

# < LIVING LIFE BACKWARD <

## 6-Day Devotional Week 4

### Day 1: Under the Stars, A Lesson in Limits

**Scripture:** Psalm 147:4-5

**Reflection:** There is something humbling about standing beneath a clear night sky. The stars stretch beyond what we can count, and yet God knows every one of them by name. While God's understanding has no limit, ours certainly does. Our culture often encourages us to overcome every limitation, but Scripture teaches us something different. Our limits are not failures; they are reminders that we are creatures, not the Creator. The stars declare God's greatness and invite us to trust the One whose wisdom and power are beyond measure. When we accept our limitations, we find freedom from the pressure of having to know everything, solve everything, or control everything. What limitation in your life is God inviting you to accept and trust Him with today?

**Prayer Prompt:** Father, when I look at the stars, remind me of Your greatness and my dependence upon You. Help me embrace my limitations instead of fighting against them. Teach me to trust Your wisdom where mine falls short and to rest in Your care. Amen.

### Day 2 – Living with the End in Mind

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 7:1-2, Psalm 90:12

**Reflection:** Solomon makes a surprising statement: the day of death is better than the day of birth. At first glance, this seems strange. Birth represents possibility and potential, while death feels like loss. Yet Solomon wants us to consider life from the perspective of its completion. When a faithful life comes to its end, it reveals what truly mattered. A funeral reminds us that our days are limited and encourages us to live intentionally. Rather than avoiding thoughts of mortality, Scripture calls us to let the reality of death teach us wisdom. The limitation of our lifespan is not meant to discourage us. Instead, it motivates us to invest our time in things that will last forever. How would your priorities change if you regularly remembered that your days are limited?

**Prayer Prompt:** Lord, teach me to number my days and live wisely. Help me spend my life pursuing what honors You and lasts for eternity. Amen.

### Day 3 – When Wisdom Reaches Its Limit

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 8:16-17

**Reflection:** Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived, yet he concluded that no one can fully understand everything God is doing in the world. There are mysteries that remain beyond our reach. Many of our frustrations come from wanting answers that God has not revealed. We want to know why suffering happens, why prayers seem delayed, or what the future holds. Yet God's ways are higher than our ways. Accepting the limits of our understanding does not mean abandoning wisdom. It means pursuing God's truth while humbly acknowledging that He sees what we cannot. Faith grows when we trust God even when we do not have all the answers.

**Prayer Prompt:** God, give me humility to accept the limits of my wisdom. Amen.

## Day 4 – Trusting God’s Timing

**Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:8**

**Reflection:** Impatience often reveals a struggle with our limitations. We want things to happen on our schedule and according to our plans. When they do not, frustration quickly follows. Solomon teaches that patience is better than pride. Patience recognizes that God is working in ways we cannot always see. Pride assumes we know better than God when things should happen. Waiting is difficult, but it is one of God's favorite tools for shaping our character. In seasons of delay, He teaches us dependence, endurance, and trust. Where are you tempted to rush God’s timing instead of trusting His process?

**Prayer Prompt:** Father, help me wait on You with patience and faith. Teach me to trust Your timing even when it differs from my own expectations. Amen.

## Day 5 – Releasing What You Cannot Control

**Scripture: Ecclesiastes 9:11**

**Reflection:** One of the hardest realities of life is that we cannot control everything. We make plans, set goals, and work diligently, but unexpected circumstances still arise. When life feels out of control, we often respond with anger, anxiety, or fear. Yet Scripture reminds us that God remains sovereign even when events surprise us. Nothing catches Him off guard. Peace comes not from controlling every outcome but from trusting the One who does. God invites us to faithfully do what we can and surrender what we cannot. What circumstance are you trying to control that God may be asking you to place in His hands?

**Prayer Prompt:** Lord, I confess my desire to control things that belong to You. Help me trust Your sovereignty and rest in the knowledge that You are working for Your glory and my good. Amen.

## Day 6 – A Greater Promise Than the Stars

**Scripture: Genesis 26:4**

**Reflection:** The stars remind us of our limitations, but they also remind us of God's promises. God promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. Through Jesus Christ, that promise includes all who believe. Our lives are brief, but God's covenant is eternal. We are part of a family that stretches across generations, nations, and centuries. Long after our earthly lives end, God's kingdom will continue to grow. This truth transforms how we view our limitations. We are not merely finite people trying to make a name for ourselves. We are beloved members of God's everlasting family. Because of Christ, our story is connected to something far greater than ourselves. How does being part of God’s eternal family change the way you think about your limitations?

**Prayer Prompt:** Heavenly Father, thank You for including me in Your great promise through Jesus Christ. Help me live with confidence, knowing that my life is part of Your eternal plan. Amen.