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**CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND OUR FUTURE** 



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## >> SEEK MORE PEACE

Read	Philippians 4:4-10					
Reflection	These Scriptures reflect actions in response to the feeling of anxiety.					
	What action steps are we called to take when anxiety begins to steal					
	our peace? Whose peace is promised? Read verse 4 again. What does					
	His peace do for us?					
Response:	Pray for God to reveal the specific things that you are allowing to steal					
	your peace.					
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## DAY2 >> SEEK MORE IMPACT

Read	Matthew 25:14-29, 1 Peter 4:10				
Reflection	Consider the talents of the servants. Was the expectation of the				
	master altered by the level of talent? The faithful servants were able to				
	increase their talents. Do you think that happened without work or				
	sacrifice? This parable reveals that it is possible to waste the time and				
	talent we have been given. Are there any areas that God has gifted				
	you to make an impact, but you have not been willing to act?				
Response:	Pray for God to reveal the ways He has called you to make an impact.				
	Ask that He would make clear what your next step of obedience				
	should be.				
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Read	Proverbs 3:1-7, Jeremiah 9:23-24					
Reflection	In today's world, we are a people in a crisis of trust. Every source of earthly					
	wisdom seems to change or counter each other. What do you find yourself					
	putting your trust in daily? It is incredible that many of us would trust God					
	with the awesome work of eternal salvation, but not our daily lives. In what					
	ways are you leaning on your own wisdom and understanding? What does					
	God promise He will do when we trust and acknowledge Him?					
Response:	Where are you finding your wisdom and setting your trust? Pray for					
	God to reveal where you are placing your trust. Thank Him for the specific					
	ways He has shown Himself to be trustworthy.					
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Read	John 15:1-9
Reflection	Abiding with God is an invitation to "more" - more relationship, more understanding, more stability. What does abide mean to you? One definition is "to live or dwell among." If you have lived/abided in a city for a while, you know the best places to build great memories, and you live with a sense of belonging. Would you say you have that sense when it comes to abiding in Christ? Read verse 4 again. Who is choosing to abide with you?
Response:	The "if" at the start of verse 7 reminds us that abiding with Christ is a choice we must make. Pray that God would make this the desire of your heart - that you would long to dwell with God in His love.
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Thank God that He is the source of joy. Confess to Him the times your desire has been for a good that is apart from Him. Pray for the joy that comes from being in His presence.					



Read	James 4:13-15, Ps 90:12					
Reflection	Consider the plans you have for today. Tomorrow. Next year. We					
	have all learned that we can never be sure what is next. Are there things					
	God is calling you to do, but you are waiting until there is a better time? Are					
	there issues God has called you to deal with that you are putting off to a					
	later time? James 4:14 reminds us that none of us know what tomorrow will					
	bring. How are you managing the time you have today?					
Response:	Pray over your calendar and daily routine. Praise Him for the life					
	He has given you, and ask for His wisdom to steward the gift of your time.					
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Read	2 Corinthians 9:5-12					
Reflection	Sacrifice doesn't look the same for each person. Many assume it is always money, but some are quick to throw money at a situation, instead of sacrificing their time. What is most precious to you? What is most difficult to offer to God as a willing sacrifice? Verse 7 reminds us that sacrifice is a heart issue. God wants our cheerful heart of giving, more than He wants our token, begrudging obedience. The promise of God is more than just to match us gif for gift. He is the God of all-sufficiency, offering much more than just money. He offers all we will need to abound in the good works He has for us.					
Response:	Start by thanking God for all you have; every good thing we have comes from Him. Confess the times your sacrifice has been with a resentful heart. Pray for a heart of wisdom and obedience towards what He is calling you to offer Him.					
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## DAY8 SEEK KNOW MORE OF HIS FAITHFULNESS

Read	Lamentations 3:21-23					
Reflection	The writer of Lamentations knew the struggles that come from disobedience and living in this broken world; yet, he had faith in God's great love - His loyal love. This love could be seen in His continued faithfulness to His people. Where do you see God's faithfulness in your life, that is proof of His love? His faithfulness brings new mercies each morning. Because of His faithfulness and mercy, Jeremiah was able to trust God in the hardest times. Can you see God's faithfulness, even in the hard times?					
Response:	Praise Him for His great faithfulness. Write or type a list of specific instances and ways in which He has shown new mercies, sustaining you in hard times.					
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Read	John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:17-18						John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:17-18				
Reflection	Beyond the list of laws, Christ was calling His followers to a new practice. A lifestyle that would show others who they are following in ways that food choice, clothing and feast never could. He called them to act in love. To live out love. In what ways do you think this would have been a hard concept for believers in this time and place? How is it hard for you to live out love in this time and place? In 1 John 3:18 tells us clearly that our love should show in action and in deed, not just words. How are you living out love? Are you willing to live out love with people who are different from you? Are there limits to your love?										
Response:	Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any ways you may be setting your own boundaries on living out the love of Christ. Be bold enough to ask that God would bring people into your life that need to see the love of Jesus in you.										



Read	Psalm 63
Reflection	This Psalm has been called "A Praise from the Wilderness". David was crying out to God, voicing his dependence and praise. Throughout the psalm are powerful words/phrases like "earnestly seek," "soul thirsts," "satisfied," and "my soul clings." What would your praise of desperation sound like? David doesn't treat his desperation as a shameful thing, but rather a beautiful reality. Have you ever felt desperate for God, or just desperate for Him to meet a need? What would it look like to recognize your daily need for Him, and act upon that need?
Response:	Pray for a heart that is desperate for God. Acknowledge the ways you try to be self-sufficient, and voice some phrases that show your own praise of desperation.



Read	Joshua 4:1-9, 1 Samuel 7:10-12					
Reflection	Time and distance from a miracle lead to a dulling of the details. The mighty becomes mundane and explainable. God calls His people to remember the amazing things He has done, so we remember His faithfulness. Think of specific times when God has acted on your behalf in an amazing way. How long has it been since you have shared your story of remembrance with someone? The prophet Samuel called his stone the "Ebenezer," meaning a stone of help. Maybe you can't see a major miracle God has done, but we can know that there are so many ways He has been our ever present help. What are your stones marking God's help?					
Response:	Praise God for His help and His mighty works. Over these next few weeks, look for all of the ways God is working and helping in your life.					
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# DAY 2 SEEK TO DO MORE KINGDOM WORK

**Read** Matthew 9:35-38

### Reflection

There were probably not many differences between the towns that Jesus went through. Each place would have had the same needs. But Jesus never let that stop Him from seeing the people, and having compassion. Are there times when you get so tired of the same struggles and problems that you stop seeing the individual people? Is it easier to group them in categories and find solutions, instead of knowing them? Jesus saw them as He saw us at one time: sheep in need of a shepherd. He sees the harvest of those whom He loved, and invites all who believe in Him to be a part of the work. Verse 36 tells us that Jesus saw the people and had compassion. Are your compassion and love being affected by frustrations with current culture? Do you see people as a harvest, or a hassle?

### Response:

Pray that God would break your heart for His people. He has come that none would perish, and all would believe. Pray that He would make you sensitive to His work, and give you wisdom and love.

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## DAY 3 >> SEEK TO WAIT MORE PATIENTLY

Read	Psalm 27:13-14, Psalm 40:1-4
Reflection	The psalms are filled with the image of waiting. David waited patiently. He waited in pain. He waited with expectant joy. But in all times, he waited expectantly on God. Do you have areas in your life that are requiring a season of wait? Those times can be brief or span years. No matter the length of the waiting period, God calls us to wait patiently on Him. What is the hardest part of waiting? Are there ways you have tried to take matters into your own hands? God promises to hear our prayers as we wait, and to meet our needs in His perfect way and time.
Response:	Pray again over the things you are waiting for. Ask God to meet these needs in His perfect way and time. Ask for the strength to wait patiently on Him.
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Read Exodus 33:10-19

### Reflection

Following a time of deep sin by the Israelites, God prepared to leave His people to their own way. He told Moses that He will get them to the Promised Land, and then He is done. But the land of God's promise has no value to Moses without God. In verse 15, Moses tells God that if His presence will not go with them, Moses doesn't want the land. Nothing was greater to Moses than the presence of God. How would you respond to God if you were in Moses' place? Are there things you want now for which you would be willing to trade the presence of God? For those who follow Christ, we have the Holy Spirit of God living within us. Like Moses, we should desire to KNOW God's presence in our lives more than anything. Why? Because in His presence there is fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11).

### Response:

Pray to know the presence of God in your life. Ask to know Him more. Then act in that desire by seeking Him through His Word and prayer.

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Read	Colossians I:9-12, Hebrews 5:11-14
Reflection	When is the last time you prayed for spiritual growth? For Paul, the spiritual growth of the young church of Colossae was worthy of prayer. He knew they were surrounded by many beliefs and backgrounds that would make it challenging to walk in a worthy manner. We too live in the confusion of cultures and beliefs that make it difficult to stay faithful unless we grow in our faith. What are the primary tools we have to grow in our faith? What is your biggest obstacle in your spiritual growth? Hebrews compares spiritual growth to milk and meat. Why is it so important to move to the meat of God's Word?
Response:	Think of the ways you are actively growing in your faith. Are there steps to which God is calling you, that would bring more growth? Pray for a heart that desires to grow, and the wisdom and understanding to bring about growth.
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# DAY 16 SEEK TO ASK WITH MORE CONFIDENCE

**Read** 1 John 3:21-24, 5:14-15

### Reflection

It is one thing to have confidence that God is big enough to handle our salvation. But often that confidence doesn't translate to our prayer life. John wanted Christ-followers to grasp that their confidence didn't need to be limited to salvation. It was because of their salvation that they could have confidence in everything else. Have you had times when your requests to God were full of doubts that He listened or cared? What keeps you from asking God for your needs with confidence? Verse 14 gives us a key to asking with confidence. Anything we ask "according to His will," we can know that He hears. How should this truth change the way that we pray?

Response:

Pray for God to act "according to His will" in each of your requests. Practice trusting His will, and thank Him for hearing your prayers.

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Read	Isaiah 40:28-31
Reflection	What attributes of God do you see as you read this passage? There is no doubt that we will grow weary and exhausted in this life. But instead of focusing on how we can push through it on our own, the prophet reminds us of the access we have to Almighty God. He is one who shares His strength, not on a whim, but as a part who He is. Our role is to wait for the Lord. Some translations say "they who hope," or "they who trust," which reminds us that our job is to maintain our relationship with God while He does the work of strengthening us. How often is your focus on surviving in your strength, instead of God's might? What would it look like to wait on His renewal, and rest in Him?
Response:	What is making your soul weary right now? Take time to pray over the specific burden(s), and ask God to help you rest in His might. Ask God for the strength you need, trusting that He is faithful to give it.
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### DAY 18 SEEK MORE OF A HIS ABUNDANCE

Read

Matthew 6:19-33, John 10:10

### Reflection

What stands out to you when you compare earthly and heavenly treasures? Scripture makes clear which ones are most valuable and permanent, yet most of our time is focused on things of earthly value. Christ doesn't shame His followers for their desire for earthly provisions, but He reminds them that those elements shouldn't be the first concern. What are the treasures that are your first thought? Are these things ones that you can trust God to provide? Matthew says to seek God, and all things will be added to us. John tells us that Christ has come so that we would have abundant life on earth. Do you think your definition of abundant life is the same as God's? Would it be difficult for you to trust that God's abundance is the best?

### Response:

Pray that God will teach you what it means to seek His kingdom first, and then believe He will provide the rest. Think through your definition of abundance. Is it based on treasures of this world, or things that God treasures? Pray that God would give you a heart and mind to desire His kingdom above all.

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### DAY SEEK MORE TRUTH

John 8:31-36, John 17:17, Acts 17:10-11

### Reflection

What is truth? That is a million dollar question these days; but as believers, the source of truth should be clear. It doesn't come from a political party or media outlet. Where are you getting what you believe as truth? Scripture tells us that the ultimate source of truth is God. And it is through His Words that we are to find the truth in which we place our hope. How do you know what is true? John 8:31 tells us that to know the truth, we must abide or dwell in God's Word. Be honest: is this the kind of truth you are seeking right now? Most of us want a truth that matches what we believe. Do you let your beliefs drive the truth you believe? Acts 17 tells us about Jews who were living in truths. What were they doing with all the teaching they heard? Do you test what you hear against the truth of God's Word? Do you find yourself being more concerned with truth, or being right?

### Response:

**Notes:** 

Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide you in all truth, and that He would reveal any "truths" of this world that are distorting your view of God's truth.



Acts 1:8-14
What would this have been like for the disciples? They were local boys with no great plans to travel the world, and no clear means to do it. Jerusalem would have been doable. But God was calling them to more, more than they could ever have understood. This calling was not just to the disciples and the first century Church. Reread verse 8. Who was the source of their power? What were they called to do? We have the same Helper, the same power, and we each have a story to "bear witness to." So, what do "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth" look like for you?
Pray for God to make you willing to bear witness to Him, right where you are. Ask Him to make clear how He is calling you to do this. Pray for the faith to act on His vision.



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