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PREFACE



The Church of the Nazarene in Canada and the United States is entering into its fourth consecutive year praying for a move of God in one of the heart cries of the Cycle of Resurgence. The Spirit inspired these heart cries through both our clergy and laity alike. One of the biblical passages referenced frequently at the beginning of our vision-casting initiative was Isaiah 43:19: “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” God is indeed doing a new thing in the Church of the Nazarene. We have seen God’s blessings and renewal through the initiatives Blessing Our Community and Bringing People to Jesus. These two initiatives go hand in hand—serving those in our community leads to sharing the gospel and the hope we all have in Christ.

The year 2026 is a year to focus on becoming Christlike disciples. This emphasis is to live into the Church of the Nazarene’s theological distinctive for holiness and entire sanctification. Pursuing holiness is both how we prepare ourselves to be a blessing in our communities and how we respond to our salvation and grow in our Christlikeness. Blessing, bringing, and becoming are all parts of our calling into holiness.

William Greathouse wrote, “The message of holiness remains for me the essence of the gospel—God’s pure love reigning in the heart and excluding sin. This experience is both the command of the law and the promise of the gospel.”

Starting Easter 2026 and running through Pentecost 2026, the initiative for prayer will be Becoming Christlike Disciples. Will you pray with your brothers and sisters in Christ for God to move powerfully in the lives of his followers?

—Jeff Alexander
Director of Strategy, USA/Canada Region
Church of the Nazarene

DAY 1

Easter Sunday



Matthew 28:5-6

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

Scripture Insights

Do not fear: Jesus is near! This Easter Sunday begins a great fifty-day journey of his work in our lives. Our theme from today through Pentecost is becoming Christlike disciples. What an adventure awaits! Today’s scripture reminds us that anything is possible. Jesus is no longer in the grave! Because Jesus has been raised from the dead, he can raise you up to become a Christlike disciple. His resurrection power is at work in your life!

Please take a few minutes and reflect on what the Lord might do in your life in these weeks ahead.

Perhaps it is his sanctifying work in your life. The Scripture promises, “May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. . . . The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it” (1 Thess. 5:23-24).

Perhaps he will give you a long-awaited victory. His grace is powerful and “teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age” (Titus 2:12).

Today’s Prayer

Lord, we give thanks that you are no longer in the grave and that you are actively ministering in our lives today. Would you speak to us about the further work you might do in our lives during these fifty days? Our heartfelt desire is that we become Christlike disciples who can discern and accomplish your “good, pleasing and perfect will” (Rom. 12:2).

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Stan Reeder
Director, USA/Canada Region, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 2

Monday



Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Scripture Insights

At times Acts 1:8 has felt weighty to me, or even guilt-inducing, because I put the emphasis on my part: I will be a witness. And my part is important. The good news you and I have to share is desperately needed in our own communities and around the world.

It's God's part, though, that matters most. Our ability to witness—our power for witnessing—comes from the Holy Spirit. Praise God! He knows we cannot reach our Judea, Samaria, and the “ends of the earth” on our own strength, and he doesn't expect us to.

Today, spend some time connecting to your source of power. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with his love until it spills out on those nearby (your Judea). Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be kind to someone who isn't like you (your Samaria). Finally, ask the Holy Spirit how you can participate in or support Nazarene Global Missions (the “ends of the earth”). Then thank God for making it all possible.

Today's Prayer

Holy Spirit, fill me with your love until it spills onto those near me. Help me be kind to someone who is different from me. Show me how to support Global Missions. Thank you for being my source of power!

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Cheryl Crouch
Director, Global Nazarene Missions International

DAY 3

Tuesday



Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Scripture Insights

We are all being formed. So, who or what is forming you? Are you being formed intentionally or unintentionally? To become a disciple of Jesus, we must actively take notice of the spiritual practices of our formation.

Who is a disciple? Pastor John Mark Comer challenges us to be a disciple of Jesus, which means striving for three things: to be with Jesus, to be like Jesus, to do the things Jesus did. As we embark on this journey, we are invited to bring others along the path of apprenticeship with Jesus to learn to be with him, to be like him, and to follow his lead. And the amazing news is that Jesus gives us a powerful promise that he will be with us on the journey. He walks the path with us and helps with the spiritual practices of our formation.

As we pray and wait on Jesus during this season, we pray with expectation, wait with anticipation, and intentionally involve ourselves in being formed into the likeness and image of Christ.

Today's Prayer

Father, help us to be your disciples and to learn to be like you so that we can be in partnership with you as you make more disciples to build your kingdom. May your kingdom come and your will be done.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Brent Deakins

CotN District Superintendent, Intermountain

DAY 4

Wednesday



Isaiah 50:4

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

Scripture Insights

One of the critical traits of a Christlike disciple is to maintain a disciplined tongue. James warns us, “The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body. . . . It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison” (James 3:6, 8).

I learned many years ago the truth of the old saying “If you can’t say something nice, don’t say anything at all.” As followers of Christ, we must study to be professional optimists. God sees the good in us! Mainly because he made us in his image, and goodness is his nature. Therefore, we should look for the good in others. I admit sometimes it is difficult! It may require you to psychologically lease a shovel and dig deep. But look for the good. And when you see a person as a child of God, and a soul worth saving, no matter how awful he or she has acted, it will help you to share with him or her the transformative message of the cross!

Today’s Prayer

Lord, help me to see the value, the good, the potential that you place in every human being. Help me to remember that each one is a child of God and a soul worth saving!

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Charles Tillman
Lead Pastor, Woodville Church of the Nazarene (Virginia)

DAY 5

Thursday



Psalm 25:4-5

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Scripture Insights

We live in a time of unprecedented access to Christian content—sermons, podcasts, devotionals, Bible apps. We’re the most informed generation in history, yet that knowledge doesn’t always translate into spiritual transformation. Why?

Consider this: When I customize my burger order, you can bet it includes pickles—crunchy, tangy—yes, please! But raw onions? No thanks. Sometimes we treat spiritual truth the same way: If it fits our preferences, we take it; if it challenges us, we pass. We stay in control instead of fully surrendering to God.

In Psalm 25:4, David shows us a better way: “Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.” “Ways” refers to God’s overarching purposes—many of us are familiar with them. But David goes further: “Teach me your paths.” He longs to live them out in daily life.

This is where we often fall short. Yet this is the essence of true discipleship: not just gaining knowledge but surrendering our will and putting his will into practice.

Now I’m thinking . . . maybe I *should* give the onions a try!

Today’s Prayer

Jesus, like David, I long to know your ways and walk in surrendered obedience. Make me a true disciple—humble and teachable. Guide me in your truth and transform me daily by your grace.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Jodi Getson
Lead Pastor, Oxford Church of the Nazarene (Nova Scotia)

DAY 6

Friday



1 Corinthians 6:11

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Scripture Insights

One of the most used tricks of the enemy is to remind you who you used to be. If he can get you to live in your past—the mistakes, the failures, the poor decisions—he can keep you stuck. He will use your past to paralyze you in the present and rob you of your future. But in this verse, it's not Satan that does it to us—it's the apostle Paul! What precedes verse 11 is a list of ways our sinful nature manifests itself in our lives. Paul is using this list to draw all of us into a profound truth in verse 11: No matter who we used to be, the blood of Jesus Christ covers it. And whatever the blood of Calvary touches, it redeems, restores, and renews. Through the work of Christ, we have been declared holy! Who you used to be is a vital part of your testimony because your testimony screams of the Father's grace, the Son's sacrifice, and the Spirit's leading in your life.

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that your grace has rewritten our story—that our past is meant only to remind us of how deep and wide your love and mercy are for us. Through Christ, we have been declared holy.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Chris Collins
Lead Pastor, Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene (Arizona)

DAY 7

Saturday



Leviticus 20:7-8

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.

Scripture Insights

These two verses are placed in the middle of what could be seen as bleak words about consequences, yet we are reading words of a command filled with hope. As believers, we are taught not only *what* to do but also *how* we are to do it. We are to do it (live) as holy people. This may seem like an impossible task, but it's not. Why? Because at the heart of holiness is God. God is holy. God is personal. God makes us holy. This is our hope because it means holiness is not complicated.

These verses show how simple holiness is. We must set ourselves apart. We must be in relationship with God. We must obey God. We must allow God to transform us. These “musts” are also things that Jesus modeled and taught us to do. If we are to pursue holiness and become Christlike disciples, let us not just focus on what we do as holy people but how we do it as holy people.

Today's Prayer

Holy God, you are the center of holiness. You not only command us to be holy but empower us to be holy. Give us discernment to live as holy people, not just do what holy people do.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Lesley Hansher
Lead Pastor, Kennewick Nazarene Church (Washington)

DAY 8

Sunday



Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Scripture Insights

Today, most of us know the importance of a healthy heart. We receive advice on heart-healthy diets, we see food items advertising their health benefits for the heart, and we also have health professionals promoting physical exercises that strengthen and help the heart function well. The heart is integral to our physical well-being and indeed our very existence!

Even more important, from an eternal perspective, is the condition of our spiritual heart. Scripture reminds us of that in many places. It is estimated that the Bible refers to the heart around 850 times, including references from Jesus himself when speaking about discipleship, devotion, and holiness.

How can we keep our spiritual heart, the center of our lives, holy and pure, healthy and well? By the cleansing, washing, and renewing of the Holy Spirit. There is no other way. Today's passage in Ezekiel reminds us that God himself cleanses our hearts when we live in obedience to him. But thankfully, it is not by our efforts alone; the Spirit helps us, as he does in many things, enabling us to have clean, pure, and healthy hearts before the Lord.

Today's Prayer

Therefore, my prayer for today is this: "Change my heart, O Lord, fill me anew, cleanse me afresh, and may I be holy and pleasing in your sight now and forevermore."

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Jim Ritchie
Global Missions Director, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 9

Monday



Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Scripture Insights

When Jesus faced the devil in the wilderness, he didn't rely on physical strength, clever arguments, or even miraculous power. He relied on the Word of God. In this life test, Jesus modeled for us what it means to be a Christlike disciple—someone who depends not on the world's resources but on God's truth to sustain and guide their life.

A disciple of Jesus isn't someone who just says they believe in Jesus but someone who becomes like and does like Jesus. That transformation doesn't happen through information alone—it happens through immersion in the Word, alignment with the Spirit, and obedience in the everyday. Jesus shows us that true life—the kind that feeds the mind and transforms the heart—comes from every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

So today, don't settle for spiritual crumbs. Feast on Scripture. Let it shape your thoughts, inform your decisions, and nourish your soul. Becoming a Christlike disciple means learning to live as Jesus did—rooted in the Word, resilient in trials, and radiant with truth.

Today's Prayer

Father God, teach me to hunger for your Word more than anything else. Shape my heart to reflect your heart. Help me live each day rooted in truth, nourished by Scripture, growing as a faithful disciple, and becoming more like Jesus.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Dave Anderson

Lead Pastor, Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene (Illinois)

DAY 10

Tuesday



John 8:11

“No one, sir,” she said.

“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Scripture Insights

What amazing and powerful words spoken by Jesus! This short gospel picture is not so much about the actions of the Pharisees and teachers of the law or even the woman brought before Jesus. This is about Jesus and who he is. It is a beautiful picture of the words spoken about Jesus in John 1:14: Jesus came “full of grace and truth.” He neither denies nor diminishes the reality of sin but rather reveals the very purpose for his coming—to save people, not to condemn them. Those words spoken to the woman, “neither do I condemn,” are the expression of his grace. His following statement, “Go now and leave your life of sin,” is the call to live a new life in the transforming grace of Jesus. It is the truth that Jesus saves us not only from the penalty of sin but also from the very power of sin. And those words are calling to us today to live in the grace and truth of Jesus—set free from the condemnation of sin to live as holy people who walk with Jesus each and every day.

Today’s Prayer

Jesus, I am so grateful that you chose not to condemn me but save me and set me free from the very power of sin in my life. I choose this day to walk in holy obedience to you. All for you, Jesus.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Mark Lehman
CotN District Superintendent, Los Angeles

DAY 11

Wednesday



Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Scripture Insights

Take up your cross. It's more than a task of carrying something heavy. Carrying this load is less about lifting and more about putting things down. It requires us to allow the Holy Spirit to tenderize our hearts and empty us of anything unlike Christ. We are so naturally prone to self-centeredness that without the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, we are blind to our inward condition. Our capacity for self-absorption is pretty remarkable.

But we were made for more. We are called to a daily practice of surrendering all to a Holy Spirit inspection. We are called to transformation from inner obsession to outward mission. To follow in the steps of Jesus, we need his word and presence as nourishment daily. Any day without relationship with God through spiritual practice leaves us vulnerable to losing ground with the self. As we cooperate with the work of the Spirit, we grow in our capacity for self-denial. We are freed for joyful obedience.

Today's Prayer

Gracious God, I surrender to you anew today. Reveal any selfish way in me, and remove it. Fill me with your Spirit, and transform me into your self-emptying disciple. May my words and actions bring life to all who come my way.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Julie Cheney
CotN District Superintendent, Anaheim

DAY 12

Thursday



Psalm 119:9-10

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

Scripture Insights

The psalmist asks a timeless question that echoes through every generation: How do we maintain purity in an impure world? The answer isn't willpower or good intentions, but God's Word actively shaping our lives.

Notice the progression in these verses: first comes the question, then the answer, followed by sincere pursuit and plea. Living "according to your word" isn't simply reading the Bible; it's allowing Scripture to become our inner compass, guiding us in decisions both large and small.

The plea "do not let me stray" reveals our human frailty. We need the Holy Spirit's help to stay the course. Purity isn't achieved by isolating ourselves from the world, but by saturating our hearts with God's truth. When his Word fills and transforms our hearts and minds, it naturally drives out impure thoughts and desires, helping us become more like Christ.

Today, commit not only to reading God's Word but also to living it. Let Scripture be your compass, your guide, and your source of strength for walking in purity as Jesus did.

Today's Prayer

Lord, help us cultivate the desire and discipline to become more like you. Help us to be immersed in your Word so that we may defend ourselves against the enemy's attacks and live lives that are pleasing to you.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Camilo Gonzalez
Regional Nazarene Missions Teams Coordinator, USA/Canada

DAY 13

Friday



John 17:17

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Scripture Insights

This is the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus. In this intense moment, he does not pray for himself but for you and me. His eyes have not shifted their focus away from the ones he came to seek and save. His desire for us in this moment is evident.

His prayer is that God would sanctify us—that God would do what only God can do and fill us with holy love. Some have understood “sanctify” as meaning “set apart so we are not infected with the sins of the world around us.” However, the true understanding of sanctification is for us to be “set apart (filled with God’s holy love) so the world around us can be impacted by God’s love.”

Jesus prays that God would sanctify us “by the truth”—that the work of God would be authentic in us and therefore lived out authentically in the world around us. He desires for us to be filled with God’s love so that our daily living would draw others to him because of God’s love.

Today’s Prayer

God, please fill me with your love today. Allow the words I say and actions I take to reflect your love in me so that those around me are drawn to you.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Jason Caddy
CotN District Superintendent, North Carolina

DAY 14

Saturday



Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Scripture Insights

It is Scripture that gives us the encouragement to press on for the upward call of God.

How important it is to read, mark, learn, inwardly digest, and rightly divide the Word of truth. The Scriptures were written so that we might have hope in trials, temptations, difficulties, and dangers. But we are to patiently endure in the knowledge that Christ died and rose again so that we could be a new creation.

Whether we read about Daniel, Elijah, Peter, or Paul, we can add our names to the new-creation list by the grace of God as we walk with him. None of us are worthy, but we should all be thankful for what God has done.

It is that resurrection power given to us by the empty tomb written about in Scripture that reminds us that we have a living hope founded on nothing less than Jesus Christ and his perfect righteousness. Praise his holy name!

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, I praise and thank you for the Word of God and the wonderful truths it contains. Help me to live in this fallen world with patient endurance as I look to Jesus and the glorious hope I have in him.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Brian Wiesinger
CotN District Superintendent, Southwest Oklahoma

DAY 15

Sunday



1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

Scripture Insights

I love this passage because it reminds us that God's call is not merely to believe—but to *become*. We aren't just rescued from sin; we are invited into a life of holiness. Paul makes it clear: to reject this call is not to ignore human instruction, but to resist the very God who gives us his Spirit to transform us.

This is the heart of discipleship—growing in grace until Christ's likeness is formed in us. Holiness isn't rigid rule keeping; it is love made complete. The Spirit reshapes our character and desires to reflect Jesus.

As the old hymn says, "Thou art the Potter, I am the clay." In my hands, clay becomes something rough and misshapen. But in the hands of a Master Sculptor, it becomes something beautiful. So it is with us—formed by the Spirit into the image of Christ.

To become Christlike is to walk daily in surrender, letting the Spirit purify our motives, empower obedience, and deepen love. This is the life to which we are truly called.

Today's Prayer

Lord, shape us by your Spirit into the likeness of Christ. Purify our hearts, deepen our love, and empower our obedience. May we not only follow you but also become like you—holy, surrendered, and committed to making disciples.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Sam Barber

Global Director, Nazarene Discipleship International

DAY 16

Monday



Micah 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Scripture Insights

Have you ever been looking for your cell phone without realizing that you were on a call? Many of us, in our busy lives, lose sight of something and wonder in amazement where we left it. The same thing happens with our call to make disciples. We are so busy with many things that we lose sight of what is really important. We think that by being busy, we are doing the right thing, but that is not always the case. We get distracted by the urgent and forget the important.

God speaks through the prophet Micah to remind the people of three very important things: Do what is right. Love compassion. Walk humbly with God. Discipleship includes reflecting Jesus in every area of our lives—our behavior, our love for others, and our relationship with God. Discipleship is about inspiring others to love God and committing ourselves to following Jesus. Let's make sure we don't lose sight of what's essential: our call to make disciples.

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to be focused on intentional discipleship in every conversation and every activity. May our lives inspire others to follow Jesus.

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—Eduardo Jiménez
CotN District Superintendent, Texas-Oklahoma Latin

DAY 17

Tuesday



1 Peter 2:21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

Scripture Insights

Do you sometimes feel that God's calling is too hard and too challenging—that this is not what you signed up for? Peter understood that tension. He reminds us that we are called to follow in the steps of Christ, and those steps often lead through seasons of surrender and sacrifice. I remember walking through life without Christ, broken, lost, and chasing things that could never fill me. That was hard. I know what it's like to walk alone, to carry the weight without hope. How much harder, lonelier, and darker that road was. With Jesus, life is so much better. It is still challenging, but I am not alone, and you don't have to be either. Following in his steps means we must remember what those steps cost him. Jesus willingly endured betrayal, rejection, the cross, and the grave because his love for us was greater than his desire to avoid suffering. And if he walked that road for us, then we can trust him as we walk it with him. His journey was marked by obedience when it was costly, love when it was undeserved, and endurance when the weight felt heavy. You were never meant to carry this calling by yourself. The one who suffered for you now walks with you, turning every step into purpose and every moment into a testimony.

Today's Prayer

Jesus, you have called us to follow in your steps. Thank you for walking the road before us, enduring suffering, showing obedience, and loving us without measure. Help us walk as you walked, staying faithful to our calling until we see you face-to-face.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Jenee Noriega

Associate Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship,
Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene

DAY 18

Wednesday



Ephesians 5:1-2

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Scripture Insights

It has been said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But here, Paul is saying that imitation of Christ is the sincerest form of love and a product of the love he first offers us. Paul tells us to follow God's example and walk in the way of love, but we can only do that by claiming our identity as dearly loved children of God. In other words, you cannot give what you have not received.

Growing up in the '90s, there were two people I wanted to be just like: Ken Griffey Jr. and my older brother, Cameron. Griffey was the coolest baseball player in the world, and I imitated him every time I stepped onto the field. But when I wasn't playing baseball, I wanted to be like Cameron, not because he was cool, but because I knew he loved me. When you know you belong in the love of Christ, you naturally seek to become like Christ as a response. You have to receive love before you can become love!

Today's Prayer

Lord, thank you for loving me first. I receive your love right here, right now. I pray that you hold me in your love and send me from your love so that I can love those around me.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Colton Townley
Lead Pastor, The Crossing Church (Colorado)

DAY 19

Thursday



Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Scripture Insights

Humans are quick to highlight differences—geographic, racial, political, generational—but followers of Jesus are called to be united in him. Temptations to join the world’s arguments are everywhere, but Paul points to a better way: living as disciples whose words and actions bring light to those around us. We can create a loving, Christ-centered environment by the way we speak and the topics we choose. Imagine if our everyday conversations were liberally seasoned with God’s Word, not just reserved for Sunday worship or private study, but woven naturally into the flow of daily life. Scripture shared in ordinary moments can lift weary hearts, encourage the struggling, and unite the body of Christ. A thankful heart nourished by Scripture will naturally overflow with encouragement and hope. If we take Paul’s words in Colossians 3:16 literally, liberally sprinkling God’s truth into our conversations, we may see richer relationships, warmer communities, and hearts increasingly tuned to the joy of the Lord.

Today’s Prayer

Jesus, fill me with Scripture that flows easily into conversations. Guard my heart from leaping into arguments, and teach me to speak words that heal and unite. With gratitude as my constant companion, let my speech glorify your name.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Julie O’Hara

Project Director, The Preaching Collaborative (Oregon)

DAY 20

Friday



Psalm 78:7

Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Scripture Insights

Psalm 78:7 confronts a recurring struggle in Israel's story—the failure to pass on a living faith to the next generation. Instead of handing down the beauty of obedience and awe-filled encounters with God, they left behind empty traditions and lifeless rituals. These became mere shadows of what was once a vibrant walk with the Lord.

But God never meant for our stories with him to be shelved as history. Our encounters with him are meant to transform us—and to be shared. They are reminders of his love, his will, and his faithfulness. We are called to live as walking testimonies of God's grace, not just preserving the past but embodying his presence today.

The psalmist urges us: Don't just pass on rituals—pass on a relationship. Don't just teach about God—show the next generation what it looks like when God lives in you.

Rather than obsess over programs and methods, let's focus on holy, surrendered lives, since the most powerful discipleship tool we have is the evidence of God alive in us.

Today's Prayer

Lord Jesus, ignite in us a living faith that burns bright for the next generation. Make our lives holy echoes of your grace. Let them see you in us and be drawn to follow you with passion, purpose, and perseverance.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Rodrigo Quema
USA/Canada Filipino Facilitator, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 21

Saturday



Mark 8:34-35

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."

Scripture Insights

I have learned that as I grow and mature in Christ, he is calling me from becoming a *fan* of Jesus to a *follower* of Jesus. I find most Christians are very thankful for the gift of forgiveness and salvation that is offered through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. However, to really receive and embrace the gift of salvation I need to become a disciple of Jesus and not just an onlooker or spectator. The season of Lent reminds us of our sinfulness and mortality, which in turn reminds us of our desperate need of God's grace and forgiveness. In addition, the season of Lent invites us to follow Jesus into the shadow of the cross. As Jesus journeys in Lent to the cross, the call to be a disciple (follower) of Jesus is to follow Jesus in faithful obedience. In these verses we recognize that our call to Christian discipleship does not seek our own safety and security and comfort. Rather, we are called to offer all our life to God, no matter what the cost of obedience might be.

Today's Prayer

God, we thank you for the gift of salvation. As you are the source of all life, we ask that you provide us the courage and wisdom into how we can more faithfully be your disciples in the world, resisting fear and embracing love.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Brent Peterson
Dean, College of Theology and Christian Ministries,
Northwest Nazarene University (Idaho)

DAY 22

Sunday



Romans 6:19, 22

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. . . . But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Scripture Insights

Paul's choice to use the word "offering" to describe the pathway to holiness isn't accidental. Paul uses the language of the temple, worship, and surrender. We don't drift into holiness; we *offer* ourselves to it.

Before Christ, we *offered* ourselves to sin—our bodies, our minds, and our desires. We gave our attention, activity, and energy to things that promised fulfillment but left us empty. But now, Paul says, *offer* those same faculties—our thoughts, our imaginations, and our will—to righteousness because righteousness leads to holiness and holiness leads to life, not just eternal life, but life to the fullest, right here, right now.

Holiness isn't just a gift that God gives us; it's something God forms in us as we walk in submission to the Spirit, offering ourselves to right living and being, day after day.

The beauty of offering ourselves as slaves to God is that, unlike our former master, sin, this new Master doesn't drain us; he restores us. He doesn't enslave us; he sanctifies us.

Today's Prayer

Gracious God, help us to offer ourselves to you fully. Sanctify us by your Spirit as we offer all of ourselves—body, mind, and imagination—to your righteous activity in the world.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Dale Schaeffer
CotN District Superintendent, Florida

DAY 23

Monday



Jeremiah 7:23

But I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.

Scripture Insights

God through Jeremiah prophesied a future judgment against Judah in those days. Prophet Jeremiah spoke to the kingdom of Judah for forty years, from the end of the Assyrian period to Judah's destruction by Babylon (Jer. 7:26, 32-34). In Jeremiah 7, we also see that God through Jeremiah asked the people of Judah to amend and change their ways, but because of their stubborn and wicked hearts, they couldn't. There we see how impossible it is for a sinful man with a sinful nature to obey God as expected. The promise of Jeremiah 31:31-34 tells us about the new covenant God will bring in the future not only for the entire nation of Israel but for everyone that believes in Jesus Christ. The concept of a new covenant is significant because it points to a future where God's people will experience a transformed relationship with him, marked by genuine obedience, intimate knowledge of God, and complete forgiveness. This prophecy of Jeremiah is fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ on the cross, whose sacrifice provides the basis for the forgiveness of sins and the establishment of a new covenant relationship with God, through the indwelling presence of his Holy Spirit in our lives today.

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for Christ Jesus's sacrifice on the cross for our sins. His sacrifice made possible a personal and real relationship with you, through your Holy Spirit, to love you and obey you. Help us to live a life worthy of your calling.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Humberto Mena

CotN District Superintendent, Western Latin American (California)

DAY 24

Tuesday



Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Scripture Insights

Psalm 119 is a song of praise for God's Word. It teaches wisdom, hope, correction, wonder, understanding, protection, and guidance. Verse 105 compares God's Word to a lamp that guides our feet and illuminates our path, meaning that it tells us the next steps and the overall direction we should go.

In a world filled with invitations and demands, as disciples of Jesus we need a bright light to break through and show us truth and direction to prevent us from being swayed by "well-crafted arguments." This is why we must be people of God's Word. We must study it, meditate on it, and seek it first in all of life. By doing so, we can extend this light into the world, ushering people out of darkness and into the light of Christ.

Today's Prayer

My prayer, then, for the Church of the Nazarene is that we will shatter the statistics of biblical illiteracy and become a people who once again echo the sentiments of John Wesley: "Give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God!"

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Jenna Luoto
Executive and Spiritual Formation Pastor,
Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene (Illinois)

DAY 25

Wednesday



Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Scripture Insights

Where are your relationships taking you? Proverbs 27:17 reminds us that the people we choose to surround ourselves with can have a powerful influence on our character, our values, and our direction in life. The saying “Show me your friends, and I’ll show you your future” captures this truth—those who we choose to surround ourselves with will shape who we become. God designed us to grow in community through relationships that challenge and encourage us to become Christlike disciples. As we walk through life with wise, godly friends, their encouragement and presence in our lives will help strengthen our faith and claim our purpose. When we isolate ourselves from this community or fail to invest in healthy friendships, we become more vulnerable to discouragement, temptation, and spiritual drift. We were not made to go on this journey alone—we are better together! In the family of God, we have the incredible opportunity to engage in relationships where we can help each other become Christlike disciples. Where are your relationships taking you?

Today’s Prayer

Jesus, today I commit to developing friendships that will help me become more like you. Please give me the courage and the grace to also be the friend that will help others become Christlike disciples.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Tim Fisher
Lead Pastor, Crossroads Community Church (Indiana)

DAY 26

Thursday



1 Peter 1:15-16

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

Scripture Insights

“Be holy, because I am holy.” At first glance, those words seem like an impossible standard. But Peter—who once sliced off a man’s ear in public—knew from experience that holiness isn’t about perfection; it’s about transformation.

Peter had walked the long, humbling road from impulsive failure to Spirit-empowered leader. He wasn’t holy because he tried harder. He was made holy because he stayed close to the one who is.

Our denomination was born in the fires of holiness revival. We believed then—and we believe now—that a life filled with the Spirit can look radically different: marked by love, purity, and power. At our worst, we’ve reduced holiness to rules and behaviors. But true holiness is far more beautiful. It’s about becoming fully alive in Christ.

Holiness is the Spirit shaping us into people who forgive when it’s hard, love when it’s inconvenient, and walk with integrity when no one’s watching. It’s a life so radiant that others are drawn—not to us—but to Jesus.

Peter reminds us: “His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life” (2 Pet. 1:3). Holiness isn’t something we have to figure out alone. The God who calls us to be holy also makes us holy. And that changes everything.

Today’s Prayer

Jesus, you don’t just call us to holiness—you make it possible. Fill us with your Spirit. Shape us into people whose lives reflect you. Make us radiant, not for our glory, but so others may be drawn to you.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Gabriela Rodriguez
Lead Pastor, Trinity Church of the Nazarene (Oklahoma)

DAY 27

Friday



Acts 2:46

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

Scripture Insights

This scripture is heavy with the truth of a transformed nature in Christ. How strange to ponder this passage and stumble over these words: “They continued to meet together. . . . They broke bread in their homes . . . [they] ate *together with glad and sincere hearts*.” People who once did not get along are now inviting others to share a meal, to share bread, and to fellowship together. I hear this verse saying that once the service ended, people invited each other home for continued fellowship “with glad and sincere hearts.”

They were glad—cheerful, happy, smiling; they were sincere—trustworthy, genuine, without pretense, real, authentic.

I often recall a phone call I received from an older gentleman who had just been baptized. The first thing he said was, “What have you done to me?” “What do you mean?” I said. He told me that he liked sitting on the back porch to shoot the birds out of his fruit trees and that now, since he was baptized, his heart hurt just thinking about it. He had been transformed in Christ; he was becoming a Christlike disciple.

Today’s Prayer

Father, move in my heart and life today, allowing your kingdom to come and your will be done in my heart as it is in heaven. Remove whatever is in the way so that people see Christ, not me.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Mark Collins

National Director of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada (Ontario)

DAY 28

Saturday



Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Scripture Insights

I love the “resurrection part” of life in Christ. It’s the dying that’s hard. The part before resurrection—the letting go, the pain, the surrender—can feel overwhelming. Even as followers of Jesus, we often instinctively resist suffering. We cling to comfort, to safety. But the truth remains: resurrection requires death.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote, “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.” That call cuts against our deepest instincts for survival. We celebrate Christ’s death for us—sometimes with tears, often with awe. We hear “Jesus died so we wouldn’t have to,” but that’s only part of the story.

In Christ, God revealed the self-giving love he intended for humanity from the beginning. When we surrender ourselves—when we allow our ego, pride, and self-protection to be crucified with Christ—we make space for his life to be formed in us.

This is the miracle of grace: by faith, Christ begins to live in us. Dying is hard, but in faith, we discover he truly brings life from death.

Today’s Prayer

Father, thank you for giving your only Son. Jesus, thank you for your obedient sacrifice on the cross. Holy Spirit, thank you for empowering us to live in Christ, sharing in his death and resurrection through your grace and presence.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—G. Dale Benson
Lead Pastor, The Naz Church (Ohio)

DAY 29

Sunday



Ephesians 4:22-24

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Scripture Insights

“If I get what I want, then I will be happy.” This is the lie of our culture. Marketing algorithms dangle promises of satisfaction. Our fears, shame, and selfish appetites are manipulated to drag us into aimless dead ends, churning through money and relationships. Paul writes that this is the way of the “old self.” As disciples of Christ, we were created for more than self-seeking happiness; we were made to be holy.

God welcomes us to “put off” the old self and “put on” the new self. While this may sound like a daily habit of changing our clothes, this is far from a superficial exchange. We are not invited to behavioral modification classes or to just try harder. We are welcomed into daily discipleship with God that transforms our minds—our motivations, attitudes, and identities. This new and holy self does not remove our selfhood; it restores our original created self. We are created in God’s image as children of God. Holiness is not a burden; it is a birthright!

Today’s Prayer

Lord, we are unable to transform ourselves by ourselves. Come today and make us new in the attitudes of our minds. Make us more like you in true righteousness and holiness.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—David Mowry
CotN District Superintendent, Northwest
Coordinator, Nazarene Discipleship International, USA/Canada Region

DAY 30

Monday



Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Scripture Insights

The world of social media influencers is amazing. These are individuals who have built large followings on social platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, and X. Some make a good living influencing the opinions and behaviors of their followers.

They are powerful across USA/Canada. Young people in our lives are influenced one way or another by social media influencers.

The good news is that there is a greater power at work. Proverbs 22:6 recognizes the great influence we can have on our children and youth. There is a tremendous power available to us when we partner with the Holy Spirit in the work he is already doing in their lives—shaping them into becoming Christlike disciples.

For fun, I looked up how to become a social media influencer: becoming an influencer involves more than just posting content—it's about *building trust*, *offering value*, and *cultivating a consistent personal brand* that resonates with a target audience.

Let us not miss our opportunity to become a powerful influencer to the next generation. Let that brand be Becoming Christlike Disciples.

Today's Prayer

Lord, help us to take advantage of the opportunity you give us to be powerful influencers to our children and youth. As we partner with your Holy Spirit, we believe we can have a significant impact on the next generation becoming Christlike disciples.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Steve Ottley
CotN District Superintendent, Canada Central

DAY 31

Tuesday



2 Corinthians 5:15

And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Scripture Insights

As we focus this year on becoming Christlike disciples, what does that really mean? Discipleship is not simply taught and learned in a Bible study or workbook. It's a pursuit and a journey throughout our lives, and any journey requires movement.

Sometimes people participate in discipleship programs, and then there is no further movement in their spiritual journey. Discipleship isn't just about learning but also about cultivating a deep desire for continual spiritual growth and a willingness to be transformed. It requires a desire to intentionally focus on the lifelong process of growing and actively striving to imitate Christ's life, character, actions, attitudes, and love. It requires a willingness to continue the journey and movement toward Christ, demonstrated by how we live our lives and by showing God's love for others in meaningful ways. As unworthy as we all are, once we realize the magnitude of what Christ did for us, we should each desire to live our lives with that same degree of devotion to him!

Today's Prayer

Lord, help us to remember that we are all disciples in progress, on a journey that requires commitment, perseverance, and endurance through challenges and temptations. Help us to strive to model the behavior of Christ through faith in Jesus, obedience to his commands, and loving others as he loves them.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Barbara Tarantino
Lay Leader (Ohio)

DAY 32

Wednesday



Acts 5:42

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah

Scripture Insights

Acts 5:42 highlights the early church's unwavering commitment to discipleship and spreading the message of Jesus Christ. This verse follows a period of intense persecution and imprisonment faced by the apostles for sharing their faith. Despite these challenges, they remained dedicated to their mission. As followers of Christ, we can draw valuable lessons from their example.

First, we should be relentless in sharing the good news of Jesus with everyone we encounter. Second, we must not hesitate to reach people through various means—whether in person, via social media, in social settings, or within our homes.

As we embrace our calling to share and teach about Jesus daily, we can reflect on two essential questions: How consistent are we in sharing the gospel? Are there areas in our lives where we can grow in boldness or creativity in our outreach?

This week, challenge yourself to identify one specific opportunity to share the good news: through a conversation, through a social media post, or by inviting someone to church. Every small action contributes to our mission of being effective missional leaders focused on discipleship.

Today's Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the example of the early apostles as described in Acts 5:42 and their dedication to sharing the gospel. May we be bold in our witness, both in public and private settings, as we share the good news of Jesus Christ. Lord, give us opportunities to disciple others in the days to come.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Carson Castleman
President, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

DAY 33

Thursday



Isaiah 30:21

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Scripture Insights

As a young adult, I prayed—no, desperately begged—for God to reveal his will for my life. I earnestly wanted to follow God’s path, but God had not rolled out his long-range plan before me! Eventually, I experienced peace as God helped me understand that he was not hiding his will from me. It was not my job to know the plan! It was my job to trust that when the time was right, God would reveal the next step I should take. God assured me that I was doing the right thing by seeking his guidance and listening for his voice, and he promised me that he would speak loud enough for me to hear him when it was time.

As God shapes us to be more like Christ, he calls us to trust him as we navigate the uncharted paths of life. When we look back, we will see that God has always been faithful, that he has always guided. When he spoke, we heard his voice, just as he promised.

Today’s Prayer

Lord, help us not to be anxious about the unknown path ahead. Help us to listen for your voice and to rest as we trust you. Thank you for speaking loudly so that we will hear you when the time is right.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Candice Brooks
Co-Director, Equip to Engage Advocate,
Church of the Nazarene Global and USA/Canada Regional Child Discipleship

DAY 34

Friday



Hebrews 12:10, 14

They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. . . .

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Scripture Insights

I never enjoyed disciplining my children, but there were times when I knew I didn't have a choice. I loved them too much not to discipline them. Still, to this day, I often find myself dreaming about what they will look like someday. I love when I see glimpses of maturity and responses that resemble Jesus. It excites me to see them growing and maturing. I then remember all the tough conversations and moments of correction. They have come so far!

It doesn't take long for the Holy Spirit to remind me that the view he has given me of my children is the same view my Father holds of me, his child. He looks upon my life, and I can imagine him saying, "I love you too much not to discipline you and correct you. I want you to flourish and mature. I want to fill you so that your interactions overflow to others with more of me and less of you." You have come so far!

Today's Prayer

Thank you, God, for loving us so much that at times you correct and discipline us to help us become more like you. We invite your shaping hand in our lives.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Kevin Donoho
Lead Pastor, Olathe College Church of the Nazarene (Kansas)

DAY 35

Saturday



Leviticus 19:2

Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: “Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.”

Scripture Insights

“We are made for larger ends than Earth can encompass. Oh, let us be true to our exalted destiny” (Catherine Booth).

It is easy to be lost in cultural uncertainty and feel anxious and overwhelmed by the lack of common sense. Common sense doesn't come from a common place. Moses, in all his storied leadership and insight, was not the source of his own wisdom. Likewise, we are not the source of wisdom. Leviticus reminds us that commonsense wisdom is only from God. We seek God's wisdom and God's holiness, which is the source of all wisdom. His holiness holds all virtues in perfect balance. We are invited to recognize this holy ideal not only as coming from God but as our calling as well. We seek and commit our lives to nothing less than the holiness of God manifest through us and into the world. God's calling to be holy as he is holy is the higher end for which we are made and the exalted destiny to which we are called.

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, you are the only source of holiness. Only you can hold all virtues in perfect balance. Search, teach, and show me where my life is out of balance. As I surrender, make me holy as you are holy.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Dave Roberts
Lead Pastor, Montrose Church (California)

DAY 36

Sunday



Luke 1:46-48

And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed.”

Scripture Insights

On this Mother’s Day, I’m thinking about Mary—not just as the mother of Jesus but as a young, unwed woman saying yes to God while standing in the middle of fearful uncertainty. In her world, pregnancy outside of marriage could mean shame, rejection, even danger. Yet Mary’s first response was not anxiety or despair but worship.

Her joy didn’t come from perfect circumstances. It came from trusting God’s heart and believing that his plan was worth the risk. Mary believed that God was mindful of her. This means that God valued her, honored her, and entrusted her with his purposes. It’s a reminder that God’s attention is not drawn by human status or achievement. He sees the overlooked, the humble, and the hidden, and he calls them into his work.

Being a Christlike disciple means trusting him even when the road is unclear and the cost feels high. Today, let’s remember: God still sees us, still calls us, and still fills our obedience with joy that the world can’t take away.

Today’s Prayer

Lord, give us Mary’s heart: humble, trusting, and willing. In uncertainty, let us choose worship over fear, obedience over comfort. May our lives magnify you and our joy be rooted in your unchanging faithfulness.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Samantha Chambo
Regional Education Coordinator, USA/Canada, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 37

Monday



Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Scripture Insights

How does one become a Christlike disciple? This verse here: Romans 12:2. While Romans 1–11 teaches about right thinking and theology, Romans 12 and following is focused on how to live out the truth.

Because of what God has done for us (the gospel), we should no longer be conformed to this world. The reference to “world” is not the physical world but rather the *aeon* or age that Satan oversees—an age marked by rebellion, idolatry, and fleshly lusts.

Do not be shaped by Satan’s world but be transformed into Christlike disciples “by the renewing of your mind.” The word “mind” is more than simply intellect. It is about perceiving, considering, and discerning where your thoughts align with God’s thoughts. I hope you’re asking, “How do I become transformed?”

This is why the gospel is not just for unbelievers.

One writer said, “The gospel is like a well: You get the best water from the well not by widening the circumference of the well but by digging deeper into it.”

Dig deep, my friends.

Today’s Prayer

Father, would you point out any conformity I may have to this evil age? My heart’s desire is to be so transformed that when people are with me, they see and hear you. I am listening.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Rose Brower-Young
CotN District Superintendent, Canada West

DAY 38

Tuesday



Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Scripture Insights

I grew up in my family’s heating and air-conditioning business in North Central Illinois. After gaining some field experience, I managed the service department and learned something crucial: we were all “parts runners.”

When a technician called needing an urgent repair part, someone had to drop everything and deliver it immediately. No delays. No excuses. Comfort couldn’t wait. This required two things: awareness and willingness. We stayed alert for the call, ready to abandon less urgent tasks for something more important at that moment.

Isaiah demonstrates this same posture before God’s throne. After experiencing God’s holiness and receiving cleansing (Isa. 6:1-7), he hears the divine question: “Whom shall I send?” (v. 8).

Without hesitation, Isaiah responds: “Here am I. Send me!”

Like those urgent parts runs, God’s call demands immediate availability. Isaiah didn’t negotiate terms or request details—he simply made himself available.

Where is God bringing awareness to your heart today? His mission field surrounds us—broken relationships, hurting neighbors, unreached communities. Are you willing to say yes to God’s call right now, even if it means dropping something important for something eternally important?

Today’s Prayer

Lord, help me recognize your holy character today. As you cleanse and purify me, give me Isaiah’s heart—aware, willing, and ready to boldly say, “Here am I. Send me!”

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Sam Senica
Missions Mobilization Coordinator, USA/Canada Region

DAY 39

Wednesday



Psalm 86:11

Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

Scripture Insights

David's enemies were attacking him and threatening his life. He asked God to grant him mercy and save him. David was desperate. Like David, we tend to call out to God in our desperation.

I once complained to my mother about being sick and missing time at work. I was surprised when she said, "Oh, I don't know that this is so bad." When I asked what she meant, she said, "When we get on our backs, we tend to look up." It's true. In times of desperation, we turn to God. It is in those moments that we see our relationship with God for what it really is. When David turned to God, he saw his own spiritual need and prayed for God to show him how to live according to his will: "Teach me your way, LORD."

J. D. Walt said, "One simply cannot do the will of God while disregarding the Word of God, for only the Word of God brings us to understand the ways of God."

David then asked for an "undivided heart," a heart fully devoted to the Father, not torn by distractions, sin, or self-interest. In Deuteronomy 6:5, God directed Moses to call the people of Israel to have undivided hearts: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Jesus later refers to this as the greatest commandment—undivided love.

Do you live with an inner conflict of being torn between devotion to God and devotion to something else? Are there times when your heart is bent on following God, but other times you are tempted to follow your own desires? I invite you to pray the prayer of David.

Today's Prayer

Teach me your way, LORD, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. (Ps. 86:11)

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Rick Harvey

Lead Pastor, Bethany First Church of the Nazarene (Oklahoma)

DAY 40

Thursday



1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Scripture Insights

Paul closes out his letter to the Thessalonians with a prayer. His challenging and encouraging words reminded them and remind us to *trust* the Lord's character and ability. Our Father has an immaculate track record. It is flawless! Absolutely nothing is too great for our God!

My soul finds rest in the Lord's forever faithfulness. Consistently, in my journey of growing as a disciple, I am reminded to not depend on my own confidence, a confidence of self. Rather, I am challenged to step out with God-confidence. This brings great freedom when serving the Lord! Truly, it's not about us—it's about him!

It is by God's grace that we experience and pursue the call the Lord has given each of us as disciples. We are to reflect his love, peace, and purity. Thankfully this is not achieved through our own strength but through the sanctifying power of the Spirit. When the Lord calls us into water "over our head," we are to confidently dive in by faith. Let's trust our Father every step of the way.

Today's Prayer

Lord, help me be your hands and feet—a reflector of you. Purify me. Remind me to lean in close and rely on you alone. Embolden me to be a vessel of your love, grace, and peace.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Julie Stevens
Lead Pastor, Living Hope Church (Ohio)

DAY 41

Friday



Matthew 5:48

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Scripture Insights

The word “perfect” confuses us. Our definition is “flawlessness.” The New Testament definition means “to be complete.” Jesus is reminding us that being complete is evidenced by love of enemies and respect for everyone equally, regardless of position or power. It has been said, “The true measure of character is how we treat those who can’t help us or hurt us.”

This lifestyle is impossible without God’s Spirit. Jesus equates perfection with the nature of the Father. Be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect. That is, the people of God should reflect the Father’s attitudes and character traits.

My father had traits—height, hairline, and so on—that I inherited because I have his DNA. My possession of these traits is only because Fred Bane was my father. We also inherit traits from our heavenly Father (see Titus 2:11-14). We get those traits only as the Spirit infuses, empowers, and fills us with the Father’s DNA. Then we can become *Christlike disciples*.

Are we reflecting the Father’s traits? If not, we must ask the Spirit to infuse and empower us!

Today’s Prayer

Lord, we proclaim, “I have one deep, supreme desire: I want to be like Jesus.” Help us to become Christlike disciples today as your Spirit empowers us to reflect the image of Christ in all we do and say.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Mark Bane

Director, Evangelism and New Church Development, USA/Canada Region

DAY 42

Saturday



2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Scripture Insights

“All Scripture” is useful, so that you “may be *thoroughly equipped*.” I find myself drawn to the same parts of Scripture over and over again. I enjoy the clarity I find in the Epistles, I like that I can read the Minor Prophets quickly, and yeah, of course, I’m drawn to the Gospels.

I find myself drawn to the same portions of Scripture, and I also find myself struggling with the same issues. I was with a group of business owners in our church recently, and one of them made the comment, “The magic you’re looking for is in the work you are avoiding.” This wasn’t a statement about magic; it was about the ways in which we make excuses out of difficult things only to then do the same things and yet expect different results. Maybe to put it more simply, don’t mystify how to get different results, but rather, do the thing you’ve been avoiding.

Or to put it in the context of this passage, maybe the growth you have yet to experience is in the parts of Scripture you’ve been avoiding? “All Scripture” is useful, so that you “may be *thoroughly equipped*.”

Today’s Prayer

Jesus, we love you. Stir within us such a desire for you that we are drawn to things we have previously avoided. Let all of your Word grow roots in our lives so that we can bear fruit in every season.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Kevin Jack
Lead Pastor, Church for the One (Florida)

DAY 43

Sunday



Ephesians 1:18-20

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.

Scripture Insights

What a gift to have an enlightened heart! The miracle of God's presence is that an enlightened heart knows something more than physical eyes can see. There is a palpable hope that accompanies a fully surrendered heart that transcends human understanding. This deeper work of God brings incomparable strength to our situations and surroundings.

This passage isn't simply about a personal blessing; it's a profound call to mission. The same miraculous power of God that raised Jesus from the dead is still on display today through the sanctified life. The result of that power is hope, and hope was never meant to be kept to ourselves. We get the privilege of offering a perspective about life that is different from anything the world offers. *An enlightened heart brings light to others.*

The power that conquered death is alive in us so that we can be a part of bringing others from death to life! Through God's Spirit, we are enlightened to share the gospel, to serve the lost, and to demonstrate God's love to a watching world.

Today's Prayer

God, open the eyes of our heart to see the miracle of your presence, and may that miracle be present in our conduct and our speech today so that others see your incomparable power living in us.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Wendell D. Brown
CotN District Superintendent, North Central Ohio

DAY 44

Monday



1 John 2:6

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Scripture Insights

Ohio State University, located within my mission field, has a large fan base and a beloved mascot—Brutus Buckeye.

Since 1965, students have been chosen to wear the Brutus Buckeye costume, taking on his identity. While in character, their actions reflect the spirit of Brutus. They represent something bigger than themselves.

John's message offers a powerful parallel: those who are "in Christ" are called to take on his identity. As Christlike disciples, we don't just follow Jesus—we reflect him. This is a sacred calling: to live as he lived, not only in our words but through our actions, attitudes, and love.

Let this truth stir your heart today. Ask yourself, "Am I walking as Jesus did?"

Lean into his presence. Let your life be a visible testimony—not just of belief in Christ but of a life transformed by him.

Walk in Christ today. That's our calling. That's our identity as Christlike disciples.

Today's Prayer

Lord, clothe me in your likeness. May my actions, words, and love reflect Christ. Let me walk daily in your Spirit, living not for myself but as a visible testimony of your grace. Shape me into your image.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Eddie Estep
CotN District Superintendent, South Central Ohio

DAY 45

Tuesday



Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Scripture Insights

Proverbs 3:5-6 is one of the first scriptures I remember learning in Caravan (Scouts for Nazarenes) as a young child. I had no idea what path God would lead me down when I first memorized those words, but they have returned to me countless times over the years.

What I've discovered is that even though God promises to make our paths straight, there have been many seasons when those paths took me far outside my comfort zone and beyond my understanding. It was precisely in those moments when I chose to trust God and allow him to lead that he used those opportunities to shape me more and more into the likeness of Christ.

This childhood scripture has evolved from words I memorized to a blueprint for discipleship. Each time I surrender my own plans and trust his direction, I discover that becoming more like Christ begins with the simple act of trusting God's heart over my own understanding.

Today's Prayer

Lord, thank you for making our paths straight, even when we don't understand. Help us to trust you completely and become more like you in all we do and say.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Kristi Senica
Missions Mobilization Coordinator, USA/Canada Region

DAY 46

Wednesday



Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Scripture Insights

Most of us care about the things we wear, whether it is for the sake of fashion or comfort (don't get my wife started on my shoe collection). I'm not sure, however, if many of us think about the terms listed in this verse as something we clothe ourselves with.

What we learn from this chapter in Colossians is that compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience are things we wear; they should be visible. It testifies to whom we belong. Further, the Greek meaning behind the word "clothe" is to "put on" or "gird yourself." This means that as we clothe ourselves, we should have intent. If I put on a pair of work gloves, then I'm ready to work. If I put on a hard hat, then I may have to enter dangerous places when I work.

When we let the Holy Spirit guide our lives, we learn that the Christlike virtues listed in Colossians are rooted in God's character, are produced by God's Spirit in us, and help us represent Jesus to the world. So, what are you putting on today? What are you wearing?

Today's Prayer

Lord, help me clothe myself daily with your compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience so that my life reflects Jesus and intentionally points others to you. Let my character be my testimony as the Holy Spirit guides my life.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Freddy Wright
Lead Pastor, Living Word Church (Texas)

DAY 47

Thursday



1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Scripture Insights

This short verse is foundational to the discipleship journey. Paul reminds us that Christians are called to pattern their lives in imitation of Jesus. Not only is this the key to personal discipleship, but following Jesus's example also transforms a community into the church. Communal transformation occurs as we are gathered into the body of Christ.

In the verses that follow, Paul not only praises the Corinthian Christians but also admonishes and instructs them in how to live faithfully in unity. Many of Paul's words are very specific to the Corinthian church, and they may not make as much sense to our contemporary context or congregation. Yet Paul's emphasis is clear: unity in the church is established only in Christ. Combating any false teachings, trends, or cultural customs, Paul points the church to its true identity. How does the church lean into its identity? Answer: Life together is shaped through our celebration of the Lord's Supper. Taking Jesus's body and blood, we are transformed by grace and love for God's good purposes in our world.

Today's Prayer

Heavenly Father, in your deep mercy and love, cleanse, defend, and strengthen your church. We would not exist without you, and we cannot continue without your help. Direct us and protect us through Jesus Christ our Lord and by the strength of the Holy Spirit. May our gathering be glorifying to you. Come and shape us into Christ's body.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Nell Becker Sweeden
Director, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International

DAY 48

Friday



Titus 3:1-2

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

Scripture Insights

In Titus 3:1-2, we read what is expected of growing disciples. Crete, known for an unsavory lifestyle and selfish values (1:12), was no match for gospel-transformed lives. Discipleship transforms us so that we reflect the “fruit of the Spirit” (Gal. 5:22-23). Paul knows that growing disciples live out gospel values regardless of their culture.

Titus follows a progression of maturity. In this progression, we learn that godly change begins personally and then develops in the church. The church has an expected lifestyle, a common desire to see Christlikeness, and a hope that light will shine in relationships.

But in the community, the seats of power, the pockets of commerce, and the economy of position, different values often rule, but not for the disciple. Spiritual maturity gives the gospel a voice. Obedience, good works, wholesome language, an agreeable spirit, gentleness, and common courtesy speak to lifestyles made possible by surrender to the Holy Spirit. In these values lived well, the gospel finds a voice so that even those from Crete might be transformed, changed to new life.

Today's Prayer

Spirit of the living God, transform me. In surrender, make me a disciple who impacts the community around me. May the gospel be active in every arena of my life so that many will know Jesus, and may your kingdom come.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Virgil Askren
CotN District Superintendent, Colorado

DAY 49

Saturday



Hosea 13:4

But I have been the LORD your God ever since you came out of Egypt. You shall acknowledge no God but me, no Savior except me.

Scripture Insights

Sometimes my kids forget who's really in charge and need a reminder of their roles and expectations. In those moments, the Father reminds me that my own parents had to do the same with me and my brothers. Whether it's anger, disappointment, fear, or concern, he always reminds me that discipline must come from a place of love. At the Southside Community Center, we call this the "reset button." In Hosea, our heavenly Father uses grace to reset—reminding his children who he has been, is, and will always be, while clarifying roles and expectations. Yahweh has clearly had enough of Ephraim's idolatry and rebellion. Yet his way is to call us out of darkness, offering a second chance to reclaim our identity and realign with his expectations.

I often say, "Life reflects the consequences of the choices we make." In the same way, God offers both discipline and hope—an invitation to transformation and restoration that only comes through a repentant heart surrendered to his sovereignty.

We all need a reset button. Thankfully, the Father graciously provides.

Today's Prayer

Yahweh, you know what rebellion is in our hearts. Holy Spirit, show me how to live my life fully surrendered to your word, will, and way. May our lives reflect the choice of fully aligning with your lordship for your glory.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Irene Lewis-Wimbley
Director, Southside Community Center (Illinois)

DAY 50

Pentecost Sunday



Acts 2:39

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

Scripture Insights

In his final days on earth, both when he was speaking to the disciples (as recorded in John 16) and to the Father in his priestly prayer (John 17), Jesus was pointing to the promise of his Holy Spirit living within us, even as he would return to the Father. The promise of the Holy Spirit, God within us, was offered not only to the disciples but to everyone who would believe and who would faithfully ask for it. In fact, Peter, already a recipient of the promise at Pentecost, assured the onlookers that Jesus, having been “exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, [had] poured out [at Pentecost] this which [people would] . . . see and hear” (Acts 2:33, NKJV).

This promise was made available not only to the early church but also to us and our children, to both Jews and gentiles, even to those who may live in the margins but who respond to the call of God upon their lives.

How assuring it is to know that the promise of the Holy Spirit is still relevant and available today for all of us, wherever we are and whoever we are!

Today's Prayer

Father, with humble and open hearts, we consecrate everything to you so that you can fill us, open and empty vessels, with the almighty presence of your Holy Spirit in us. Make us recipients of your promise. Bless our children and their children with Spirit-filled lives, and allow us to be ambassadors of your promise even to those who are far off. We ask you for your blessed presence, in the powerful name of Jesus.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Gustavo Crocker
General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 51

Monday



Proverbs 1:23

Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings.

Scripture Insights

For several years, I would annually lead my congregation through John Wesley's Covenant Service. The service not only invites believers to renew their commitment to follow Jesus but also leads the church through corporate confession of sin and assurances of God's forgiveness and transformation. Once, a frustrated layperson came to me and said, "I think you made this up. This can't be from Wesley. He believed in sanctification! There is way too much confession of sin in this service for holy people."

My brother misunderstood the nature of entire sanctification. God offers us freedom from sin, but not sinlessness. Freedom from sin means that we are not condemned to keep on sinning. Being holy doesn't deliver us from God's conviction or, in the words of Proverbs, his "rebuke." In fact, living as a disciple of Jesus may make us more sensitive to the Spirit of God continually refining the image of God in us. Wisdom is to know how and when we need to repent, keeping our lives open to the work of God's transformation.

Today's Prayer

Lord, I am thankful for your love. However, I don't want you to just accept me the way I am. I want you to transform me, to make me holy. Keep calling out the wicked ways in me.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Scott Daniels
General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 52

Tuesday



Proverbs 3:1

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart.

Scripture Insights

Becoming a Christlike disciple means learning to make godly decisions in our daily routines. This requires knowledge, wisdom, and discernment. Knowledge is what you know. It relates to your intellectual and mental capacity. Wisdom is what you have learned through experience. It relates to common sense. Although true knowledge and authentic wisdom come from God, one does not have to be a Christian to have them. But discernment is different. True discernment, according to Tim Keller, is “the ability to notice distinctions and shades of difference where others see only a blur.” It is “to recognize multiple options and possible courses of action where others can imagine only one or two.” This ability to discern between “good, better, and best” requires the power of the Holy Spirit. It is enhanced by the teaching of God’s Word, hidden in our hearts. The writer of Proverbs 3:1 reminds us that this kind of “teaching” will give us a flourishing life, marked by the peace (*shalom*) of God (Prov. 3:2). As Jesus’s holiness grows in our hearts and minds, we discover that we have a “depth of insight” (Phil. 1:9) that becomes a reality in all of our decision-making.

Today’s Prayer

Lord, help us not to forget the wise teaching that comes from your Word. May it be a light before our feet and a light for our journey (Ps. 119:105). Guide our decisions to reflect the righteousness and holiness of Jesus so that our lives become a witness to the beauty and goodness of your ways.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—David Busic
General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 53

Wednesday



Proverbs 6:23

For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life.

Scripture Insights

Solomon had been well trained by his father, King David, to follow the ways of God. Psalm 119 is believed to have been written in a creative way, with the ABC's of the Hebrew alphabet, to help Solomon memorize the importance of following God's law. Here, we find him teaching his own child how to be a God follower. In the Christian sense, it's practical advice on discipleship.

We are to learn the commands and be taught the ways of God. The commands are the lamp, and the teaching is the light that shines from the lamp. Combined, they light our path so that we can see where we are going, one step at a time. We don't need to know everything all at once, but we do need to value dependence upon God to lead us to the way of life. It is in this study of God's Word and ways that we will learn to live the disciplined life of a Christlike disciple.

Today's Prayer

Lord, it's my desire to walk in your ways. Help me to do this today and every day as I meditate upon your commands and follow you.

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—Carla Sunberg
General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 54

Thursday



Proverbs 7:2

Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.

Scripture Insights

The verse is a beautiful example of Hebrew parallelism, where “commands” and “teachings” are used to reinforce a single, vital truth. The Hebrew verb *shamar*, translated as “keep” or “guard,” implies not just simple obedience but a loving, diligent, and careful stewardship of God’s wisdom. Spiritual sight is essential for becoming a Christlike disciple. And God’s teachings serve as our guide, helping us to see the world rightly. Meditating on his commands leads us to a life of purpose and flourishing, a life that is guarded and treasured like the pupil of our eye. The promise of “life” is not merely a future hope but a present reality—a vibrant, joyful, and purposeful existence now. Keeping his commands is the source of true freedom and vitality that protects us from the self-destructive paths of folly.

Today’s Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us not only to hear your commands but to hold them in our hearts as our most treasured possession. Guard us from the distractions of this world so that we may live a life pleasing to you.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Fili Chambo
General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

DAY 55

Friday



Proverbs 13:14

The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death.

Scripture Insights

True wisdom is not only ideas or philosophy but a person, Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that Christ himself is our wisdom (1 Cor. 1:30). Proverbs 13:14 speaks of this wisdom as a “fountain of life.” It is more than information; it is a living and flowing grace, bringing hope and holiness to the soul that is thirsty.

Many times, with our limited understanding, we try to walk in our own way, and we fall into the “snares of death”—sin that binds us, regrets that wound us, and brokenness that keeps us away from God. But God in his prevenient grace calls us. When we respond and come to Jesus, we receive not only advice but living water that gives us eternal life. Christ himself becomes our wisdom, guiding us not only to escape sin but to live in the fullness of his love.

This wisdom is not something private. It is for all who believe, for God’s grace reaches every person. When we stay close to him, he gives us the strength not just to turn from the things that destroy us but also the hope to walk in a new and holy way. This is not only a lesson but an invitation to a relationship where his sanctifying grace makes us more like him.

Today’s Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus, who is our fountain of wisdom and grace. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Help me to stay near to Christ so that his wisdom and holy love flow through me, keeping me away from the snares of sin and giving me freedom to live in your perfect love.

What is the Spirit saying to you today?

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—Christian D. Sarmiento
General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene

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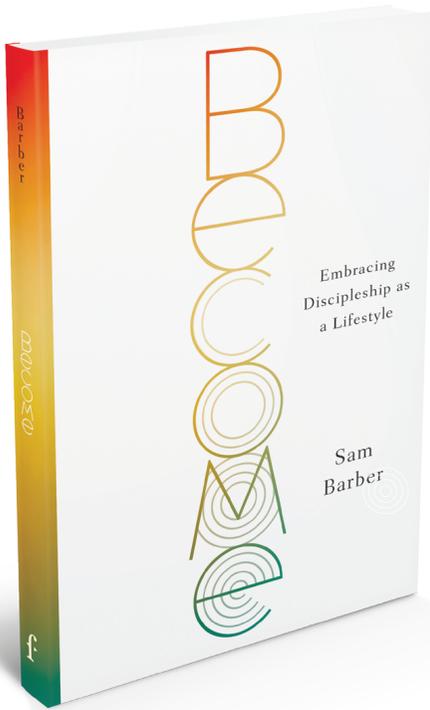
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