

A simple daily rhythm for meditative reflection

Try to find a quiet spot. Take a few slow breaths and let yourself settle in. You can start with a simple prayer.

Lord Jesus, draw me close as we near Your cross. Help me let go of what must die in me, meet me with Your mercy, and teach me to trust You for the life only You can give.

Read the passage slowly

Read today's passage three times, taking your time and not rushing.

- During the first reading, just listen and see if any word or phrase stands out to you.
- When you read it a second time, pause over that word or phrase and let it sink in.
- On the third reading, ask yourself, What is God showing me about "Call: Covenant & Costly Discipleship" here?

Reflect

Don't try to force any insight. Just notice...

- What does this reveal about God's heart?
- Where do I feel comfort, resistance, grief, longing, or gratitude?
- What might God be inviting me to trust or release today?

Respond honestly and simply

Speak to God in a few honest sentences. You could respond with:

- Thanksgiving,
- Confession,
- Or a request for help

Take a few minutes to rest

Sit quietly for a few minutes and just be present.

If you want, go back to the word or phrase that caught your attention.

Carry one phrase with you

You could write down a phrase from the passage and keep it with you during the day, whether on a note card, your phone, or just in your mind.

Daily passages on Surrender: Deepening Repentance & Approaching the Cross

Jesus draws us close as we near His cross. He teaches us to let go of what must die, to receive mercy, and to trust Him for the resurrection life only He can give.

Day 1 — Philippians 2:5–11 (the self-emptying way of Christ)

Topic: As the cross approaches, Jesus reveals true surrender: relinquishing status, embracing obedience, and trusting the Father through suffering. Humility unlocks life and glory.

Day 2 — Luke 9:23–24 (take up your cross daily)

Topic: Surrender is a daily choice, not a single moment. Jesus invites me to release control, follow Him, and trust that by giving Him my life, I find it.

Day 3 — Romans 6:3–5 (buried with Christ, raised with Him)

Topic: Moving from death to life is not just a metaphor; it shapes the Christian life. In Christ, the old can be buried, and a new way of living can take its place.

Day 4 — Galatians 2:20 (crucified with Christ)

Topic: The closer we come to the cross, the more personal our surrender is. My old self does not have the final say. Christ in me provides strength through His love.

Day 5 — Psalm 51:10–12, 16–17 (deep repentance; a surrendered heart)

Topic: Repentance is openness to God, not self-justification. He receives a surrendered heart, and only He makes all things new.

Day 6 — Isaiah 53:4–6 (the suffering servant; costly love)

Topic: Coming closer to the cross means seeing the true cost of love. Jesus carries what I could not, and His wounds are where I stop striving, receive mercy, and learn to surrender with gratitude.