

RUNNING AFTER THE HEART OF GOD WITH UNDIVIDED DEVOTION

PURSUE

21 Day Devotional - September 8-28



FEATURING
10 DAYS
SEPTEMBER 11-21



**Encounter
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From the desk of Pastor Ken

Dear Friend,

It is my prayer that this 21-Day Devotional through the Gospel of John will be more than something you simply read. My hope is that it will become an invitation—to slow down, open your heart, and encounter Jesus in a fresh and personal way.

The Gospel of John is one of the most beautiful books in the Bible because John doesn't simply tell us what Jesus did; he continually points us to who Jesus is. He is the Word who became flesh, the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd, the Resurrection and the Life, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

For the next 21 days, I encourage you to take your time. Read the chapter prayerfully. Don't rush through the words. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you something you need to see, teach you something you need to learn, or remind you of something you need to remember.

You may be walking through a season of joy right now. Or perhaps you're carrying disappointment, uncertainty, grief, or questions about what comes next. Wherever you find yourself, I want you to know this: Jesus meets us right where we are.

- In John 4, He meets a woman at a well.
- In John 5, He meets a man who had been waiting for 38 years.
- In John 9, He gives sight to a man who had never seen.
- In John 11, He stands beside grieving people and weeps with them.
- In John 21, He restores Peter after his failure.

Again and again, we discover that Jesus sees people, loves people, restores people, and calls people to follow Him. My encouragement to you is simple: Don't just read about Jesus—look for Jesus.

- Look for His character.
- Listen for His voice.
- Notice His compassion.
- Consider His commands.
- Receive His grace.
- And respond to His invitation to follow Him.

I also encourage you to make these 21 days a time of prayer. Begin each day by asking, “Jesus, what do You want to show me today?” At the end of each devotional, take a few moments to talk with Him about what you've read.

My prayer is that these 21 days will deepen your faith, strengthen your relationship with Christ, and remind you of the incredible truth that John wanted every reader to understand: Jesus is the Son of God, and in believing in Him, we have life in His name.

Thank you for taking this journey through John's Gospel. My prayer is that when you reach the end of these 21 days, you won't simply know more about the Gospel of John—you will know Jesus more deeply. May you encounter His presence, trust His Word, experience His grace, and follow Him with your whole heart.

With love and prayers,
Pastor Ken Woolf



John 1 — The Word Became Flesh

The God Who Came Near

John begins his Gospel with a breathtaking truth: Jesus did not begin in Bethlehem. He was with God in the beginning, and He was God. The One who spoke creation into existence stepped into His creation and became flesh.

Think about that for a moment. God did not remain distant from our brokenness, our struggles, or our need. He came near.

John calls Jesus the Word—the perfect revelation of who God is. If you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. He reveals the Father's heart, character, grace, and truth.

But John 1 also reminds us that Jesus came into a world that did not recognize Him. Yet there is an incredible promise: *“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”* — John 1:12

Jesus doesn't simply offer us a better life. He offers us a new identity. Through faith in Him, we become children of God.

John the Baptist understood his role. He wasn't the light; he came to point people toward the Light. That is our calling too. We aren't the answer. We point people to Jesus.



KEY VERSE

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”
John 1:14

Today's Thought

You were never meant to be the light; you were meant to reflect the Light.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Wherever you are today, remember:
Jesus is near.

Jesus is the Light.

Jesus is the Truth.

Jesus is the One who gives us a new identity.

You don't have to manufacture your own light. You simply need to walk in the Light.



PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for coming near to us. Thank You for revealing the Father and for becoming the Light in our darkness. Help me receive You more fully today. Remind me that I am Your child and that my life is meant to point others toward You. Let Your truth guide my thoughts, Your grace shape my words, and Your presence direct my steps. Amen.



John 2 — When Jesus Changes Everything

Trusting Jesus When You Don't Understand

John 2 begins with a wedding in Cana. Everything appears to be going well until the wine runs out.

In that culture, this wasn't a small inconvenience—it was a significant embarrassment for the family.

Mary brings the problem to Jesus. His response may seem surprising, but Mary gives the servants a simple instruction: *"Do whatever he tells you."*

That is a powerful picture of faith.

The servants didn't understand what Jesus was about to do. They simply obeyed. They filled six stone jars with water, and Jesus transformed the water into wine.

The miracle reveals something important about Jesus: He is able to take what seems ordinary, empty, or insufficient and transform it for His purposes.

Maybe you feel like one of those empty jars today.

Perhaps you're running low on strength, patience, joy, hope, or faith. John 2 reminds us that our emptiness is not a limitation for Jesus.

What we cannot produce, Jesus can provide.

But notice the servants' role. They had to fill the jars.

They had to obey. The miracle belonged to Jesus, but obedience was their responsibility.

Jesus Wants More Than Our Religious Activity

Later in John 2, Jesus enters the temple and finds people turning His Father's house into a marketplace.

His actions reveal His passion for genuine worship.

Jesus isn't interested in religious activity that looks impressive on the outside while the heart is far from God.

He wants our hearts.

The question isn't simply, "Am I doing religious things?"

The deeper question is, "Does Jesus have authority over my life?"

PRAYER

Jesus, I give You the empty places in my life. Where I am weak, be my strength. Where I am empty, fill me. Where I don't understand, help me trust You. Give me the courage to obey even when I cannot see the outcome. Cleanse my heart and make my life a place where You are honored. I surrender my plans, my desires, and my circumstances to You. Amen.



KEY VERSE

"Do whatever He tells you."

John 2:5

Today's Thought

You don't have to understand what Jesus is doing to trust Him—you simply have to obey what He tells you.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Where do you feel empty today?

Instead of trying to manufacture your own solution, bring that emptiness to Jesus.

Then ask yourself: What is Jesus asking me to do?

You may not understand what He is doing. You may not see how obedience will change anything. But faith often begins with one simple decision:

"Jesus, I will do whatever You tell me."



John 3 — Born Again

Making Jesus the Center

John 3 contains one of the most important conversations in the Bible. Nicodemus, a respected religious leader, came to Jesus at night with questions. He knew Jesus was from God, but Jesus showed him that knowing about God was not enough. Nicodemus needed to be born again.

Jesus was teaching that Christianity is not simply about becoming a better person, following religious rules, or gaining more knowledge. It is about receiving a new life through the Spirit of God.

Then Jesus revealed the heart of the gospel: God loves us so deeply that He gave His Son for us. John 3:16 reminds us that salvation begins with God's love and is received through faith in Jesus Christ.

Perhaps the most challenging words in the chapter come from John the Baptist:

"He must increase, but I must decrease." — John 3:30

That is the posture of a transformed life. Jesus is not meant to be an addition to our lives; He is meant to become the center of our lives.

Today, ask yourself: Is Jesus increasing in my life? Are my decisions, priorities, relationships, words, and desires increasingly reflecting Him?

Being born again means more than starting over—it means allowing Christ to make you new.



KEY VERSE

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

Today's Thought

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving me enough to give Your life for me. Help me to understand what it means to be born again and to live by Your Spirit. Increase in my life, while I decrease. Take control of my heart, my thoughts, my priorities, and my future. Help me live today as someone who has been made new through You. Amen.



TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Look for one area of your life where you have been trying to remain in control. Give that area completely to Jesus today.



Pursue

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14

The call of *10 Days 2026* is a call to **pursue**, to run after the heart of God with undivided devotion. In a world that pulls us in countless directions, this is a time to reorient our hearts around one pursuit: *My best for His glory*. Over these ten days as we worship, repent, and pray, we seek to yield everything—our ambitions, distractions, and divisions—to the Lordship of Jesus, so that His likeness might be formed in us and His Kingdom revealed through us, that all might know Him.

Each day focuses on a different dimension of this holy pursuit: unity, the Kingdom, harvest, promises, and the return of our Lord. Together they mark a spiritual journey from the inward transformation of our hearts to the outward advance of His purposes among the nations.

As we lift up the nations, we also turn our hearts daily toward **God's first covenant people, Israel, and the Jews**, praying for His peace, His promises, and His salvation to be fulfilled among them. On the final day—**Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement**—we are invited to join the global family in a 24-hour **Global Day of Prayer for Israel and the Jewish people**, aligning our intercession with God's redemptive plan for all nations.

To pursue is to move, to follow hard after God, to press on toward the upward call of Christ Jesus. These ten days invite us to lay aside every weight, to run the race with endurance, and to give our utmost for His highest glory. May these days awaken fresh hunger, deep repentance, and a united cry across the Body of Christ: **"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth in every people and place—as it is in Heaven."**

PURSUE

September 11-21, 2026

Day 1: Pursue Humility & Love for Others

Day 2: Pursue Holiness & Purity

Day 3: Pursue Unity & Maturity in Christ

Day 4: Pursue Reconciliation: The One New Man

Day 5: Pursue His Kingdom & His Righteousness

Day 6: Pursue Discernment & Truth

Day 7: Pursue His Presence

Day 8: Pursue the Harvest

Day 9: Pursue the Fulfillment of His Promises

Day 10: Pursue the Return of the Lord



John 4 — Living Water

From Shame to Living Water

John 4 tells the powerful story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. It is a story of grace, transformation, and worship.

Jesus intentionally traveled through Samaria, a place many Jews avoided because of deep hostility between Jews and Samaritans. At a well, He met a woman whose life was marked by brokenness and rejection. Jesus knew everything about her past, yet He did not reject her. Instead, He offered her something far greater than physical water—living water.

The woman came to the well carrying a water jar, but she was also carrying shame, disappointment, and a longing that relationships and circumstances had never been able to satisfy. Jesus showed her that the deepest thirst of the human heart cannot be satisfied by people, possessions, success, or circumstances. Only God can satisfy that thirst.

Jesus told her, “Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.” The living water represents the life and work of the Holy Spirit within us. Jesus doesn’t simply make our circumstances better; He changes us from the inside out.

There is another powerful moment in this chapter when Jesus says that the Father is seeking those who will worship Him “in spirit and in truth.” True worship is not merely about a location, a song, or a religious experience. It is about giving God our authentic hearts and living according to His truth.

The Samaritan woman eventually left her water jar behind and ran back to town to tell others about Jesus. The woman who came to the well carrying shame left carrying a testimony.

That is what Jesus does. He takes the places where we have experienced failure, hurt, and disappointment and can use them to become part of our testimony of His grace.



KEY VERSE

“But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.”
John 4:14

Today’s Thought

Only Jesus can satisfy the thirst of the soul.

TODAY’S CHALLENGE

Ask yourself: “What am I looking to for satisfaction that only Jesus can provide?”

Give that area to Him today. Then look for one opportunity to share with someone else what Jesus has done in your life.

John 4 reminds us: We don’t have to hide our past from Jesus. We can bring it to Him—and He can turn our story into a testimony.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting me exactly where I am. You know everything about me—the good, the bad, the failures, and the things I would rather hide—yet You still love me and offer me living water. Forgive me for looking to other things to satisfy the deepest desires of my heart. Fill me with Your Spirit and help me worship You in spirit and truth. Use my story to point others toward You. Amen.



Day One

PURSUE HUMILITY &
LOVE FOR OTHERS

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” Philippians 2:3–4

Adoration:

Jesus, You are gentle and humble in heart. You left the glory of Heaven to serve, to wash feet, and to give Your life for others. I worship You for Your perfect love and selfless obedience. You are worthy of all honor and praise. Matthew 11:28–30

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for the pride that resists humility and the self-focus that blinds me to others. I turn from competition, comparison, and the need to be first. Teach me to walk in the lowliness that reflects Your heart. James 4:6–10

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray for the salvation of unbelieving Jews and Israelis, that “all Israel” would come to know their Messiah in accordance with Romans 11:26, “and in this way, all Israel will be saved...”

Cry for the Harvest:

Australia, Oceania, and Southeast Asia spans islands rich in Christian heritage to vast areas still unreached by the Gospel. Rapid urban growth, migration, and digital connection are opening new doors for witness and collaboration. Prayer for this region calls believers to humility and love that bridge cultures and generations, revealing Christ's heart across land and sea.

Focus City: Yangon, Myanmar

110 CITIES REGION: SOUTH PACIFIC SOUTHEAST ASIA

WHOLE REGION: 731 MILLION POPULATION

845 UNREACHED PEOPLES

365 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Vientiane, Laos; Bangkok, Thailand; Hanoi, and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Jakarta, Bandung, Medan, Banjarmasin, Makassar, and Surabaya, Indonesia.

**Put Feet to Your Prayers:**

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart.
 - a. Spend a few quiet moments listening. Ask Him to reveal specific situations where pride, defensiveness, or self-protection has kept you from loving freely. Write down what He brings to mind and pray through each one.
2. Take a low place in service.
 - a. Look for one tangible way to serve someone today without being noticed—wash the dishes, send a note of appreciation, or do a task that others avoid. Quiet, unseen acts train the heart in humility.
3. Ask God for a way to touch this region.
 - a. Research if people from this region are part of your church or ministry's efforts. Some may even live or work near you. Send a message, pray with or for those workers, or give a gift toward work in this area.

Worship:

“Give Me Your Eyes” – Brandon Heath



John 5 — Get Up and Walk

Rise, Take Up Your Bed, and Walk

John 5 begins with Jesus encountering a man who had been unable to walk for 38 years. He had spent years waiting for his circumstances to change, hoping someone would help him into the pool when the water was stirred.

Then Jesus asked him a remarkable question: *“Wilt thou be made whole?”*

At first, the man responded by explaining why he couldn't get healed. He had no one to help him. Someone always got there before him. His circumstances had become his identity.

But Jesus didn't argue with him. He simply said, *“Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”* Immediately, the man was healed.

There is something powerful here for every follower of Christ. Sometimes we can become so accustomed to our limitations, disappointments, or past experiences that we begin to believe they define us. We can spend so much time explaining why we cannot move forward that we forget the One standing in front of us who has the power to change everything.

Jesus is not limited by how long we have struggled. Thirty-eight years was not too long for Jesus.

The chapter also reminds us that Jesus is more than a miracle worker. He is the Son of God, and He has authority over sickness, sin, life, and death. Jesus tells us that those who hear His word and believe in Him have eternal life.

The greatest miracle isn't simply having our circumstances changed. The greatest miracle is receiving new life in Christ.

Perhaps today you feel stuck in an area of your life. Maybe you've been waiting a long time. Maybe you've become discouraged because nothing seems to change.

Hear the words of Jesus again: *“Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”* You don't have to remain where you've been.



KEY VERSE

“Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”
John 5:8

Today's Thought

Your past may explain where you've been, but it does not have to determine where Jesus is taking you.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Identify one area where you have been stuck, discouraged, or waiting for change. Pray over it today and ask Jesus: “Lord, what step of faith are You asking me to take?” Then take that step.

Jesus still meets people where they are—and calls them to get up and walk with Him.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You that no situation is beyond Your power. Help me not to allow my past, my disappointments, or my limitations to define my future. Give me faith to respond when You call me to move forward. Help me trust Your timing and Your power. Most of all, thank You for giving me eternal life through faith in You. Today, I choose to get up, trust You, and walk forward with You. Amen.



— Day Two —

PURSUE HOLINESS & PURITY

"Be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace."

2 Peter 3:14

Adoration:

Holy Father, You are pure and perfect in all Your ways. Your light exposes every shadow and draws me into truth. I worship You for Your holiness, Your mercy that cleanses, and Your love that makes me whole. 1 Peter 1:15-16

Repentance:

Lord, forgive me for tolerating compromise in my thoughts, habits, or relationships. Let the fire of Your holiness burn away everything that does not reflect Your heart. Wash my heart with Your Word and renew my mind so that my life reflects Your holiness. Empower me to fully surrender to Your rule in every area. Make me a vessel fit for Your use. Psalm 51:10

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray that Jews and Israelis would be drawn to Yeshua (the Hebrew way to say "Jesus") because of the holiness and integrity of Jesus followers they see, that the light of God's righteousness would shine in every situation where compromise or fear has gained a foothold or created offense. Matthew 5:14-16

Cry for the Harvest:

In Northeast Asia, no common trade language provides a bridge between cultures and ancient traditions, conflicts, and modern pressures often hinder the Gospel. Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia stands out for both its need and openness. Though only a small percentage of Mongolians follow Jesus, the church in Ulaanbaatar is young, growing, and full of potential to influence the wider region.

Focus City: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

110 CITIES REGION: NORTHEAST ASIA

WHOLE REGION: 1.633 BILLION POPULATION

538 UNREACHED PEOPLES

293 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Tokyo, Japan; Pyeongyang, North Korea; Beijing, Guangzhou, Kunming, Chengdu, Hohhot, Wuhan, Nining, and Nanning, China.



Put Feet to Your Prayers:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to purify your heart. Invite Him to shine His light on anything that hinders intimacy with God. Confess and release what He reveals, trusting His grace to cleanse completely.
2. Guard what you allow to influence you. Choose purity in what you watch, read, and speak. Let holiness shape your private life as much as your public witness.
3. Pray for holiness in the Church and for workers in Northeast Asia. Ask God to strengthen believers in Ulaanbaatar to walk in purity and integrity, shining as lights in a spiritually complex city. Pray for cross pollination of workers between Mongolia and especially North and South Korea. Research connecting with, praying for, or supporting ministries laboring in these areas.

Worship:

"Holy Forever" Chris Tomlin



John 6 — Jesus, the Bread of Life

He Is More Than Enough

John 6 begins with one of Jesus' most familiar miracles: the feeding of the five thousand. A large crowd followed Jesus, and when He saw their physical need, He asked His disciples how they could feed everyone.

A young boy had five loaves and two fish. It seemed completely inadequate for such a great need. Yet when it was placed in Jesus' hands, He multiplied it and fed the multitude. What a picture of faith.

Sometimes we look at what we have and think, "It isn't enough." Our resources aren't enough. Our strength isn't enough. Our experience isn't enough. But Jesus has never asked us to provide what only He can provide. What we place in Jesus' hands becomes more than enough.

Later in the chapter, Jesus walked on the water toward His disciples during a storm. They were frightened, but Jesus told them, *"It is I; be not afraid."*

The One who provides in the wilderness is the same One who meets us in the storm. But Jesus wanted the crowd to understand that the miracles were pointing to something much greater. He declared: *"I am the bread of life."*

The people were looking for physical bread, but Jesus was offering eternal life. He was teaching them that our deepest hunger cannot be satisfied by food, money, success, possessions, or even human relationships.

Our deepest hunger is spiritual. Only Jesus can satisfy it.

We can spend our lives chasing things that temporarily satisfy us, only to discover that we are hungry again. Jesus offers something different. When we come to Him, trust Him, and make Him the center of our lives, we discover a satisfaction that the world cannot provide.

John 6 challenges us to ask: Am I satisfied with Jesus, or am I constantly looking for something else to satisfy my soul?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the Bread of Life. Forgive me for looking to the things of this world to satisfy what only You can satisfy. Help me trust You with what I have, even when it seems small or inadequate. Take my resources, my abilities, my time, and my life and use them for Your purposes. When storms come, remind me that You are near and that I don't have to be afraid. Teach me to find my deepest satisfaction in You. Amen.



KEY VERSE

"I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger." John 6:35

Today's Thought

Jesus is not simply the One who gives us bread—He is the Bread of Life.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Take a few minutes today and honestly ask yourself: "What am I depending on to make me happy, secure, or fulfilled?"

Then surrender that desire to Jesus and thank Him for being enough.

Whatever you have may seem insufficient—but when you place it in Jesus' hands, He can do far more than you could ever do on your own.



— Day Three —

PURSUE UNITY & MATURITY IN CHRIST

"...that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."

1 Corinthians 1:10 / Ephesians 4:11-13

Adoration:

Jesus, You are the Head of the Body, and in You all things hold together. You prayed that we would be one, just as You and the Father are one. I worship You as the center of all true unity and the source of our growth into maturity. John 17: 20-23

Repentance:

Lord, forgive us for the divisions we have allowed—between generations, denominations, and nations. Forgive me for pride, offense, or independence that breaks fellowship. Heal divisions in Your Church. Unite us in love and truth, as we learn to listen, and labor side by side with others for Your glory. Philippians 2:1-4

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray for maturity among followers of Jesus in Israel and diaspora Jewish believers, so they may grow in knowledge, love, and service and be equipped to represent Messiah well to those who do not yet know him. 2 Peter 3:18

Cry for the Harvest:

South Asia is one of the most populous, diverse and spiritually dynamic regions in the world, where unity among believers has enormous impact on witness. Mumbai, India as the Focus City is a hub of influence, inter-ethnic diversity, and both challenge and opportunity for the Gospel.

Focus City: Mumbai, India

110 CITIES REGION: SOUTH ASIA

WHOLE REGION: 1.934 BILLION PEOPLE

3,441 UNREACHED PEOPLES

2,929 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Chaka, Chittagong, Bangladesh; Ammadabad, Amritsar, Asansol, Bangalore, Bhopal, Delhi, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Patna, Prayagraj, Siliguri, Srinagar, Surat and Varamasi, India; and Kathmandu, Nepal.



Put Feet to Your Prayers:

1. Seek reconciliation in relationships. Ask God to show you anyone you need to forgive or reconcile with. Take a step today—write, call, or pray blessing over them—to restore unity.
2. Practice partnership. Look for one way to serve alongside another ministry, denomination, or culture. Unity grows when we labor together for the same King.
3. Pray for maturity in the Body of Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to raise up apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers in South Asia who will equip the Church in love and truth until she reflects Christ's fullness.

Worship:

"The Church" by UPPERROOM, Ashley Bailey & Brett Bell



John 7 — Come to Jesus and Drink

A Thirst Only Jesus Can Satisfy

John 7 takes place during the Feast of Tabernacles, when thousands of people gathered in Jerusalem. Jesus entered the city and began teaching, and the crowds were divided about who He really was. Some believed He was the Christ; others questioned His identity.

In the middle of all the confusion, Jesus continued to speak truth.

Near the end of the feast, Jesus stood and made a remarkable invitation:

"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

Jesus wasn't talking about physical thirst. He was speaking to the deepest longing of the human soul.

We all thirst for something. We thirst for purpose, peace, acceptance, significance, security, and love.

Sometimes we try to satisfy those longings through relationships, accomplishments, possessions, entertainment, or success. But none of those things can permanently satisfy the soul. Jesus can.

He doesn't simply tell us where to find living water—He invites us to come to Him.

The answer to our spiritual thirst isn't found in trying harder or becoming more religious. It begins with coming to Jesus and receiving what only He can give.

John tells us that Jesus was speaking about the Holy Spirit, whom believers would receive.

God's Spirit doesn't merely visit our lives occasionally. He comes to live within us, giving us God's presence, power, guidance, and life.

There is another important lesson in John 7: don't let the opinions of others determine what you believe about Jesus. The crowd was divided, but Jesus remained faithful to His mission.

We live in a world filled with competing voices and opinions. People will tell us who Jesus is—or isn't. But we need to go directly to His Word and discover Him for ourselves.

Jesus' invitation still stands: *"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."*

You don't have to remain spiritually thirsty. Come to Jesus.



KEY VERSE

*"If any man thirst,
let him come unto
me, and drink."
John 7:37*

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come to You today because I know that only You can satisfy the deepest thirst of my soul. Forgive me for looking to other things to provide what only You can give. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me live from Your presence rather than from the opinions of others. Give me courage to stand for truth and faith to follow You even when the world around me is uncertain. Thank You for inviting me to come and drink freely from the life You provide. Amen.



TODAY'S CHALLENGE

When you notice yourself feeling empty, restless, or dissatisfied today, pause before reaching for something to fill that feeling.

Simply pray: "Jesus, I come to You. Fill me with Your Spirit and satisfy my soul."

Then spend a few quiet minutes in His presence.

Come to Jesus. Drink deeply. And let His life flow through you to others.



Today's Thought

The world offers many things that promise satisfaction, but only Jesus can satisfy the soul.



— Day Four —

PURSUER RECONCILIATION: THE ONE NEW MAN

“He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in Himself one new people from the two groups.” Ephesians 2:14–20

Adoration:

Lord Jesus, You are our peace. You broke down the dividing wall of hostility and reconciled us to God and to one another through Your cross. You are building one household, one family, one dwelling for Your Spirit. I praise You for the unity and peace You purchased with Your blood. Psalm 122:6–8

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for the walls I have built—walls of prejudice, fear, and mistrust. Forgive the Church for separating along lines of race, class, and culture. Teach us to live as one new humanity, loving across every boundary and carrying Your message of reconciliation into the world. Colossians 3:11–14

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray for reconciliation between Jewish and Gentile believers; that historical wounds, misunderstandings and divisions would heal, and new partnerships of love and mission would form to advance the gospel. Romans 15:5–7

Cry for the Harvest:

Central Asia fits beautifully with the theme of reconciliation and the “One New Man.” This region bridges East and West, Jew and Gentile, Muslim and Christian heritage, and has been both a crossroads and a dividing line throughout history. It’s a perfect setting for Day 4’s call to unity in Christ across ethnic and cultural boundaries.

Focus City: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

110 CITIES REGION: CENTRAL ASIA

WHOLE REGION: 319.6 MILLION PEOPLE

410 UNREACHED PEOPLES

297 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Islamabad, Quetta, Karachi, Peshawar, and Multan, Pakistan; Isfahan, Shiraz, Mashhad, Karaj, Kermanshah, Tabriz, Qom, Tehran, and Ahvaz, Iran; Kabul, Afghanistan; Baku, Azerbaijan; Almaty, Kazakhstan; Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.



Put Feet to Your Prayers:

1. Pray for peace among divided peoples. Intercede for healing of ethnic tensions and historical wounds across Central Asia. Ask God to raise up reconcilers who bring forgiveness and hope in Christ.
2. Break personal barriers. Identify one area where you may hold bias or distance toward others. Ask Jesus to soften your heart and show you how to do something concrete to honor and include those who are different from you.
3. Support ministries of reconciliation. Learn about, pray for, and partner with missions serving across cultural or religious lines in this region. Pray for unity among believers from Muslim-background and traditional Christian communities.

Worship:

“Reconciliation Song” by Peoples & Songs



John 8 — The Truth Will Set You Free

When Truth Meets Grace

John 8 begins with a woman who was caught in sin and brought before Jesus by religious leaders who wanted to test Him. They wanted Jesus to condemn her.

Instead, He responded with words that exposed the hearts of everyone in the crowd:

“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.”

One by one, they walked away.

Jesus then looked at the woman and offered something she desperately needed—grace and a new beginning.

Jesus didn't tell her that her sin didn't matter.

He told her to *“go, and sin no more.”* His grace did not excuse her sin; His grace gave her the opportunity to leave it behind.

That is the heart of the gospel. Jesus doesn't condemn us to remain in our past.

He meets us in our brokenness, forgives us, and calls us into a new way of living.

Later in the chapter, Jesus makes another powerful statement: *“I am the light of the world.”*

Light exposes what is hidden, but it also shows us the way forward.

When we allow Jesus into our lives, He shines His truth into places we would rather keep hidden.

He doesn't expose us to destroy us—He exposes us so He can heal and transform us.

Jesus then says: *“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

True freedom isn't doing whatever we want. Sin often promises freedom but eventually brings bondage.

Jesus offers a better freedom—the freedom that comes from knowing Him and living according to His truth.

Whatever you may be carrying today—guilt, shame, regret, fear, or the consequences of past decisions—bring it into the light of Jesus.

His grace is greater than your past, and His truth is stronger than your chains.



KEY VERSE

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32

Today's Thought

Jesus doesn't just forgive our past—He calls us into a new future.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your grace and mercy. Thank You that You do not define me by my past or my failures. Help me walk in Your truth and allow Your light to shine into every area of my life. Forgive me where I have sinned, give me strength to turn away from what is wrong, and teach me to live in the freedom You provide. Help me extend the same grace to others that You have shown to me. Amen.



TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Ask yourself: “Is there an area of my life where I am living in bondage instead of walking in the freedom Jesus offers?”

Bring that area honestly before God today. Receive His grace, embrace His truth, and take one step toward freedom.

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” — John 8:36



Day Five

PURSUE HIS KINGDOM &
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Matthew 6:33

Adoration:

King Jesus, You reign in righteousness and truth. Your throne is established in justice and mercy. I lift my eyes to You and worship You as the King of all peoples and nations. Your rule brings peace in turmoil, light in darkness, and hope in despair. Psalm 103:19

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for seeking my own comfort and influence instead of Your Kingdom. Deliver me from self promotion and align my heart with Your priorities. Forgive us as Your people for building our own ministries and agendas rather than advancing Your righteous reign. Teach us to hunger for Your righteousness in every sphere of life. Colossians 3:2

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray for the advancement of God's Kingdom among the Jewish people in Israel and globally among the Jewish diaspora: that the "kingdom values" of justice, mercy and truth would take hold in Jewish communities and cultural spheres. Micah 6:8

Cry for the Harvest:

We cry for God's rule and justice to be established in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) — the birthplace of biblical faith, yet still one of the least reached regions of the world. This day invites believers to long for Christ's Kingdom to come in places where earthly kingdoms have long contended for power and identity.

Focus City: Mecca, Saudi Arabia

110 CITIES REGION: MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

WHOLE REGION: 430 MILLION PEOPLE

483 UNREACHED PEOPLES

313 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Algiers, Algeria; Cairo, Egypt; Tripoli, Libya; Nouakchott, Mauritania; Rabat & Marrakech, Morocco; Muscat, Oman; Dubai, UAE; Tunis, Tunisia; Sana'a, Yemen; Mecca, Medina & Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Mosul, Basra, & Baghdad, Iraq; Amman, Jordan; Beirut, Lebanon; Homs & Damascus, Syria; Jerusalem, Israel.

**Put Feet to Your Prayers:**

1. Seek His rule first. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you've allowed worry, self-reliance, or material priorities to displace the King's rule. Surrender those areas to Jesus today.
2. Pray for righteousness and peace in the nations. Intercede for rulers, believers, and seekers across the Middle East and North Africa. Ask that God's justice, compassion, and truth would shape government, education, faith, and families.
3. Partner with Kingdom advance. Learn about ministries bringing the Gospel, Scripture, discipleship, and humanitarian relief to this region. Support them through prayer, giving, or sharing their stories so the King's light can reach where it's least known.

Worship:

SEEK YE FIRST (The Kingdom Of God), The Maranatha - Karen Lafferty



John 9 — Seeing What Jesus Sees

From Blindness to Belief

John 9 tells the story of a man who had been blind from birth. When Jesus and His disciples encountered him, the disciples asked a question that reflected a common way of thinking: “Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus refused to reduce the man's life to blame.

Instead, Jesus said that God's works could be displayed through him.

Jesus then made clay, placed it on the man's eyes, and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. The man obeyed—and he came back seeing.

What happened next is just as important as the miracle itself.

The religious leaders questioned the man repeatedly. They wanted an explanation for the miracle, but they were unwilling to recognize Jesus. The man didn't have an answer for every theological question. He simply knew what Jesus had done:

“One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.”

There is tremendous power in a simple testimony. You may not be able to explain everything about God. You may not understand why every circumstance has happened in your life. You may not have an answer to every difficult question. But you can tell people what Jesus has done for you.

The chapter also reveals an important spiritual truth: physical blindness isn't the only kind of blindness. The man who had been physically blind eventually came to recognize Jesus, while some religious leaders who could physically see remained spiritually blind.

It is possible to have knowledge about God and still fail to truly see Him.

Jesus wants to open our eyes—not only to His truth, but to His presence, His grace, and His purpose for our lives.

Perhaps today you need Jesus to help you see something differently. Maybe you need to see a difficult circumstance through the eyes of faith. Maybe you need to see another person with compassion rather than judgment. Or perhaps you simply need a fresh revelation of who Jesus is.

Ask Him to open your eyes.



KEY VERSE

“One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.”

John 9:25

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for being the One who gives sight to the blind. Open my spiritual eyes so that I can see You more clearly and understand Your work in my life. Help me not to judge people by their circumstances or past, but to see them as You see them. When I don't understand everything, give me the courage to hold on to what I do know—that You are good, You are faithful, and You are working. Let my life be a testimony of what You have done. Amen.



TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Take a few moments today and remember where you were before Jesus began changing your life.

Finish this sentence: “One thing I know: Jesus has ____.”

Thank Him for that work and, if the opportunity comes, share your testimony with someone else.

The man in John 9 couldn't answer every question, but he could tell everyone, *“I was blind, and now I see.”*



Today's Thought

You don't have to understand everything to testify about what Jesus has done.



Day Six

PURSUE DISCERNMENT
& TRUTH

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." Ephesians 5:8-11

Adoration:

Spirit of Truth, You guide us into all wisdom and understanding. You reveal what is hidden and lead us in paths of righteousness. I praise You, Lord, for being the Light of the world and the One who never deceives. Your Word is truth, and Your truth sets us free. John 16:13

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for allowing confusion, fear, or worldly thinking to shape my choices. Forgive the Church for compromising truth or being silent when Your light should shine. Purify our hearts and minds, and teach us to discern what pleases You in every situation. Philippians 1:9-10

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray that the people of Israel and the Jewish people would receive godly spiritual discernment, that any falsehoods, deceptions or religious systems that blind would be exposed, and that Messiah's truth would shine in every heart. 2 Cor. 3:14-16

Cry for the Harvest:

Across Eastern and Southern Africa, many peoples still have little access to the light and Truth of the Gospel. In this region, revival fire and deep faith meet rising deception, conflict, and corruption, so especially here the Body of Christ needs spiritual clarity and courage to walk in the light.

Focus City: Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

110 CITIES REGION: EASTERN & SOUTHERN AFRICA

WHOLE REGION: 125.5 MILLION PEOPLE

398 UNREACHED PEOPLES

203 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Khartoum, Sudan; Djibouti, Djibouti; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Mombasa, Kenya, and Mogadishu, Somalia.



Put Feet to Your Prayers:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for clarity and conviction. Pray for a renewed love for truth in your own life—truth in words, motives, and actions. Spend time daily in the Word of God as your plumbline of Truth. Ask Him to make you a beacon of integrity wherever you go.
2. Stand for truth in your community. When faced with lies, injustice, or corruption, ask for courage to speak the truth in love. Be a light that exposes darkness and brings hope.
3. Pray for discernment and integrity across Africa. Intercede for leaders, pastors, and believers to walk in truth and righteousness. Ask that discernment would protect the Church from false teaching, greed, and division, and that truth would advance revival and transformation across the continent.

Worship:

"Speak O Lord" Keith & Kristyn Getty



John 10 — The Good Shepherd

Learning to Hear His Voice

John 10 gives us one of the most beautiful pictures of who Jesus is: He is the Good Shepherd.

Jesus describes His relationship with His followers as that of a shepherd and his sheep.

In biblical times, a shepherd knew his sheep personally, protected them from danger, led them to places where they could find food and water, and was willing to risk his own life for them.

Jesus says something remarkable: *"I know my sheep, and am known of mine."*

Think about that for a moment. Jesus doesn't simply know about you—He knows you.

He knows your strengths and weaknesses, your fears and dreams, your failures and victories. And despite knowing everything about you, He still loves you.

The Good Shepherd doesn't abandon His sheep when life becomes difficult. He stays close.

Jesus also says: *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."*

There are countless voices competing for our attention every day—voices of fear, culture, disappointment, success, other people's opinions, and even our own doubts.

But Jesus calls us to recognize His voice.

We learn to recognize His voice by spending time in His Word, praying, worshiping, and walking closely with Him.

The more time we spend with the Shepherd, the more familiar His voice becomes.

Jesus also gives His sheep a tremendous promise: *"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish."*

Our security isn't ultimately found in our circumstances. It is found in the hands of our Shepherd.

You may be walking through a season of uncertainty today. You may not know what tomorrow holds. But you can know who holds you.

The Good Shepherd is leading you.

He knows the way.

He knows your needs.

He knows your future.

And He will never stop loving you.



KEY VERSE

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

John 10:11

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for being my Good Shepherd. Thank You that You know me completely and love me completely. Help me recognize Your voice above all the other voices competing for my attention. Lead me when I don't know which way to go, protect me when I am afraid, and correct me when I begin to wander. Help me trust You with my future and follow You wherever You lead. Thank You for laying down Your life for me and giving me eternal life. Amen.



TODAY'S CHALLENGE

Take a few quiet minutes today with no distractions.

Ask Jesus: "Lord, what are You saying to me today?"

Open His Word and listen. Then choose one thing He is leading you to do, change, or trust.

The sheep don't need to know the entire path. They simply need to stay close to the Shepherd.



Today's Thought

You may not know what tomorrow holds, but you know who holds you.



— Day Seven —

PURSUE HIS PRESENCE

*“Seek the Lord and His strength;
seek His face continually.”*

Psalms 105:4

Adoration:

Lord, You are Emmanuel—God with us. Your presence is our peace, our joy, and our strength. I worship You not for what You give, but for who You are. There is no place I would rather be than near You. Psalm 16:11

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for rushing through life without waiting in Your presence. Forgive the Church for seeking Your blessings more than Your face. Teach us to abide, to listen, and to move only when You lead. Psalm 27:8

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray for God to manifest His presence in Israel and among the unbelieving Jewish people in their homes and throughout the land of Israel—that they may know the Father, the Son and the Spirit personally. Ezekiel 37:27-28

Cry for the Harvest:

In Western and Central Africa, vibrant faith and spiritual openness coexist with conflict, instability, and the spread of false teachings. From Nigeria and Ghana to Cameroon and the Congo Basin, millions are encountering Jesus, yet many still need the deep, transforming presence of God to heal, unite, and empower His Church for the harvest. This is a region of great potential—where the abiding presence of Christ can turn zeal into wisdom and revival into lasting fruit.

Focus City: Kano, Nigeria

110 CITIES REGION: WESTERN & CENTRAL AFRICA

WHOLE REGION: 197 MILLION PEOPLE

481 UNREACHED PEOPLES

195 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Conakry, Guinea; Bamako, Mali; Ibadan & Lagos, Nigeria; Dakar, Senegal; and N'Djamena, Chad.



Put Feet to Your Prayers:

1. Seek the Lord's presence daily. Set aside time today to wait on Him in silence or worship. Ask for a deeper awareness of His nearness in every part of your life. Record what we speaks to you in a journal.
2. Create space for His presence in community. His presence transforms gatherings from routine into encounter. Encourage your church, family, or prayer group to linger in worship and listening prayer, sharing what each person is sensing after a time of waiting.
3. Pray for God's presence to saturate Africa. Ask that believers across Western and Central Africa would walk in intimacy with Jesus, revealing His peace and power in places marked by fear, corruption, or unrest. Listen to the Lord specifically regarding one particular ministry or location and share what you hear with someone linked to that ministry or place if possible.

Worship:

"The More I Seek You" (Chapel Sessions) | feat. Jessie Harris | Gateway Worship



John 11 — Jesus Meets Us in Our Grief

The Presence of Jesus in Our Pain

John 11 tells one of the most powerful stories in Scripture—the raising of Lazarus from the dead. But before Jesus performed the miracle, He entered deeply into the sorrow of those who were hurting.

Lazarus was sick, and his sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus. They knew He could heal him. Yet Jesus did not come immediately. By the time He arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days.

Martha struggled to understand why Jesus had waited. She said, *“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”*

Perhaps you have prayed a similar prayer: “Lord, if You had been here, this would not have happened.”

But Jesus reminded Martha that God’s timing and God’s purposes are greater than what she could see. Then we come to one of the shortest—and most powerful—verses in the Bible: *“Jesus wept.”* — John 11:35

Jesus knew Lazarus would soon walk out of the tomb. He knew the miracle was coming. Yet He still wept with those who were grieving.

That tells us something beautiful about Jesus: He doesn’t stand at a distance from our pain. He enters into it with us.

Jesus eventually called Lazarus out of the grave, demonstrating His authority over death and pointing toward the greater resurrection that He Himself would accomplish.



KEY VERSE

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.’” John 11:25

What John 11 Teaches Us

Sometimes Jesus seems late, but He is never absent. Sometimes we cannot understand His timing, but we can trust His character.

Sometimes the answer we want doesn’t come when we expect it, yet Jesus remains the resurrection and the life.

John 11 reminds us that our circumstances do not determine whether Jesus is faithful. He is faithful because of who He is.

And the same Jesus who stood outside Lazarus’s tomb stands with us today.

He is not intimidated by our grief, our questions, our disappointments, or even the places in our lives that seem beyond repair.

TODAY’S CHALLENGE

Set aside a few quiet minutes today to get away from the noise and spend time with Jesus.

Then ask yourself: What is Jesus saying to me right now, and am I willing to follow where He leads?

The more time you spend with the Shepherd, the more familiar His voice becomes.



PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for being the resurrection and the life. When I don’t understand Your timing, help me trust You. When I am hurting, remind me that You are near. Help me believe that no situation is beyond Your power and no grave is beyond Your reach. Teach me to trust You even when I cannot see what You are doing. Amen.



Today’s Thought

Jesus may not always come when we expect Him, but He always comes with purpose.

Trust His timing, trust His heart, and trust His power.



Day Eight

PURSUE THE HARVEST

Adoration:

Lord of the Harvest, You see every heart and every nation. You long for all to know Your love and salvation. I worship You as the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety nine to find the one, and as the King who sends Your people to the ends of the earth.

2 Peter 3:9

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for complacency and fear when it comes to sharing Your truth. Forgive the Church for shrinking back from the call to go, love, and disciple all nations. Rekindle our zeal and compassion for the lost, and help us see people as You see them. 2 Timothy 1:7-8

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray for the harvest in Israel as well as among the Jewish people globally: for many to come to a saving relationship with Messiah, for evangelistic efforts and discipleship movements to accelerate in Israel and the global Jewish diaspora. (Romans 10:1)

Cry for the Harvest:

In Europe and Eurasia, the cradle of much of church history, faith has waned even as diversity and migration have brought the nations to its cities. From cathedrals now empty to new house churches filled with immigrants and young seekers, the harvest is shifting. God is stirring hearts again through prayer movements, immigrant missions, and disciples making disciples in unexpected places. The fields are ready—Europe's harvest will be reaped not by institutions but by revived hearts.

Focus City: Paris, France

110 CITIES REGION: EUROPE / EURASIA

WHOLE REGION: 744 MILLION PEOPLE

571 UNREACHED PEOPLES

277 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Kazan and Moscow, Russia; Ankara, Diyarbakir, Gaziantep, Istanbul, and Antalya, Türkiye; Athens, Greece; and London, United Kingdom.

"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"

Matthew 9:37-38



Put Feet to Your Prayers:

1. Ask God to open your eyes to the harvest. Pray to see your city or workplace as a mission field. Ask the Lord to give you opportunities and boldness to share His love.
2. Pray for workers across Europe and Eurasia. Intercede for church planters, missionaries, and local believers reaching the lost amid secularism and skepticism. Ask God to strengthen their faith and multiply their fruit.
3. Invest in the harvest. Consider praying for, supporting or connecting with ministries working among refugees, university students, and new believers across Europe and Eurasia. Pray for a wave of genuine revival that renews the spiritual heritage of this region and results in multiplying movements to Jesus.

Worship:

"Send Me" (Lyric Video) Jenn Johnson feat. Chris Quilala



John 12 — What Is Jesus Worth to You?

A Heart That Pours It All Out

John 12 begins with a beautiful picture of devotion. Jesus is having dinner with Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. Martha is serving, Lazarus is reclining at the table, and Mary does something extravagant.

Mary takes a costly perfume, pours it on Jesus' feet, and wipes His feet with her hair. The fragrance fills the house.

Judas criticized her, suggesting that the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor. But Jesus defended Mary. He understood something Judas did not: Mary recognized the worth of Jesus. True worship often looks extravagant to people who don't understand it.

Mary wasn't concerned about what others thought. She simply wanted to honor Jesus. Her gift cost her something, but Jesus was worth the cost.

John 12 also marks a turning point in Jesus' ministry. He begins speaking openly about His coming death. The crowd wanted a king who would conquer their enemies, but Jesus knew that His greatest victory would come through the cross.

He said: *"Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."*

Jesus was describing His own death and also revealing a principle of discipleship. Life comes through surrender.

We naturally want to protect our comfort, our plans, our reputation, and our possessions. But following Jesus means placing our lives into His hands. Jesus asks us to follow Him, not simply admire Him



KEY VERSE

*"Whoever serves
me must follow me;
and where I am, my
servant also will be."
John 12:26*

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

John 12 challenges us to ask an important question: What is Jesus worth to me?

Is He worth my time? Is He worth my obedience? Is He worth my resources? Is He worth laying down my plans? Is He worth following when the path is difficult?

Mary's worship reminds us that Jesus deserves more than leftovers. He deserves our whole heart.

Today, take a moment to identify one area of your life where you may be giving Jesus your leftovers. Ask Him what it looks like to give Him your whole heart in that area, and then take one step of surrender. Let your surrender become an act of worship.



Today's Thought

Jesus is worthy of more than a portion of our lives. He is worthy of our whole lives. When we surrender to Him, what looks like loss to the world becomes worship in the eyes of God.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me see Your worth more clearly. Forgive me for the times I have held tightly to my plans, my possessions, or my comfort. Teach me to live with a heart like Mary's—a heart willing to pour everything out in worship. Help me follow You faithfully, even when following You requires sacrifice. May my life bring honor to Your name. Amen.



— Day Nine —

PURSUE THE FULFILLMENT OF HIS PROMISES

"We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." Hebrews 6:11-12

Adoration:

Faithful Father, You keep every promise. Your Word never fails, and Your faithfulness stretches from generation to generation. I worship You as the God of covenant, who remembers, restores, and fulfills what You have spoken. Lamentations 3:22-23

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for doubting Your promises or growing weary in waiting. Forgive Your Church for unbelief, distraction, and compromise. Renew our confidence in Your faithfulness and teach us to pray and to walk in endurance until every promise is fulfilled. Hebrews 10:23

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray for God's covenant promises to Israel and the Jewish people to be fulfilled: spiritual restoration, national peace, ingathering of the exiles, and the fulfillment of "all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:26)

Cry for the Harvest:

In Central and South America, God's promises are unfolding in a season of both shaking and awakening. The Church is growing rapidly, sending missionaries to the nations and shaping culture through prayer, worship, and compassion. Yet corruption, violence, and syncretism challenge faith to mature in truth and perseverance. This is a region of promise and purpose—where God is calling His people to live as faithful heirs of His Word, carriers of His hope, and witnesses of His transforming power.

Focus City: Mexico City, Mexico

110 CITIES REGION: CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

WHOLE REGION: 620 MILLION PEOPLE

132 UNREACHED PEOPLES

63 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: São Paulo, Brazil; Havana, Cuba; Lima, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Santiago, Chile.



Put Feet to Your Prayers:

1. *Stand on God's promises. Recall a promise God has spoken to you personally or to your community. Declare it aloud today and thank Him for bringing it to completion in His perfect timing.*
2. *Pray for perseverance in the Church. Ask God to strengthen believers across Latin America to endure with faith and integrity amid trials. Pray for purity in leadership and boldness in witness.*
3. *Join God's mission of fulfillment. Pray, connect with, or support ministries that are discipling new believers and mobilizing missionaries from this region. Pray that God's promises for Latin America to be a sending force to the nations will be fully realized.*

Worship:

"Promises" – Maverick City Music ft. Joe L. Barnes & Naomi Raine



John 13 — The Love That Serves

Love Looks Like a Towel - John 13:1–17

John 13 brings us into one of the most intimate moments between Jesus and His disciples. Jesus knows that His crucifixion is near. He knows Judas will betray Him, Peter will deny Him, and His disciples will soon scatter. Yet knowing all of this, Jesus chooses to serve.

He gets up from the table, wraps a towel around Himself, pours water into a basin, and begins washing His disciples' feet. The Son of God takes the position of a servant.

Peter is uncomfortable with it. He cannot understand why Jesus would lower Himself in such a way. But Jesus is teaching His disciples—and us—that greatness in God's kingdom is measured by our willingness to serve. Jesus didn't merely teach humility. He demonstrated it.

Perhaps the most remarkable part is that Jesus washed the feet of Judas too. Jesus knew Judas was going to betray Him, yet He still served him. That challenges us deeply.

It is easy to serve people who appreciate us, love us, or treat us well. But Jesus calls us to love beyond convenience. He calls us to serve even when there is no applause, recognition, or repayment.



KEY VERSE

“Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”

John 13:1

“Love One Another” - John 13:34–35

Jesus then gives His disciples a new command: *“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”*

Notice the standard Jesus gives us. He doesn't simply say, “Love one another when it's easy.”

He says, *“As I have loved you.”* Jesus' love is sacrificial, patient, humble, and intentional.

Christian love isn't merely something we say. It is something we demonstrate.

Sometimes love looks like forgiveness. Sometimes it looks like serving someone who cannot repay you. Sometimes it means making the first move toward reconciliation. Sometimes it means simply sitting with someone who is hurting. Jesus showed us that love gets involved.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

John 13 asks us to look beyond what we receive from church, ministry, or relationships and ask:

Who can I serve today?

Jesus didn't wait for someone to serve Him. He took the towel Himself. That is the heart of Christ.

If we want to become more like Jesus, we must become willing to humble ourselves, put others first, and serve without needing recognition.

The world often asks, “What can I get?”

Jesus asks, “What can I give?”



PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for showing me what true love looks like. Give me a servant's heart. Help me lay aside pride, selfishness, and the desire to be recognized. Teach me to love people the way You have loved me—with humility, grace, patience, and sacrifice. Show me someone I can serve today, and help me serve them with joy. May my life reflect Your love. Amen.



Today's Thought

Jesus didn't just tell us to love, He showed us how. Take up the towel, humble yourself, and look for someone you can serve today.



Day Ten

PURSUE THE RETURN
OF THE LORD

*"Long for His appearing... looking forward to the
new heavens and the new earth where
righteousness dwells."*

2 Timothy 4:8 / 2 Peter 3:11–13

Adoration:

Jesus, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. You are coming soon in power and glory to make all things new. I worship You as the righteous Judge, the Bridegroom King, and the Lamb who was slain. You alone are worthy of all honor, praise, and allegiance forever. 2 Peter 3:11–13

Repentance:

Forgive me, Lord, for living as though this world were my home. Forgive us, Your Church, for losing our longing for Your appearing. Purify our hearts, awaken our hope, and teach us to live in readiness, holiness, and joyful expectation of Your return. Matthew 23:39

Intercession:

Prayer Focus for Israel & the Jewish People:

Pray that Israel would recognize Jesus as the Messiah and fulfill His words: "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" (Matthew 23:39). Pray that Jewish people around the world would encounter Jesus, look on Him whom they have pierced (Zechariah 12:10), and receive His spirit of grace and supplication. Ask the Lord to hasten the day of His glorious return.

Cry for the Harvest:

God is calling His people to awaken again to His presence and purposes in North America–Caribbean, a region of vast influence and deep spiritual contrast. The gospel once sent forth from these shores to the nations now needs to be rekindled in love, truth, and holiness at home. Until very recently, America was home to more Jews than any other nation. From New York's global crossroads to the quiet heartlands, the Lord is stirring a holy remnant that longs for His Kingdom to come.

The final day of 10 Days 2026 falls on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, so we join the global Body of Christ in the 24-hour Global Day of Prayer for Israel and the Jewish people, praying for mercy, revelation, and the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to His First Nation. Together we long for all Israel to be saved and the earth to be filled with His glory.

Focus City: New York City, United States

110 CITIES REGION: NORTH AMERICA–CARIBBEAN & ISRAEL
WHOLE REGION: 429.9 MILLION PEOPLE
194 UNREACHED PEOPLES
76 FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

OTHER CITIES IN THIS REGION: Dallas–Fort Worth, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Boston, Miami, and Chicago (United States); Toronto and Vancouver (Canada).

**Put Feet to Your Prayers:**

1. Live in readiness for His return. Ask the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart daily for Jesus' coming. Choose holiness, generosity, and forgiveness as ways to honor Him now.
2. Join the Global Day of Prayer for Israel and the Jews. On this Yom Kippur, unite with believers worldwide in the 24-hour Global Day of Prayer for Israel and the Jewish people. Pray for hearts to be awakened, eyes opened, and the fullness of God's promises to be fulfilled. Learn more at 110cities.com
3. Fix your eyes on eternity. Let the hope of His appearing shape your priorities and passions. Live today as a forerunner—carrying His light into every place until the whole earth declares, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Worship:

"Even So Come" w/ Lyrics (Chris Tomlin)



John 14 — Peace in the Presence of Jesus

When Your Heart Is Troubled - John 14:1–4

John 14 begins with words that speak directly to a troubled heart:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.”

Jesus knew His disciples were about to face confusion, fear, and grief. He knew the cross was approaching, and He knew they would struggle to understand what was happening.

Yet Jesus didn't leave them with fear. He gave them a promise: *“I am with you.”*

Jesus told them that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house. His departure would not be the end of the story. He was going to the Father, and one day He would bring His followers to be with Him.

That promise is still precious today.

We may face uncertainty about tomorrow. We may experience loss, disappointment, or circumstances we don't understand. But Jesus reminds us that our future is secure because our future is in Him.

Jesus Is the Way - John 14:5–7

Thomas asked Jesus how they could know the way.

Jesus didn't give him a map.

He gave him Himself.

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”

Jesus is not simply one path among many. He is the way to the Father. He is the truth we can trust. He is the life our souls desperately need.

When life becomes confusing, we don't need to have every answer. We need to stay close to the One who is the way.



KEY VERSE

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

The Promise of the Holy Spirit - John 14:15–27

Jesus also promised that He would not leave His followers as orphans. He would send the Holy Spirit—the Helper, Comforter, and Teacher—to live with them and in them.

This means the Christian life is not meant to be lived through our own strength.

God's presence is with us.

When we are weak, He strengthens us.

When we are confused, He guides us.

When we are afraid, He comforts us.

When we don't know what to do, He reminds us of the words of Jesus.

Then Jesus gives another incredible promise: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.”*

The peace Jesus gives isn't dependent upon everything going well around us. It comes from knowing that He is with us and He holds our future.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for being my way, my truth, and my life. When my heart is troubled, help me remember that You are near. Thank You for preparing a place for me and for giving me the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort me. Help me trust You when I don't understand what You are doing. Fill my heart with Your peace today, and help me walk confidently in Your presence. Amen



Today's Thought

You don't have to know everything about tomorrow when you know the One who holds tomorrow. Jesus is the way, the truth, the life, and the source of lasting peace.



John 15 — Abide in Me

The Secret to a Fruitful Life - John 15:1–8

John 15 contains one of Jesus' most beautiful pictures of the Christian life. Jesus describes Himself as the vine and His followers as the branches.

A branch cannot produce fruit by itself. It must remain connected to the vine. The same is true for us.

We can work harder, try harder, and become busier, but spiritual fruit doesn't come from human effort alone. Fruit comes from abiding in Jesus.

Jesus says, "Apart from me you can do nothing."

That doesn't mean we are incapable of accomplishing ordinary things without Him. It means that lasting spiritual fruit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—flows from our relationship with Him.

The question isn't simply, "How much am I doing for Jesus?"

The deeper question is: "How closely am I walking with Jesus?"

Abiding Means Staying Connected - John 15:4–11

To abide means to remain, dwell, or stay.

Abiding in Jesus means making Him the center of our daily lives. It means spending time in His Word, talking with Him in prayer, obeying His commands, and depending upon His strength rather than our own.

A branch doesn't strain to produce fruit. It simply stays connected to the vine.

As we remain connected to Christ, His life begins to show through ours.

People should eventually be able to see something different in us—not because we are perfect, but because we are connected to Jesus.

Today's Thought

Don't focus first on producing fruit. Focus on staying connected to Jesus. When you abide in Him, His life will produce fruit through you.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me abide in You. Forgive me for the times I have tried to live in my own strength. Teach me to remain close to You through prayer, Your Word, worship, and obedience. Produce Your fruit in my life so that others can see Your love through me. Help me remember that apart from You I can do nothing, but connected to You, my life can bear fruit that lasts. Amen.



KEY VERSE

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine." John 15:4

Love One Another - John 15:9–17

Jesus then gives His disciples a command that is impossible to miss:

"Love each other as I have loved you."

The evidence that we are abiding in Christ is not merely how much Bible knowledge we possess or how often we attend church.

It is also how we treat people.

Jesus calls us to love sacrificially, forgive freely, serve humbly, and extend grace generously.

That kind of love cannot be manufactured through willpower. It grows from a heart connected to Christ.

Fruit Takes Time - John 15:1–5

Fruit doesn't appear overnight.

Growth takes time.

There may be seasons when we feel like nothing is happening spiritually, but God may be doing deep work beneath the surface.

Don't give up. Keep abiding.

Keep praying.

Keep reading God's Word.

Keep trusting Jesus.

Keep loving people.

The branch doesn't have to worry about producing fruit. Its responsibility is to remain connected to the vine.

John 16 — Joy That Overcomes the World

When Trouble Comes - John 16:1–4, 31–33

John 16 contains some of Jesus' final words to His disciples before the cross. He knew they were about to experience confusion, fear, and sorrow. He also knew that they would face opposition because they followed Him.

Jesus didn't promise them an easy life.

Instead, He prepared them for reality.

"In this world you will have trouble."

Those words are remarkably honest. Following Jesus does not mean we will never experience disappointment, loss, rejection, hardship, or pain.

But Jesus didn't stop there.

He said, *"Take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Our hope isn't found in having a trouble-free life. Our hope is found in knowing that Jesus has already overcome.

Sorrow Will Turn Into Joy - John 16:20–22

Jesus used the picture of a woman giving birth. The pain is real, but when the child is born, the joy is so great that the pain is remembered differently.

The disciples were about to experience deep sorrow when Jesus was crucified. They would not understand what God was doing.

But their sorrow would eventually become joy when they saw the risen Christ.

That is an important reminder for us:

God can turn seasons of sorrow into seasons of joy.

We may not see the purpose in our circumstances today.

We may not understand why God has allowed something to happen. But we can trust that our story is not finished.

God is still working.

Today's Thought

Trouble may be part of this world, but defeat does not have to be part of your story. Take heart—Jesus has overcome the world.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for reminding me that You have overcome the world. When trouble comes, help me not to lose heart. When I experience sorrow, help me trust that You are still working. Thank You for giving me the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, and strengthen me. Help me keep my eyes on You rather than on my circumstances. Give me courage, peace, and joy today because I know that You have already won the victory. Amen.



KEY VERSE

"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

The Holy Spirit Is With Us - John 16:5–15

Jesus also promised the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would guide the disciples into truth and remind them of what Jesus had taught.

We are not expected to navigate life alone.

When we don't know what to do, the Holy Spirit guides us.

When we need wisdom, He reminds us of God's truth.

When our hearts are troubled, He brings comfort.

When our faith feels weak, He strengthens us.

Jesus knew His followers would need divine help—and He provided it.

Take Heart - John 16:32–33

Jesus' final words in this chapter are a powerful encouragement: *"Take heart!"*

In other words, Don't give up. Don't lose courage. Don't let your circumstances determine your confidence.

Why? Because Jesus has overcome the world.

Your circumstances may change.

People may disappoint you.

Plans may fail.

Life may become difficult.

But Jesus remains victorious.

Our peace isn't based on everything going right. Our peace is based on the One who has already won the ultimate victory.

John 17 — Jesus Prays for You

The Prayer of Jesus - John 17:1–26

John 17 is often called the High Priestly Prayer because it records Jesus praying to the Father just before His arrest and crucifixion.

It is a deeply personal chapter. Jesus prays for Himself, for His disciples, and then for every person who would one day believe in Him.

That means Jesus was praying for you.

Think about that.

Before Jesus went to the cross, He wasn't only thinking about the pain He was about to endure. He was thinking about His followers—those who were with Him then and those who would come after them.

He prayed that we would be protected, sanctified, united, and filled with His joy.

Known and Kept by God - John 17:11–16

Jesus prayed that His followers would be protected from the evil one.

This doesn't mean Christians will never experience hardship or temptation. It means that our ultimate security is found in God.

There is tremendous comfort in knowing that we belong to Him.

The world can shake us, circumstances can surprise us, and people can disappoint us—but God is faithful to keep those who belong to Him.

Sanctified by Truth - John 17:17–19

Jesus prayed: *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”*

To be sanctified means to be set apart and made more like Christ. God's Word doesn't simply give us information. It transforms us.

As we spend time in Scripture, God's truth changes the way we think, speak, respond, love, forgive, and live.

If you want to become more like Jesus, stay close to His Word.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for praying for Your followers and for caring about me personally. Thank You for protecting me, guiding me, and giving me Your truth. Help me become more like You. Give me a heart that loves other believers and seeks unity rather than division. Keep me faithful when life is difficult, and help me remember that my greatest hope is not found in this world but in being with You forever. Amen.



KEY VERSE

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message.”

John 17:20

A Prayer for Unity - John 17:20–23

One of the strongest themes in John 17 is Jesus' desire for His followers to be united. Jesus prayed that His followers would be one.

Our unity matters because Jesus said that our love for one another would testify to the world about who He is.

The world doesn't need to see Christians fighting over everything. It needs to see people who love one another, forgive one another, serve one another, and point one another toward Jesus.

Unity doesn't mean we agree on everything. It means Jesus is greater than the things that divide us.

Jesus Wants You With Him - John 17:24–26

Near the end of His prayer, Jesus says: *“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am and to see my glory.”*

What an incredible thought. Jesus doesn't merely want us to receive His blessings.

He wants us to be with Him. Christianity is ultimately about a relationship with Jesus. We are forgiven, redeemed, adopted, and given eternal life so that we can know God and enjoy His presence forever.

Today's Thought

Before Jesus went to the cross, He prayed for His followers—including those of us who would believe in Him generations later. You are not forgotten. You are loved, prayed for, and held by Jesus.

John 18 — The King Who Chose the Cross

Jesus Stands Firm - John 18:1–11

John 18 takes us into the darkest hours of Jesus' earthly ministry. Judas arrives in the garden with soldiers and officials to arrest Jesus. Yet in the middle of the chaos, Jesus remains calm and completely in control.

When the soldiers come looking for Jesus of Nazareth, He simply answers: *"I am he."*

The power of those words causes the soldiers to draw back and fall to the ground.

Jesus was not captured because He was powerless.

He surrendered because He was obedient.

Jesus knew exactly what was coming. He knew about the beating, the humiliation, the cross, and the suffering. Yet He willingly stepped forward because He had come to accomplish the Father's will.

That should change the way we see the cross.

Jesus wasn't a victim of circumstances.

He was a Savior on a mission.

A Different Kind of Kingdom - John 18:28–37

When Pilate questioned Jesus, he wanted to know whether Jesus was a king.

Jesus answered: *"My kingdom is not of this world."*

Jesus' kingdom operates by completely different values.

The kingdoms of this world often pursue power, influence, wealth, recognition, and control.

Jesus demonstrated humility, sacrifice, truth, love, and obedience.

His crown would be associated with suffering.

His throne would be a cross.

His victory would come through what appeared to be defeat.

The cross reminds us that God can accomplish His greatest purposes through circumstances that appear to be our greatest setbacks.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for willingly going to the cross for me. Thank You that You were not powerless but chose obedience because of Your love. Help me stand firm when I face pressure or fear. Forgive me when I fail, and give me the courage to live boldly for You. Help me remember that Your kingdom is greater than the kingdoms of this world and that Your truth never changes. Amen.



KEY VERSE

*"Jesus answered,
'My kingdom is not
of this world.'"*

John 18:36

Peter's Denial -

John 18:15–18, 25–27

John 18 also tells us about Peter's denial of Jesus.

Peter had confidently declared that he would never abandon Jesus. Yet when confronted by others, he denied knowing Him three times.

Peter's failure is painfully familiar.

We may sincerely love Jesus and still have moments when fear, pressure, or embarrassment causes us to compromise.

But Peter's failure wasn't the end of his story.

That is good news for all of us.

Failure does not have to be final when grace is available.

Jesus knows our weaknesses, yet He continues to pursue us.

Standing for Truth - 18:37–38

Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?"

The answer was standing right in front of him.

Jesus had already said:

"I am the way and the truth and the life."

Truth isn't merely an idea.

Truth is found in a Person.

In a world filled with competing voices, opinions, and philosophies, we can anchor our lives in Jesus. He remains the same when everything around us changes.

Today's Thought

Jesus didn't lose control in the garden—He surrendered control. He willingly chose the cross so that we could receive salvation. When life feels out of control, remember that Jesus is still King.

John 19 — It Is Finished

The Love of the Cross - John 19:1–24

John 19 brings us to the cross.

Jesus has been beaten, mocked, and condemned. A crown of thorns is pressed onto His head, and He is forced to carry the instrument of His own execution. Finally, He is crucified between two others.

Yet John wants us to understand something important: Jesus is not simply enduring suffering—He is accomplishing salvation.

The cross was not an accident. It was God's plan of redemption. Jesus willingly gave Himself for sinners.

The One who had healed the sick, raised the dead, calmed storms, and welcomed the broken now hangs on a cross.

Why? Because of love. John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son. John 19 shows us what that love looked like.

It looked like nails. It looked like blood. It looked like sacrifice. It looked like Jesus taking our place.

A New Perspective on Our Lives - John 19:30–37

The cross also changes the way we view our own suffering. Jesus never promised that following Him would mean avoiding hardship. But His cross reminds us that suffering is not always evidence that God has abandoned us.

Sometimes God is accomplishing something we cannot yet see. The cross looked like defeat on Friday.

But resurrection was coming.

When you face a difficult season, remember that God is not finished just because you cannot see the outcome.

The cross teaches us to trust God even when the circumstances don't make sense.

Today's Thought

The cross was not the end of Jesus' story—it was the completion of His mission. "It is finished" means the price has been paid, the work is complete, and God's grace is available to everyone who believes.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for the cross. Thank You for willingly giving Your life for me and paying the price for my sin. Help me never take Your sacrifice for granted. When I feel unworthy, remind me of Your grace. When life is difficult, help me trust You even when I cannot understand what You are doing. Teach me to live every day grateful for what You finished at the cross. Amen.



KEY VERSE

*"Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."
John 19:30*

"It Is Finished" - John 19:28–30

Perhaps the most powerful words in John 19 are Jesus' final words:

"It is finished."

Jesus didn't say, "I am finished."

He said, "It is finished."

The work He came to accomplish was complete.

The price for sin had been paid.

The mission was fulfilled.

Nothing needed to be added to Christ's sacrifice.

Our salvation is not something we earn through good works. It is something we receive because Jesus finished the work on our behalf.

That means we don't have to spend our lives trying to earn God's love.

We live from His love, not for His love.

Come to the Cross - John 19:16–18, 28–30

John 19 invites us to stop and look at Jesus.

Look at His sacrifice.

Look at His love.

Look at His obedience.

Look at the price He willingly paid.

Then ask yourself:

How should I live in light of what Jesus has done for me?

We don't follow Jesus to earn salvation.

We follow Him because salvation has already been purchased through His finished work.

John 20 — He Is Risen!

When Hope Comes Alive - John 20:1–10

John 20 begins in the darkness of early morning. Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and discovers that the stone has been rolled away.

At first, she doesn't understand what has happened.

The tomb is empty. The disciples are confused.

But then Jesus appears. The One who was crucified is alive!

The resurrection changes everything.

Jesus' death on the cross was not the end. The grave could not hold Him. Sin could not defeat Him. Death could not conquer Him.

Jesus is alive! And because He lives, those who trust Him have a living hope.

Peace in the Middle of Fear - John 20:19–23

Later, the disciples are gathered behind locked doors because they are afraid.

Then Jesus appears among them and says:

"Peace be with you!"

Notice that Jesus doesn't condemn them for being afraid.

He meets them in their fear.

The resurrection doesn't mean we will never experience fear. It means fear doesn't have to control us.

The disciples were hiding behind locked doors, but Jesus walked right into their fear and brought peace.

Perhaps there are areas of your life where you've been living behind locked doors—fear of the future, fear of failure, fear of people, fear of loss.

Jesus' message is still the same:

"Peace be with you."

Today's Thought

The resurrection means that the worst thing is never the final thing for those who belong to Jesus. The tomb is empty, Christ is alive, and hope is still possible.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You that the tomb is empty and that You are alive. Thank You for giving me hope that death cannot destroy. When I am afraid, speak Your peace into my heart. When I have questions, help me bring them honestly to You. Help me live with the confidence that comes from knowing You are risen and that my future is secure in You. May my life proclaim the good news: Jesus is alive! Amen.



KEY VERSE

*"He said to them,
'Peace be with
you!'"*

John 20:19

"Mary" - John 20:11–18

One of the most beautiful moments in this chapter occurs when Jesus calls Mary by her name.

She doesn't recognize Him until He speaks. Then everything changes.

There is something deeply personal about the resurrection. Jesus isn't simply a historical figure who defeated death. He knows His people personally.

He knows your name. He knows your fears. He knows your questions. He knows your pain.

Thomas and Honest Faith - John 20:24–29

Thomas wasn't present when Jesus first appeared, and he struggled to believe the other disciples. He wanted evidence.

Jesus didn't reject him.

Instead, Jesus came to Thomas and invited him to see the evidence for himself.

Thomas responded: *"My Lord and my God!"* Thomas moved from doubt to worship.

That is an important reminder: Jesus is not threatened by our honest questions. Bring Him your doubts. Bring your questions. Bring your fears. He is big enough to handle them.

Believe - John 20:30–31

John tells us why he recorded these events: *"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."*

That's the invitation of John 20. Believe. Believe that Jesus died. Believe that He rose again. Believe that He is Lord.

And receive the life He offers.

John 21 — Jesus Restores and Calls

When We Fail, Jesus Still Comes Looking - John 21:1–8

John 21 is a beautiful picture of restoration.

After Jesus' resurrection, Peter and several other disciples return to fishing. They fish all night but catch nothing. As morning comes, Jesus is standing on the shore, but they don't recognize Him.

Jesus tells them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat.

Suddenly, the nets are filled with fish.

John recognizes Him: *"It is the Lord!"*

Peter immediately jumps into the water to get to Jesus.

There is something powerful about that moment. Peter had denied Jesus three times. He had failed publicly and probably carried the weight of that failure deeply.

But Jesus wasn't finished with Peter.

Your Failure Is Not the End - John 21:15–17

There may be moments when we feel like Peter.

We've made mistakes. We've said things we regret.

We've disappointed people. We've disappointed ourselves.

Sometimes we wonder if God can still use us.

John 21 gives us the answer: Yes.

Peter's story reminds us that God's grace is greater than our failures. Jesus doesn't pretend the failure never happened. He transforms it into an opportunity for deeper love, humility, and obedience.

The question Jesus asked Peter is also a question He asks us: *"Do you love me?"*

Before Jesus asks Peter to feed His sheep, He asks about his heart. Because ministry flows from relationship.

What we do for Jesus must flow from our love for Jesus.

Today's Thought

Jesus doesn't define you by your worst failure. He restores those who return to Him and gives them a new opportunity to follow, serve, and love Him.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You that my failures do not have to be the end of my story. Thank You for Your grace that restores, forgives, and gives purpose again. Help me love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. When I stumble, remind me to return to You rather than run from You. Give me a heart that says yes to Your call. Help me feed, encourage, and care for the people You have placed around me. Above everything else, help me follow You. Amen.



**KEY
VERSE**

*"Jesus said,
'Come and have
breakfast.'"*
John 21:12

Jesus Meets Peter at the Fire

John 21:9–17

When the disciples reach shore, they discover that Jesus has already prepared a charcoal fire with bread and fish. That detail is significant.

Peter had denied Jesus beside a charcoal fire. Now Jesus meets him beside another charcoal fire.

Jesus doesn't ignore Peter's failure. Instead, He lovingly brings Peter back to the place where his calling can be restored.

Three times Jesus asks: *"Do you love me?"* Three times Peter answers yes.

Jesus then gives Peter a responsibility: *"Feed my sheep."*

Jesus wasn't simply forgiving Peter.

He was restoring Peter to purpose.

Peter's failure did not disqualify him from God's calling.

Follow Me - John 21:18–22

Jesus eventually tells Peter: *"Follow me."*

That command is simple.

It was simple when Peter first heard it.

It was simple after Peter failed.

And it remained simple after Peter was restored.

Follow Jesus. Not perfectly.

Not without mistakes.

Not without difficult days.

But faithfully.

When you succeed, follow Him.

When you fail, follow Him.

When you understand, follow Him.

When you don't understand, follow Him.

Jesus' grace restores us, and His call continues.

10 Days Schedule

September 11 - Day 1
Pursue Humility and Love For Others
6:30 pm with Justin Woolf

September 12 - Day 2
Pursue Holiness and Purity
6:30 pm with Carlos Williams

September 13 - Day 3
Pursue Unity & Maturity in Christ
10 am with Pastor Ken Woolf



September 14 - Day 4
Pursue Reconciliation: The One New Man
6:30 pm with Tony & Sandra Woods

September 15 - Day 5
Pursue His Kingdom & His Righteousness
6:30 pm with Casey & Kimberly Ellzey

September 16 - Day 6
Pursue Discernment & Truth
6:30 pm with Jim & Lynda Bober



September 17 - Day 7
Pursue His Presence
6:30 pm with Lin & Melissa Barnett

September 18 - Day 8
Pursue the Harvest
6:30 pm with Clint & Michelle Stevens

September 19 - Day 9
Pursue the Fulfillment of His Promises
6:30 pm with Darren & Melissa Ward



September 20 - Day 10 - Habitation Service
Pursue the Return of the Lord
6:30 pm with Pastor Ken

September 21 - Testimony Night
BYOS (Bring Your Own Supper)
6:30 pm at Encounter Church

