treasure. Jesus said that if a man finds a precious pearl or a field full of treasure, he will give all that he has for that pearl or that field. Beloved, do you not understand? ***You*** are ***His*** pearl, worth giving everything for. He has proven it by what He has done for you! He gave everything for you because He counted ***you*** as His special treasure. He counted you as someone worth dying for and calls you likewise to sacrifice your life in this world for Him. He has loved you so much! Why shouldn't you give your all for Him?

He endured the cross for the joy set before Him. But what was His joy? He began as Lord of all, sitting on heaven's throne. Being raised from the dead and sitting at the right hand of the Father wasn't the only joy He was receiving. After all, He came from heaven to begin with. Then He came to this earth to gain something that would increase His joy.

So, what exactly did He hope to gain through His cross? You! You, Beloved, are the joy that was set before Him. You are His treasure, worth giving everything for. He has loved you so much! Is He not worthy of all your adoration and affection? Devote yourself to Him now and meet with Him in the place of worship. God deserves your praises because He loves you so much! Let's

worship because he is worthy. Again, we worship because of His worth-ship.

With everything He is and everything He has done, He has loved you. Take this time to love Him back. Sit in the secret place and worship Him for all that He has done. Remain there in His presence and be rejuvenated by His Spirit. Worship Him now and be recharged in Him.

Then carry the joy He gives you for the rest of the day. Be diligent to share that joy with others and to be a light to them.

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“The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.” Psalm 18:46

Day Two
Deliverance

Lord, You have been so good to look on the many afflictions of Your servant and to deliver me out of them all. Your hand is so kind, and You always lead me gently in the way. I'm not deserving of Your goodness, Lord. Thank You for everything You have done to save me out of every trial, tribulation, and persecution.

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Reflect upon the ways God has delivered you—not only in salvation but also in all things. Reflect upon the various trials of your past and present and how God has made them all come together for your good. Then, as you reflect, worship Him because of His faithfulness. Worship Him because He is your salvation in *everything*.

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"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13

"But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And *out of them all the Lord delivered me*. Yes, and *all* who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:10–12

Day Three

Blessings

Thank You, Jesus, for every blessing You have given me. Thank You for every good thing in my life. Thank You, Lord, that You make me rejoice! Thank you that I can have joy and sit before You now to praise You for it.

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Take this time, while in the secret place, to consider all the blessings God has given you. Think of everything you can and worship Him for it. Spend these moments worshipping Him and reflecting on anything He may lay on your heart at this time.

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“You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, to the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.” Psalm 30:11–12

Day Four
Faithfulness

In all my trouble, God, You have never failed me. I put my trust in You above all things. I believe that You are always good no matter what comes on me. Your faithfulness has always been my delight, and my heart rejoices in Your loving-kindness! Lord, I will praise You because You have never failed me, nor have You *ever* let me down.

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Take some time to sit in the secret place and worship the Lord. Remember that He has never failed You but, rather, has always been there for You. Remember how He is always good. He is always faithful to love, save, discipline, and deliver, and has always come through in the nick of time—His perfect timing.

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“Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.” Psalm 37:3

Day Five
Trials

Lord, I admit that I don't understand everything, but I believe that You do. I don't know why You let harmful things happen, but I still believe that You are good. Thank You for trials! Thank You for the growth You intend for me through trying circumstances. Thank You for the blessing You intend to give me when you work it all together for good. Thank You that You will deliver me out of my troubles and bring me to know joy.

Thank You for the opportunity You give me to have blind faith and to praise You while I'm yet in my storms. Who am I that You would give me such a wonderful opportunity to be found righteous in Your eyes?

I will praise You in the midst of my burdens because I believe You *are* good! I thank You for these burdens, which afford me the opportunity for faith as I believe that You will do only good to me. I refuse to give strength to doubt but, instead, trust that Your love will compel You to save me.

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God intends all things for good. No matter how hard anything is, remember to praise Him. Remember to thank Him for every opportunity to have blind faith and be found faithful. Remember that every trial is an opportunity to see God's faithfulness and power at work. Thank Him for His deliverance. In so doing, you will increase your faith, knowing that He intends to save you and work all things together for your benefit.

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"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18

"Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls—yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation." Habakkuk 3:17–18

Day Six
Promises

Who am I, that You would make a covenant with me? You're so wonderful, Lord! Who am I that You would promise me eternal life and love me? Thank You for Your precious promises! I praise You, Lord, because in Your promises You have reflected Your heart toward me. I'm not worthy of Your goodness, but I thank You for the hope I have through Your promises.

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Sit in the secret place and reflect on all the Lord has in store for you. He intends eternal life and eternal peace. He will give You a future and a hope. He will make You live in a land where there is no suffering. Think of all His promises and reflect on what He's giving you; then worship Him for it during this time.

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"…as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Peter 1:3–4

Day Seven

Hope

Thank You, God, for hope—for the hope of Your salvation, a new life, and a new body. Thank You for the hope of healing and growth, that I may be renewed in You.

Lord, I will worship You because of Your goodness. I will give You glory with all my heart! Because you have loved me, You have given me hope for eternal life.

Thank You, Jesus!

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Reflect on the strong hope you have in Jesus Christ. Take this time to worship Him.

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“But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day, for I do not know their limits.” Psalm 71:14–15

Day Eight

Mercy

Thank You for Your mercy and all the ways You forgive me daily. God, heal me and make me upright before You. Thank You that Your mercy is new *every* morning! I don't deserve all the goodness You show me.

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Take this time to reflect on any sins You may have committed and to repent before the Lord. Then worship Him with a thankful heart because His mercy endures forever!

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"Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22–23

"Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1

Day Nine
Strength

How can I keep from singing Your praise? When I sin, You forgive, and when I'm weak You are strong. When I stumble, You are there to uphold, and when I fall, You are there to pick me up again.

Strengthen me, O God, in Your everlasting love, that by Your Spirit I may walk in Your statutes. Keep a heart of sin far from me, but instead give me strength with every new day. Renew me with Your strength, that I may overcome any stumbling points and sin in my life. Thank You that through your strength I find hope for victory!

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Meditate on God and let Him be your strength today. If you have stumbled in any respect, learn to lean on God. When temptation comes your way, turn your heart to prayer and worship—for then, by the Holy Spirit, you will overcome.

Run to God in times of temptation. Flee the situation by running straight into His arms. When you do so, the devil will flee from you because darkness cannot dwell in the place of the light. If your heart is tempted by the darkness, therefore, run swiftly to the light, which is the presence of the Lord.

Meditate on Him, and you will be free. Take this time to worship Him with the strength of the Holy Spirit. In worshipping, you're meditating on Him and not on the things that make for sin. Remember this; and when temptation comes your way, pray for strength as you worship Him.

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"A Psalm of David. Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." Psalm 29:1–2

"It is God who arms me with strength, and makes my way perfect." Psalm 18:32

"Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Galatians 5:16

Day Ten
Works

Lord, how mighty and amazing are all Your works! Your splendor is in Your hands, and Your beauty is in Your workmanship. How mighty are the ways of God, and how wonderful are Your thoughts toward me. Who am I that You would work for me, and how can my works ever compare to Yours?

Lord, work in me and make me an example of Your mighty power—to *Your* glory. Yes, Jesus, I pray that Your hand should be with me for Your glory and Your name's sake, that I would work the works of God both in my conduct and in His power.

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Meditate on the Lord's works, and consider: Are yours as wonderful as His? Stop working for God and let God work through you. It isn't about what we can do for Him but, rather, about what He has done for us and what He can do through us.

In this mindset we find the works required of salvation. Although God works in us and through us, manifesting the evidence of our salvation, He doesn't do this unless we meditate on Him daily. We can't just expect God to work through our hands without seeking Him. He only does so through our daily surrender, as we abide in Him and submit to His will.

When He speaks, we obey, and these are the works of faith to which the Scriptures call us. Faith comes by hearing His word, and righteousness comes by obeying His word.

Set it in your heart to seek God's word and obey—both the word of the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures. Take this time to meditate on His work and to worship Him in it. Give Him the glory He deserves, for His ways are higher than ours and His thoughts are more beautiful than our own.

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"I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High." Psalm 9:1–2

“Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.” Psalm 40:5

Day Eleven
Miracles

Thank You, Lord, for all Your wonderful miracles You enact for me! God, I pray that You would continue to reveal Your affection to me through Your power. Show me Your glory, Lord, that I may glorify Your mighty name! I will worship and praise Your power.

How mighty are the ways of God! You are slow to anger and swift to love. Your heart bleeds forgiveness, and Your hand works mighty signs for all to see.

In seeing Your power, I find faith—faith that You, the God of my salvation, have power over death to resurrect me. In Your miracles I see the hope of my salvation; I see that You, Lord, are mighty enough to save me.

Thank You for what You show me. I pray You will open my eyes to see Your works around me more readily. Open my eyes so that I can see how You answer my prayers, and so that I may glorify You in Your goodness. Let me see Your Spirit work; let me see Your miracles more clearly. Let me see Your glory, for Your face is sufficient for me.

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Seek the Lord in worship for all He has done for you. Consider all the miracles and power He has shown you. These testify to His power over the grave and His ability to save you. His love has substance, for it is so powerful that it can undo death itself. No one is as mighty as our God! No one is worthy of praise like our Lord!

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“Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own strength! We will sing and praise Your power.” Psalm 21:13

“So the LORD said to Moses, ‘I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.’

“And he said, ‘Please, show me Your glory.’

“Then He said, ‘I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be

gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’” Exodus 33:17–19

“And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 2:4–5

Day Twelve

Creation

Lord, I stand in awe of You. When I lift my eyes to see the vastness of the universe, I stand in awe. When I look at the valleys and the beauty of a sunrise in the mountains, I stand amazed. Lord, You have me awestruck by the works of Your hands!

How beautiful are the ways of God, and how wonderful is Your creation! I can't help but worship You when I survey the beauty of all You have made. Thank You for Your creation. Thank You that You will create all things new again, making them more beautiful than they are now.

I'm excited to see Your creative power in action as I stand before You. Thank You, God, that I can stand before You. Thank You for Your new creation in me. How beautiful is Your handiwork! How amazing You are!

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Take this time to consider all He does to make everything beautiful in its own time, and worship Him for everything He has done and will do in you.

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"He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end." Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day Thirteen

His Return

Lord, I am excited about Your coming! How marvelous Your day will be! How wonderful You are, and how magnificent Your glory! I know that I shall be as You are when I see You, and I can't wait to meet You in the clouds. Save me, Lord, from this life and bring me home to You.

Hasten the day of Your return, Jesus. Come, Lord! Come! Bring hope for the hopeless and healing for the hurting. Heal the nations and bring the abundance of Your peace. I can't help but praise You the nearer I see the day approach.

Daddy, please! Will You dance with me in the streets of gold?

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Remember that He is coming back! Praise Him and worship Him even more as you see that day approaching. Keep this in your heart and mind always so that your heart would be set on pilgrimage, not settling in this world and becoming complacent in it.

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"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

"'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.'" Revelation 7:9–12

Day Fourteen

In Secret

Thank You, God, for these intimate moments in which I can hide away and be here alone with You. You are so wonderful, and Your presence is so amazing! Jesus, I love You—I love Your Spirit and how You wrap around me as I pray. Be here with me and bless me again with Your presence today.

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Focus on His presence and be grateful He is with you now. Focus on Him and listen to His voice. Worship Him sweetly and softly in your alone time.

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“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” Psalm 91:1

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” Matthew 6:6

Day Fifteen

In Open

Lord, I will praise You in the open places. I will speak well of You among men. Let the unbelievers hear of Your greatness, and may they perceive Your love through me. Let my brethren be encouraged as I become a light to them. Only Lord, may You alone be glorified as I speak Your praises in the sight of all men.

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Devote yourself to praising the goodness of God to other men. Make it a habit to speak well of the Lord always. Bring every conversation back to God. When you praise Him in your speech, you will see God inhabit your daily conversations because God inhabits the praises of His people.

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“Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face evermore!” Psalm 105:1–4

Day Sixteen

Throughout the Day

Lord, help me to maintain a heart of worship constantly throughout the day. I know You are worthy of a never-ending love song, and I'd like to lift it up to You. Help me with the activities of today, that I may focus on the needful things while keeping the eyes of my heart on You through worship. Help me to praise You continually, as You deserve.

Fill me with Your presence. I want to sit in Your presence all day today, even as I work. As I worship You quietly, inwardly inhabit my praise so that I may be graced with your presence throughout the day.

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Keep your heart on the Lord today. Sit with Him in the secret place and worship Him. Then take the message of the secret place with you. Worship Him quietly in your heart throughout the day. Focus on His presence and aim your praise at Him as much as you can. Don't sing about God idly, but instead focus on God while you sing, and aim your praise to His face.

In this you will find strength, continual abiding, and His perfect peace for the entire day. By continually focusing on the Holy Spirit, you are able to walk continually in the Spirit. Keep it in your heart to worship God and remain in prayer all day today. Take care of the needful things but focus on God as well.

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"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15

Day Seventeen

Purity

Lord, keep me in a pure and righteous way. Bless me with a pure heart. I want to be as one who sees You, and I know that only the pure in heart do so. I love You, Lord! You are so faithful to remove my sin as far from me as the east is from the west. Purify my heart, that I may worship You in the beauty of holiness.

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By continual worship we maintain a pure heart. It is not that worship purifies us, but the action of meditating on the Holy Spirit does. The Holy Spirit cleanses the inward person as we praise Him in the place of our hearts. In this way, through having lips of continual praise, we'll have continually pure hearts.

Any action that keeps your focus on the Spirit can maintain a heart of godliness in you, not only worship. Yet since worship is one of those things that helps you to abide, it is good to practice continual worship. Take this time to meditate on the purity of God and confess any sins you may have committed. Commit yourself to having a pure heart. Commit yourself to continual meditation on the Spirit of God.

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"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." Psalm 24:3–5

Day Eighteen

Purpose

Thank You, God, that You have given me purpose. Thank You, Lord, that our lives are not some random chance caused by an evolutionary process. Thank You, God, that I was created for You, by You. Thank You that I was made for the purpose of Your love, to know You and have You, even as You have me.

Lord, I praise You in this: that I have meaning in my life through You. I do not question that meaning, for I know that a relationship with You *is* that meaning, and through You I have purpose!

Help me to understand my purpose and to know my place in the church. I seek to meditate on these things, that I may fulfill the function You have decided for me. I want to walk with You in Your way and not my own. For You are my Lord, and I am not my own but Christ's.

Why would I choose the way I should go, claiming that You are leading me, when You haven't even spoken? Be Lord of my life as I surrender to Your design. Create in me a new heart as I seek to fulfill the purpose for which You created me: an intimate relationship of love with You.

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God has a purpose for each of us. We all have the same purpose of being created for His love—to live by it, dwell in it, and have a relationship with God through it. Yet He has also created a specific purpose for each of us while we walk this earth. He is the Potter; we are the clay. Let Him shape your life and make of it what He desires. God makes things more beautiful than we could ever comprehend.

Surrender to His purpose for you and live according to His design. Contemplate these things in the secret place today. Seek that Lord and ask Him what your place is if you don't know it already.

By following His every word as the Holy Spirit leads you daily, you will find your place in the global Church. For God is the One who grafts the branches onto the tree. Let Him graft you where He wants, and give Him glory for your purpose. Worship Him now in the secret place, knowing that you have purpose and meaning in your life. That meaning is to live for Him and Him alone.

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“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:4–8

Day Nineteen

Healing

Praise You, God, that You bear up my infirmities! Thank You for the hope of healing and restoration. Restore me, Lord, and give me health. I trust that You are always good to restore.

Lord, bless me with a life of health and with those around me. Also, restore everything that I lose for Your name's sake. Remember me in Your love and be merciful to me according to my need.

"Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth." Jeremiah 33:6

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Continue to meditate on the Lord today, and praise Him for the restoration and healing He gives you. Take this time to worship Him in the secret place. Be edified in His presence and continue in it for the rest of the day.

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Day Twenty
Holy Spirit

Praise You, Lord, for Your Holy Spirit! Thank You for Him. I know that He is Your very beating heart, and I desire to draw nearer to You through Him. I love You, Lord, and thank You for Your faithfulness.

Thank You for Your Spirit, this deposit for my salvation. Thank You that He leads me to all truth and shows me the way I should go. Thank You that He sanctifies me and cleanses me. Thank You for His conviction; I will seek to obey it every time.

How can I keep from rejoicing in all that You give me? And what is the greatest gift? Your own heart! Thank You for salvation and for Your Holy Spirit!

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Meditate on the Spirit now. Worship the Lord through Him in the beauty of Holiness.

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“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

Day Twenty-One

Nearness

Lord, who am I that You would want to draw near to me? What is Your servant that You would consider me? I'm not worthy of You, yet You seek to be intimate with me! Lord, how can I keep from worshipping You? Your goodness is above my understanding, and Your love abounds forever!

In this, O God, I will praise you, for You are worthy of my praise! Yes, Lord, I pray that You will draw me near to You as I seek a deeper, more meaningful and intimate relationship with You, day after day.

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Sit in the Lord's presence and meditate on Him. Let Him wrap His arms around you and embrace you sweetly and softly. Be caught up in His presence and let His Spirit spark a fire in your heart. Meditate on Him and strive for a more intimate relationship with Him daily. Worship Him because He has reached for you. Remember that you love Him because He first loved you.

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"But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all Your works." Psalm 73:28

Day Twenty-Two
His Word

Praise You for Your word! Thank You that You give my feet a light by which to walk. Thank You for Your daily leading and for continually speaking to me. Thank You, God, for the Scriptures, for by them I understand how to relate to You. Thank You for Your Spirit's voice, for by Him I know how to practice the Scriptures daily.

In this I worship You as I meditate on Your word, for You are worthy of my praise. In Your word You have given me security in my salvation.

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Grow sensitive to the voice of the Spirit. Turn your ears inward and perceive the continuous leading of God. Be swift to obey and diligent to hear. Incline your ear and He shall deliver you daily.

After having a time of worship and meditating on His presence, read the word. Set it in your heart to come to a full understanding of the Scriptures. Read daily and always.

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"In God (I will praise His word), in the LORD (I will praise His word)…" Psalm 56:10

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

Day Twenty-Three

His Name

Lord, I glory in Your name! For by it I'm saved. What incredible might has been given to Your name, O King Jesus! Your enemies flee in terror by the mention of it; and by Your name, men are resurrected from the dead. Assuredly, Your name is above all names, and in it I will rejoice!

All glory and praise and honor be to You, Lord Jesus! For great are You, Lord, and greatly to be praised.

"Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods." Psalm 96:1–4

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Worship the greatness of God and remember the mighty Name by which you are saved!

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Day Twenty-Four

Justice

Praise You, Lord, for Your perfect justice! Thank You that You do not let the wicked continue in their way but, instead, call them to repentance. Thank You that by Your justice I'm set free.

I'm not worthy of Your sacrifice. Thank You, God, for everything You do to be perfectly loving and yet perfectly just. I will glory in the justices of my God, who sets me free from bondage.

You set my feet on high and make me to sing a new song to You. I'm not worthy of the least of Your kindnesses, yet in Your justice You have proven Yourself to be kind toward me. For in Your justice I should have died, yet in Your perfect love You took the place of death for me.

Help me, Lord, to be a just person like You. Help me to weigh good and evil and to convict the evil person through Your love at work in me.

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Meditate on His sacrifice. Remember what He did for you. If you've committed any sins, confess them and repent. If you feel inclined by the Lord to take communion, then do so now in the secret place.

Worship Him and meditate on His loving justice for you. In so many ways, He has had justice for you, by defending you against evil people and convicting the wicked to repent. Remember the love of God and turn your heart to Him now.

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"For the LORD loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off." Psalm 37:28

"A Psalm of David. I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O LORD, I will sing praises." Psalm 101:1

Day Twenty-Five

Love

Lord, I praise You for Your enormous heart. For love's sake You created me, and by Your love I'm saved. Remind me of Your love today and wrap me up in it. Help me always to love others as I should—to do good to my brethren and show kindness to the unsaved. Draw many to Yourself through Your love at work in me. Help me also to love my enemies and to do good to them.

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Meditate on the Lord's presence and sit in His love. Be comforted by Him and let His love set a fire in your heart. Then, Beloved, go and do likewise. Set a fire in someone else's heart by being the image of God's love toward him or her. Worship the Lord and praise Him for His love for you.

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"Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You." Psalm 63:3

Day Twenty-Six

Patience

Praise You, God, for Your patience! There are so many times when I would have lost patience with myself, yet You remain calm and patient with me. I don't deserve You! In Your loving-kindness You forgive and heal me of my iniquities. By Your patience You have grace and restore my soul. I'm not worthy of all the patience You give me, Lord. Yes, Lord, Your heart inspires me!

Help me, God, to be more patient with others, as You are with me. I pray to be a more patient person. I don't pray for a difficult and trying experience to test my patience—life gives me enough of those opportunities! Instead I pray that, by Your Holy Spirit in me, I should be strengthened to be a continually patient person. For I know that patience is a fruit of the Spirit. Therefore, I pray that You will make me a patient person as I walk in the Holy Spirit daily.

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Walk in the Spirit and be careful to show patience today. Meditate on the Lord and remember how patient He is with you. Then worship Him as you remember how tenderly He leads you, even when you don't deserve it.

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"By your patience possess your souls." Luke 21:19

"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." James 1:4

Day Twenty-Seven
Kindness

Thank You, Jesus, for all the kindness You show me! Thank You for every ounce of joy You have given me, Lord. I praise you because of Your goodness, for it's Your goodness and kindness that lead me to repentance.

Help me also to be a more kind and loving person. Give me opportunity to show someone kindness today, whether a brother or sister in You, an unbeliever, or my enemy. Grow me, Lord, in being kind, that I may be pleasing to You today.

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Remember how kind God has been toward you. Be inspired by this and show someone else kindness today. Set it in your heart to show kindness every day. When you have mastered this, show more kindness to more people each day and, in this way, grow a big heart for God.

Let others see His kindness at work in you and be drawn to Him through it. Kindness encourages a brother and saves the unbeliever. Kindness turns an enemy into a friend.

For by God's kindness, you who were formerly an enemy are now His friend. Let His kindness work through you to do the same for others. Meditate on His kindness and worship Him in the beauty of holiness.

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"Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!" Psalm 117:1–2

Day Twenty-Eight

Compassion

Thank You for all the compassion You show me. When I have deep need, You are always there to save me and comfort me. Help me also to be a comfort toward others, that I may meet urgent needs and fill them according to their need.

Give me an upright heart, O Lord, so that I will not be of those who only pat the back of a needy person and say, “God will provide! And I’m praying for you,” then forget about them without doing anything for them. Lord give to me that I can give to them. Please provide for them through me.

Let them not pass me without a blessing. Let them not slip through my fingers like dirt. I know that the gardener cherishes the plants but lets the dirt slip past his or her fingers. Let those in need not slip past me without being cherished in Your love at work through me. Help me meet urgent needs and may Your heart be glorified in my works.

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Compassion is much more than kindness. It’s having deep sympathy for those who suffer. But showing compassion isn’t an act of being emotional. Rather, it’s seeing a person’s need and filling it.

If they’re hungry, you give them food. If they need a job, you help them find one until they’re hired. If they need a home, you let them stay with you, or help them to get their own place.

God blesses us with our equity, not only to take care of our families but also to share it with each other in Christ. That way we should no longer have need; rather, through the love of God working in us, we may have peace together as heirs of eternal life.

Remember God’s compassion for you and how He has been good to take care of you. Worship Him in this time. Then pray for open eyes, that you may show someone else compassion and so fulfill the perfect love of Christ.

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“…he who gathered much had nothing left over, and he who gathered little had

no lack. Every man had gathered according to each one’s need.” Exodus 16:18

“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.” 1 Peter 3:8

Day Twenty-Nine
His Authority

Lord, You reign! No one can compare to You, for You hold the heavens in Your hand! I praise You, God, for all authority is given to You. Might and dominion and power belong to You. Yes, Lord, You are deserving of these things, for who has a heart like Yours? Who but you can rule perfectly?

I praise You for Your authority over me. I worship You for Your authority over the grave. I praise You! For there is none like You, and all creatures both spiritual and physical are subject to You. For You are Lord and reign over all. Everything is Yours and belongs to Your name alone.

Reign in my life in all Your authority. I surrender to Your Lordship. I surrender to Your purpose and Your plans. Be mighty in my life, O God—mighty to save and swift to deliver. Hear my prayers, Lord, and remember me according to Your loving-kindness. Show Your authority over me. Be my Lord and reign continually in my life. I desire You, and I desire to chase after Your heart.

I praise You, God, and I thank You that ***You*** have the authority. There is no one but You who would do rightly with it. I'm glad that You are the One to have it. I surrender to You.

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Remember His sovereignty and who He is. He has all authority. Yet you in your free will can choose if He will be Your Lord or not. Although we are His and call Him our Lord, we do not always give Him every say in our decisions in life. We don't give Him that perfect sovereignty. We call Him "Lord" but don't actually give Him that Lordship.

Remember that He is your Lord, and give Him that headship. Let Him make the decisions in your life. Let Him choose what He wants to do with you, His servant. For your life is not yours, and you are not your own. You have been bought at a price and belong to Him now.

Praise Him for His authority, by which He is able to save you. Worship Him and give Him the praise He deserves, for He is Lord and there is none besides Him.

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“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.’” Matthew 28:18

Day Thirty

That Your Name Is Written in Heaven

Praise You, God, for everything You intend! Thank You for eternal life, and that my days with You have no number. For You are my joy, and in Your arms I greatly rejoice. Thank You, God, that You have written my name in heaven and that I have hope in You!

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Remember the hope that is laid up for you, and reach for the prize. Press hard in your walk and be diligent to walk in the Spirit always.

Worship the Lord continually in your heart every day and throughout the day. Continue in His Spirit and seek Him in the secret place always. Worship Him in the beauty of holiness and remember why you're here. God created you for His love and His purpose. Your life is His design.

Surrender to His design and let Him have ***all*** authority in your life, as it has been given to Him. Take this time to continue in His Spirit. Meditate on His presence and worship Him with a grateful heart. From this time forward, continue to meet with the Lord daily in the secret place. Worship Him quietly and softly. Let it be your habit always to worship God, daily and continually throughout the day.

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"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:19–20

Day Thirty-One

His Guiding Voice

Thank You that You share Your heart with me. Open my ears to hear Your intimate, gentle whispers. I know that You don't need to speak more clearly, as there is nothing that You do wrong. Please help me to hear more clearly, and deliver me from an idle mind, which keeps me from paying attention to Your voice.

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It's God's word that produces faith, and faith produces life through Jesus. So rejoice in the voice of God. Through the Spirit's inward voice, the intimate mysteries of God are revealed to you.

Communication is a cornerstone of every relationship. The more you understand God's voice, the better your walk will be. Let each of us become more effective Christians. Let's listen to the Lord's voice, not being distracted by the idleness of this life. Then, when we have heard Him, let each of us obey Him immediately.

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"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine." Exodus 19:5

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