

DEVOTIONAL

Hollywood Prayer Network

TRUST

This is a joyful week, full of promises, rewards, and hope. We'll learn that when we can truly trust the Lord, and not lean on our own understanding, He has gifts that He gives to us in return. It is so important to the Lord when you let go and trust Him, looking to Him, not to others, for your strength and direction. Then He can shower you with blessings!

DAY 1

TRUST IN GOD

“FAITH IS DELIBERATE CONFIDENCE IN THE
CHARACTER OF GOD WHOSE WAYS YOU
CANNOT UNDERSTAND AT THE TIME.”
-OSWALD CHAMBERS

New International Version

Jeremiah 17:7

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.

John 14:1

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust
in God; trust also in me.

DAY 1

PRAY: Dear Lord, I start my week focusing on TRUST by filling myself up with Your encouraging, loving, hopeful words in scripture. Thank You that as I put my confidence in You, You will bless me. If I trust You with all of my heart and do not lean on my own understanding and acknowledge You in all my ways, You will make my path straight, (Prov. 3:5-6). Oh Lord, my heart is not troubled as I trust in You. I praise You Lord. Amen.

REFLECT: Have you ever thought about the abundant promises, rewards, results, and joys God offers us if we just trust Him? It sounds simple, but it's harder than we think, or He wouldn't need to continue to encourage us to do so. God constantly reminds us to put our trust in Him, not in ourselves and not in other men. He tells us that when we trust Him our confidence will be in Him and He will bless us. You will start to see that trusting God is not only important because we need to keep our eyes and our hearts dependent on Him, but it also takes away any ego, confidence or arrogance in ourselves. We can't deceive ourselves by thinking that we are in control. Trusting God keeps us in perfect balance between who He's made us to be and how much we need Him.

DAY 1

ACT: Take a moment to write down what God promises if you completely trust in Him. You will be blessed if you trust in God and put your confidence in Him. What other promises do you find in the Bible if you trust in the Lord? Look up TRUST in your Bible App. Continue to add to this list every day this week as you discover more and more benefits to trusting God. By the end of the week you will be surprised how extensive your list is.



DAY 2

TRUST ONLY IN GOD, NOT IN WEALTH OR POSSESSIONS

"THE RESOURCE FROM WHICH GOD GIVES
IS BOUNDLESS, MEASURELESS, UNLIMITED,
UNENDING, ABUNDANT, ALMIGHTY, AND
ETERNAL."

-JACK W. HAYFORD

New International Version

Psalms 20:7 & 62:10

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the Lord our
God....Do not trust in extortion or take
pride in stolen goods; though your riches
increase, do not set your heart on them.

DAY 2

PRAY: Dear Father, I don't want to trust in anything or anybody besides You. Don't let me think that I can get enough stuff, money, power, or control on my own. And don't let me compromise my integrity or character to acquire more. Help me let go of worldly riches, power, influence, status, reputation, visibility, or fame and completely trust in You. You are all I need, and all I want to live an abundant life. You are faithful and I trust in You alone! Amen.

REFLECT: Oh, how difficult it is to let go of all the things of this world and totally trust in God ways, provision and timing! David says to let go of the things of this world and simply trust in the NAME of the Lord. David knew to use those four examples of the fastest, biggest, and the best that the world had to offer to show us the contrast of trusting God. Today, it's the same way. Can you let go of your own ideas, control, and striving and instead trust that God loves you enough to not only supply your daily bread, but to use you to make an eternal difference in this world? Don't get tempted by the ways, things and people of this world.

DAY 2

ACT: What plans, goals or “stuff” do you believe allow you to “make it” in this world? List the things that you trust in to give you status or value in your community and acknowledge that they are all from God, including your fancy car, nice house, high-end office, expensive jewelry, rich friends, or any activities you’ve done to get ahead. Evaluate your current financial and social status and ask yourself if they are gifts that you are grateful for, or are they longings to make you feel more important, more powerful, or even more secure? It’s time to trust the Lord and let go of false idols, then see how He gives you the desires of your heart.

DAY 3

BE TRUSTWORTHY

"WHOEVER IS CARELESS WITH THE TRUTH
IN SMALL MATTERS CANNOT BE TRUSTED
WITH IMPORTANT MATTERS."

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

New International Version

Luke 16:10

Whoever can be trusted with very little can
also be trusted with much, and whoever is
dishonest with very little will also be
dishonest with much.

1 Corinthians 4:2

Now it is required that those who have
been given a trust must prove faithful.

DAY 3

PRAY: Dear Jesus, help me to be faithful and trustworthy with everything You've given me. I don't ever want to be dishonest or greedy with anything, no matter how small, for if I'm tempted with a tiny thing, who will trust me with true riches? I have to prove myself in the most menial instances in order to be trusted with more. I want to be Christ-like in all that I do and I know it comes with trusting You. I commit to that today, in Your name. Amen.

REFLECT: We are always drawn to the Christian men and women of the past who have done great things. Mother Theresa, George Müller, and William Wilberforce were only a few of the many Christ-like people who did big things for God. But they did not become great until they proved themselves in little ways. Mother Theresa thanklessly and faithfully cared for the lowest, neediest people in India. George Müller began by helping one orphan and trusted God every day for even a loaf of bread. William Wilberforce was a mere government servant who earned the trust and respect of each leader, before stopping slavery. And they all did it by trusting God. They were trustworthy with a little and then lifted up with much.

DAY 3

ACT: Choose two great Christians leaders in past centuries who did big things for God. Then take time to research them and find out how they started and where they ended up. You will see they started with little; they obeyed God, served Him, and trusted Him with everything they had. Then they proved faithful and He opened doors, and set their path to greatness, as they trusted Him for everything! Start your journey to greatness by finding two role-models.



DAY 4

TRUSTING IN GOD WHEN YOU ARE AFRAID

“WHEN A TRAIN GOES THROUGH A
TUNNEL AND IT GETS DARK, YOU DON'T
THROW AWAY THE TICKET AND JUMP OFF.
YOU SIT STILL AND TRUST THE ENGINEER.”
-CORRIE TEN BOOM

New International Version

Proverbs 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but
whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

Nahum 1:7

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of
trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,

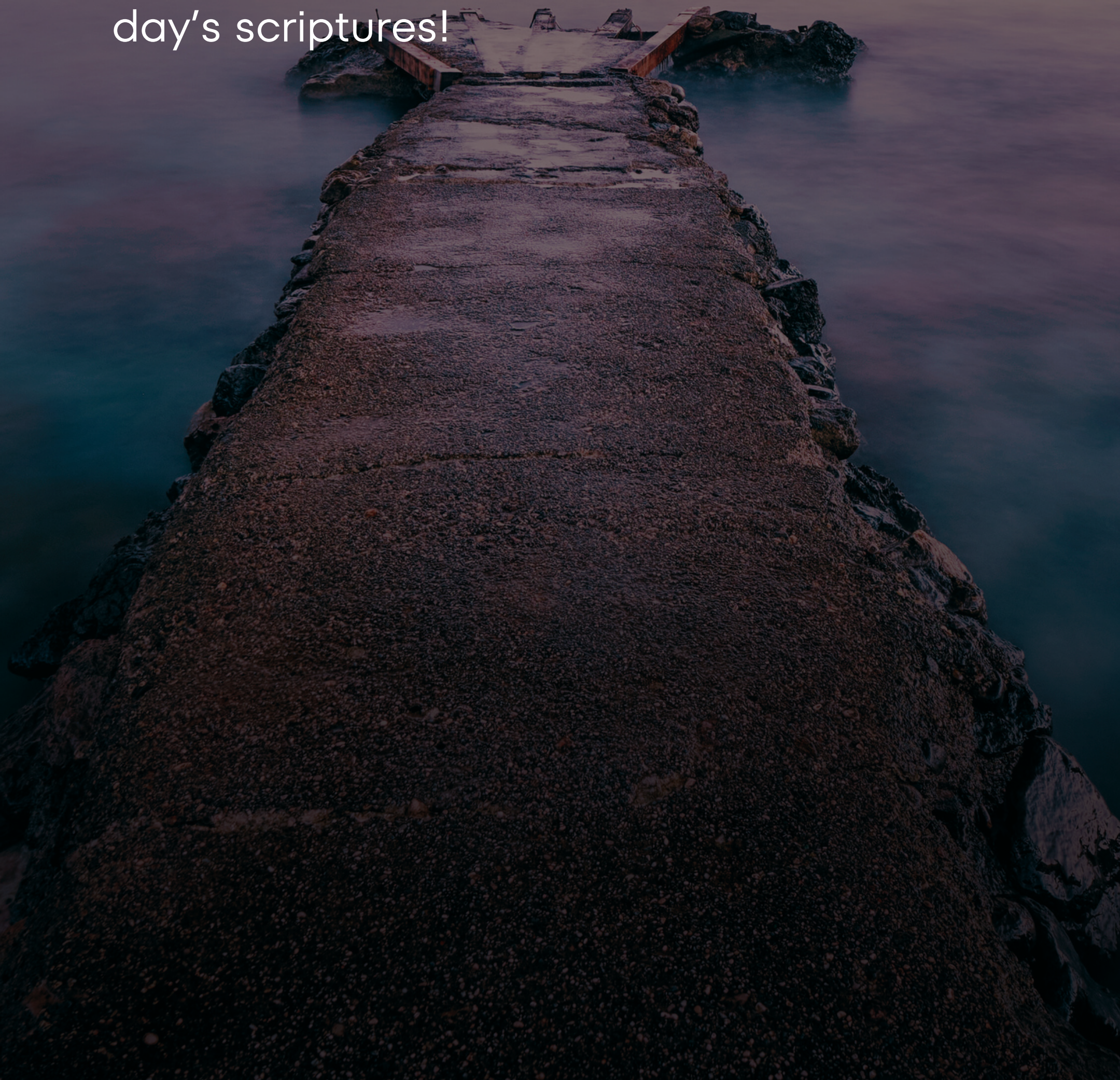
DAY 4

PRAY: Dear God, I thank You for these reminders that I can't trust in humans. I just need to trust in You. When I'm afraid I can call out to You God, and I can trust that You are there for me. Having a fear of man will prove to be a snare, but if I trust in You I will be kept safe. Thank You God, that You are good, You are a refuge in times of trouble, and You care for me as I trust in You. What a comfort and a joy. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

REFLECT: In a spiritual sense, we can understand that we need to trust in God. But when we are afraid for our safety it's frightening to feel alone and vulnerable. Those are the times when we need to put our trust in God. We trust our lives to God when we become a Christian. But when we're on a dark street and hear strange footsteps behind us, is He the first one we call out to? When our plane starts shaking in midair, is our first instinct to ask God for help? When our child is sick, do we call out to Jesus and then call friends to pray? It's in the little things that reveal our trust in God. "He cares for those who trust in Him!"

DAY 4

ACT: Look back on last week to recall any times that you were afraid, unsure, confused, overwhelmed, or even indecisive. Did you trust God to get you through that moment, that decision, or that experience? If not, then define what your default response was and start to identify where your trust goes and how you can instinctively turn to God! Develop the habit now of trusting God in the little things and you will soon learn to trust Him in the big things. Remember to add God's promises to your list: Hint – look at each day's scriptures!



DAY 5

TRUSTING IN GOD BRINGS JOY, PEACE & HOPE

"I BELIEVE THAT A TRUSTING ATTITUDE AND A PATIENT ATTITUDE GO HAND IN HAND. YOU SEE, WHEN YOU LET GO AND LEARN TO TRUST GOD, IT RELEASES JOY IN YOUR LIFE. AND WHEN YOU TRUST GOD, YOU'RE ABLE TO BE MORE PATIENT. PATIENCE IS NOT JUST ABOUT WAITING FOR SOMETHING... IT'S ABOUT HOW YOU WAIT, OR YOUR ATTITUDE WHILE WAITING"

-JOYCE MEYER

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Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

DAY 5

PRAY: Heavenly Father, I am learning so much about the results of putting my trust in You. Thank You that You will bring me joy, keep me in perfect peace, give me a steadfast mind, and fill me with peace and hope. By the power of Your Holy Spirit I will literally be filled to overflowing with hope. I want to put all of my trust in You, in all circumstances, all decisions, all conversations, all relationships, and every time I'm afraid, confused, alone, or in danger. Thank You for Your promises Father. I love You. Amen.

REFLECT: Peace, Hope, and Joy. We all want these in our lives, so we seek them through prayer, by putting on the armor of God, or memorizing the Psalms. But these verses tell us that we can get all three of these gifts through simply trusting in God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of hope will fill us with joy and peace if we put our trust in Him. We will overflow in the power of the Holy Spirit. Every part of the Trinity wants us to Trust in Him and put our lives at His feet.

ACT: What do you need to put at the foot of the cross right now to have joy, perfect peace, and a hope that will not disappoint you? Right now, ask God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to renew your mind, fill you with joy and give you perfect peace. These are three beautiful and powerful gifts that He wants you to have. Let go of everything you're holding on to. It's scary but it's incredibly freeing, and today is the day!

DAY 6

GOD CARES THAT WE TRUST IN HIM ONLY

"THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON THAT I HAVE LEARNED IS TO TRUST GOD IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE. LOTS OF TIMES WE GO THROUGH DIFFERENT TRIALS AND FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN SEEMS LIKE IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL. GOD IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE US."

-ALLYSON FELIX

New International Version

Habakkuk 2:18

Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak.

Psalms 40:4

Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

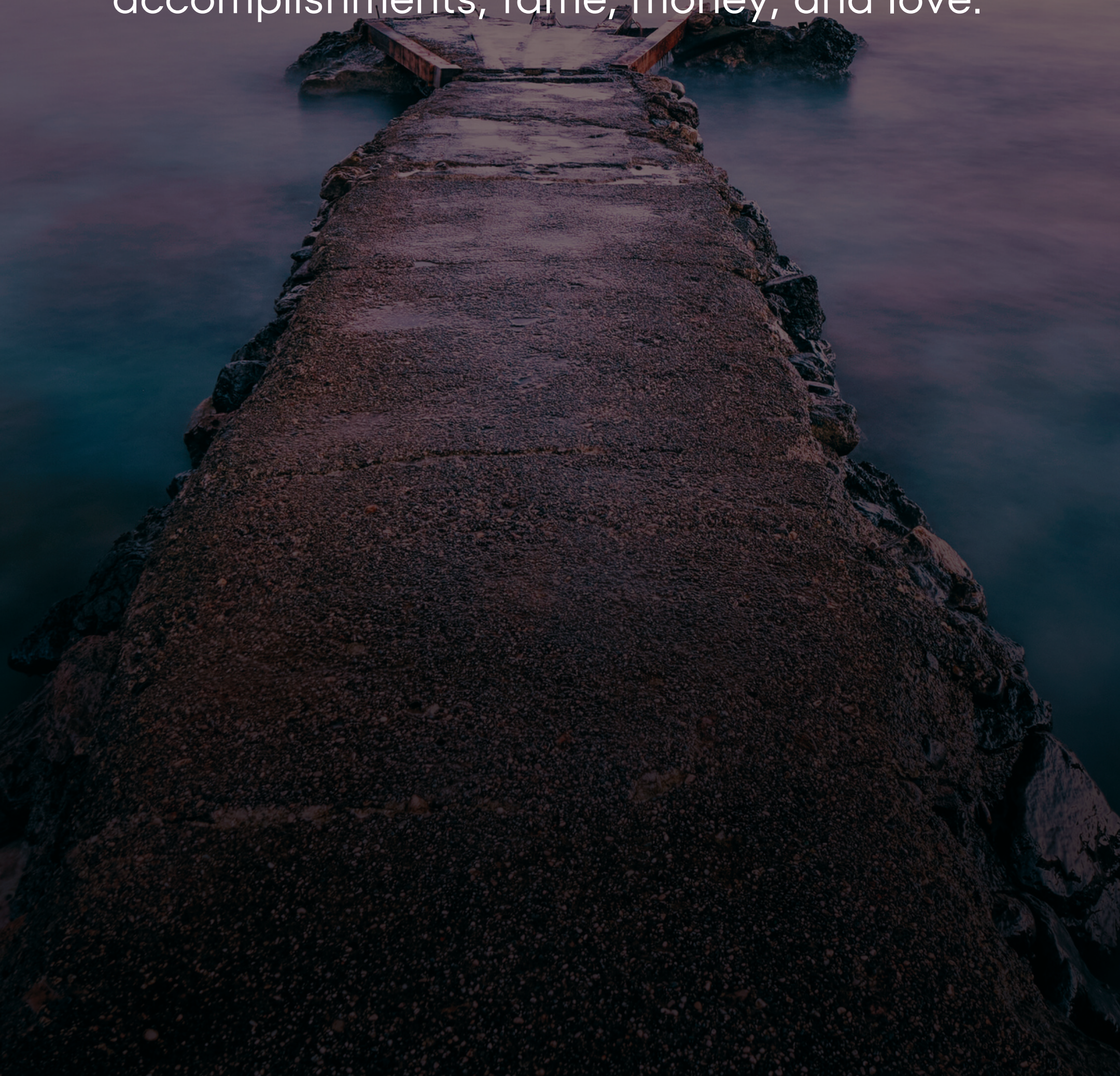
DAY 6

PRAY: Father in Heaven, this helps me see that what man creates is actually You creating through us. There is no value in an idol or image carved by a craftsman, for a man-made idol cannot speak. Blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. Help me to not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods. Let me not idolize the creative people in Hollywood who are rich and famous because of their work, or their looks, or their money. Man should not get the glory for creative works. Help me to trust in You and give You the glory. Amen.

REFLECT: These verses help us understand why we shouldn't idolize people. We often look up to movie stars, directors, and writers almost as gods. And yet we're reminded to "trust in the Lord." There are many wonderful Christians in Hollywood, but there are also those who don't yet know God, so they take credit for the successful projects they've gotten famous for creating. Think of the eternal difference we could make if we prayed for those people to embrace the Lord as the source of all creation and creativity. And in doing so they would find God! He will put a new song in their hearts and bless them and you!

DAY 6

ACT: Choose one creative person in Hollywood you look up to or follow their work. Now, start praying for that person. Ask the Lord to help them to trust Him, to give the glory to Him for all of their creative accomplishments, and for the Lord to take away any pride. Also, pray that other people don't idolize this person and make him or her more important than God. Pray that both the Hollywood professional you admire, and their fans, trust in God for their gifts, talents, accomplishments, fame, money, and love.



DAY 7

THE LORD IS TRUSTWORTHY

"MY TRUST IN GOD FLOWS OUT OF THE EXPERIENCE OF HIS LOVING ME, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, WHETHER THE DAY IS STORMY OR FAIR, WHETHER I'M SICK OR IN GOOD HEALTH, WHETHER I'M IN A STATE OF GRACE OR DISGRACE. HE COMES TO ME WHERE I LIVE AND LOVES ME AS I AM."
-BRENNAN MANNING

New International Version

Psalms 37:3-6

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

DAY 7

PRAY: Dear Lord, I want to always trust in You and do good. I want to dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Thank You that as I delight in You, You will give me the desires of my heart. I commit my ways to You, Lord, and I will trust in You. And I thank You that You will make my righteousness shine like the dawn and the justice of my cause like the noonday sun. You continue to bless those who trust in You and I am so thankful for that. I re-commit my life to You today, Lord. I love You and trust You with my whole being! Amen.

REFLECT: Here in Psalm 37, God gives us a list of more things He will do for us if we trust in Him. Throughout the Bible He continually tells us to trust in Him and then we will be richly rewarded. So, it must be VERY important. If we trust in Him and do good, we get to dwell on earth and enjoy a safe life. If we take delight in Him we will get the desires of our heart. We won't get everything we want, but He will change our desires to match His. And if we commit to Him and trust in Him, He says that our righteousness will shine to others. Re-read these verses to soak up the truth and power of these promises. We are truly blessed!

DAY 7

ACT: From the first day of this week, pull out the list of promises you received from God when you trusted in Him. Add the promises from every other day. Now add these last four promises from today's verses and read through the whole list again. It's amazing how much the Lord pours into us when we shift our trust from ourselves to Him. End this week with a list to carry with you forever, so that you will never forget to TRUST IN THE LORD!

