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## LET'S JOURNEY TOGETHER

The Bible is not just an ancient book. It is the living Word of God, a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.

At Lighthouse Evangelism, our mission is built on four pillars: *Love the Lord, Connect with Community, Discover Your Destiny, and Be a Blessing.*

This *Bible in a Year Devotional* reading plan is designed to help you live out these pillars on a daily basis.

Each day, you'll read from both the Old and New Testaments, reflect on a key theme, and pray in response.

The goal is not just to complete a plan, but to learn how to love, grow into who you are destined to be, and be reminded that you are a part of God's great story.

As you journey through the next 365 days, may you discover truth that never fades, promises that never fail, and the heart of a God who longs to be known.

Together, let's open our Bibles and be in His presence daily.

With Joy – Reading with you,

*Pastor Pacer & Pastor Katherine*

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **1 JULY: WHEN SIN TAKES OVER**

1 Chronicles 3-4, Romans 1:18-32, Psalm 86

When people stop listening to God and choose their own ways, they may gradually come to desire things that are wrong. When we keep ignoring God's truth, sinful desires can come to control our hearts and actions.

Lust not only affects our thoughts. If left unchecked, it can lead to sinful choices and other wrong behaviours. Hence, God wants us to guard our hearts against being overtaken by lust and other forms of unrighteousness. Even when we fail, God forgives and restores us.

We must be quick to repent of sinful thoughts and choices and turn our hearts back to Jesus. In Christ, we are made new and called to live holy lives.

As we spend time with God, may the Lord change our desires and help us love what is good and pleasing to Him.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, guard my heart and turn me away from sinful desires. Create in me a pure heart to love what is good and pleasing to You. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **2 JULY: BEFORE WE POINT OUR FINGER**

1 Chronicles 5, Romans 2:1-16, Psalm 87

We must be careful not to become judgmental or condemn others, especially when we may be guilty of the very things we criticise. It is easy to see others' faults while remaining blind to our own. When we condemn others while excusing ourselves, we become hypocritical.

There is a difference between discernment and being judgmental. Discernment recognises right from wrong, whereas a judgmental spirit elevates itself above others.

What do we do when correction seems necessary? First, examine your heart's intent. Are you correcting to restore or to assert control? Are you motivated by love or by frustration and ego? Remember your need for grace. Before you speak, pray for the right posture and words. May we always correct with compassion.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, guard my heart against pride and harsh judgment. Teach me to examine myself before I speak into others' lives. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 3 JULY: EVEN THEN, STILL PRAY

1 Chronicles 6, Romans 2:17-29, Psalm 88

Sometimes we walk through seasons of such deep pain that only an anguished cry can express how we feel. Heman the Ezrahite penned a psalm from such a place. He felt overwhelmed, abandoned and surrounded by darkness. Apart from his affirmation that the Lord is the “*God of my salvation*”, his psalm is heavy with sorrow.

There are times when we do not hear from God and He feels distant. Scripture does not dismiss these experiences. Nonetheless, the psalmist continued to cry out to God “*day and night*”. Though he felt forsaken, he refused to forsake the Lord. If you are overwhelmed, cry out to God.

When prayer feels difficult and you struggle to find the right words, pray the Psalms aloud and let Scripture speak for you. Turn your face towards Him, even when you cannot see His hand. Even in sorrow, still pray. Even in pain, still pray. Even in anguish, still pray.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, in my anguish, I turn to You. I long to hear Your voice and yearn for Your comfort. You are the God of my salvation. Come and save me. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 4 JULY: WHERE IS YOUR FEAR OF GOD?

1 Chronicles 7, Romans 3:1-20, Psalm 89:1-17

Paul wrote that both Jew and Gentile are under sin. At the heart of it, *“there is no fear of God before their eyes”*. People justify their sin against God because they neither revere Him nor submit their lives to Him.

For Christians, the challenge is the same. We rightly celebrate God’s love, but we must be careful not to emphasise it in a way that diminishes holy reverence. The fear of the Lord is not a contradiction to His love. It should be our proper response to His holiness.

A healthy fear of the Lord humbles the heart. It silences excuses and awakens conviction. It makes us sensitive to what grieves Him. When we fear Him, we shun evil and pursue holiness. Will you choose to show reverential fear towards God?

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, awaken in me the fear of the Lord. I confess that I am sometimes indifferent. You are Holy, O Lord. You are worthy of awe, reverence and surrender. I submit all my ways to You. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **5 JULY: CHRIST BORE THE WRATH**

1 Chronicles 8, Romans 3:21-31, Psalm 89:18-34

Does God get angry? Scripture clearly shows that He does. God's anger is not impulsive or sinful, as human anger is. Rather, it is His holy and righteous response to sin. Because He is perfectly just and pure, He cannot be indifferent to evil.

This is why the cross of Christ is so profoundly important. Romans tells us that we are not only justified by His blood but also saved by Him from God's wrath. Justice demands that sin be addressed, not ignored. At the cross, Jesus stood in our place, bearing the penalty our sins deserved. The wrath that was rightly directed towards us was poured out on Him instead.

In light of what our Lord has done, our response can only be gratitude and love. Instead of pouring out His wrath on us, He lavished His grace and mercy on us. May we never take lightly the price that was paid but live each day in awe of Christ.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing the wrath I deserve and giving me the grace I did not deserve. Help me never to take the cross lightly. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 6 JULY: COUNTED RIGHTEOUS

1 Chronicles 9-10, Romans 4, Proverbs 19:13-15

Paul taught that righteousness comes through faith, not by works. Our right standing with God is not something that we earn. It is credited to us by Christ. This truth is the basis of the Christian life. If our acceptance before God were based on performance, we would live in constant uncertainty.

Since we are counted righteous in Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and holy in His sight. This standing removes any condemnation when we stumble. Instead, we confess and repent quickly, knowing that our standing is grounded in grace. Justification by faith also strengthens our spiritual identity and our daily walk with the Lord.

It shifts our thinking from *“I am merely a sinner trying to be saved”* to *“I am a saint who continues to walk in righteousness”*. Today, thank God for this precious gift of justification. You are righteous because of Christ!

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for justifying me by faith. My standing with You is secure in Christ. I will walk in the confidence of Your grace. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **7 JULY: RAISING MIGHTY MEN**

1 Chronicles 11, Romans 5:1-11, Proverbs 19:16-18

David's mighty men did heroic exploits for the Lord. These men were not born by chance. Before David ever led warriors, he learned faithfulness by tending to sheep in obscurity and courage by facing giants. He learned humility by submitting to King Saul's unjust rule.

David did not seek power for himself. He trusted in God's timing. The key to raising mighty men is a surrendered heart. He honoured God's chosen one and avoided taking shortcuts to the throne.

If we want to raise mighty men today, we must follow the same example. There must be personal surrender to God. We must know how to submit to authority. We can lead only when we know how to be led. Submission refines character and character sustains leadership. God will entrust us with people who will stand strong in our generation.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, raise up mighty men and women around me. I will submit to the authority You have placed over me. I will humble myself as You empower me to lead. Amen.

## DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY

### 8 JULY: GOD'S PURPOSE ABOVE YOUR PLANS

1 Chronicles 12-13, Romans 5:12-21,

Proverbs 19:19-21

Proverbs reminds us, *“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails”*. It is natural for us to plan for our future. We dream, strategize and set goals. Ultimately, God’s purpose is supreme.

We see only a small part of the bigger picture, but He sees the whole. The real test comes when our plans clash with His Will. Will we get frustrated and ask the Lord to bless our vision when we should be asking Him to reveal His instead?

How do we align our lives with His purposes? We learn to live with the posture of *“if the Lord wills”*. We plan diligently and surrender completely. We exchange our ambition for His Will and fully trust His direction. When His purpose prevails, it is not a loss. It is His grace leading us into something greater than we could have planned.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, reveal Your purposes for my life. I place my plans before You. Align my heart with Yours. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 9 JULY: SAVED, SANCTIFIED, GLORIFIED

1 Chronicles 14-15, Romans 6, Proverbs 19:22-24

The Christian life can be understood as the process of salvation, sanctification and glorification. In salvation, we are rescued from the penalty of sin and freed from its power.

From that moment, the believer begins the ongoing process of sanctification. This is the daily outworking of our faith as we grow in obedience and Christlikeness. At the end of the believer's earthly life comes glorification. This is the moment when we are fully conformed to Christ and enter Paradise.

As Paul wrote elsewhere, *“So now these three remain: faith, hope and love”*. In salvation, we begin with faith in Jesus. In sanctification, we live each day anchored in hope as He continues His work in us. And in glorification, we are forever with our greatest love, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for saving me, sanctifying me and for the hope of glory that awaits me. Carry me faithfully until I see You face to face. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 10 JULY: THE STRUGGLE WITHIN

1 Chronicles 16-17, Romans 7, Proverbs 19:25-27

The believer's struggle is the tension between the desire to obey God and the weakness of our sinful nature in doing so. The law of God cannot change our hearts. It simply exposes our great need for grace. We are incapable of overcoming sin by our own strength. We need God's mercy.

The chapter ends with a cry, "*Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?*" Paul then closes by reminding us that only Jesus Christ can deliver us.

How can we win this struggle? Like Paul, we acknowledge the conflict before God. We stop relying on our willpower and fully depend on Christ, who bore what we could not carry. We walk in genuine accountability to those God has placed over us. The war within us may be real but thanks be to God, who gives us victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I confess my weakness and my struggle with sin. Help me to depend on Your grace rather than on my own strength. Through You, I will overcome! Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **11 JULY: HEIRS WITH CHRIST**

1 Chronicles 18-19, Romans 8:1-17, Proverbs 19:28-29

Romans speaks of a remarkable truth: If we are children of God, we are also heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ. Through our adoption into His family, we are given full inheritance rights. How blessed we are!

Paul also reminds us that this inheritance includes sharing in Christ's sufferings. To be an heir with Christ is not only to share in His glory, but also to walk in His footsteps. Following Jesus sometimes means facing rejection, hardship or sacrifice for the sake of righteousness.

We live with hope, knowing that whatever we experience in this life is temporary. At the same time, we live in a way that reflects our Abba Father's character. One day we will share Christ's glory. Until then, we should walk faithfully, confident that our future is secure in the Lord.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the incredible blessing of being Your child and an heir of Christ. Keep my heart faithful until I return Home. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 12 JULY: STRONGER THAN EVERYTHING

1 Chronicles 20-21, Romans 8:18-39, Proverbs 20:1-3

Paul wrote that nothing can “*separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord*”. He listed the forces that could threaten our security and declared that none of them is stronger than God’s love. The greatest power in the universe is God’s love. Neither political power, the forces of darkness nor even the weight of your past can match it.

Receive His love afresh. Whatever happens to you, know that you are fully and completely loved by Him. Cling to His love. When life gets hard and your feelings betray you, let this truth anchor you. Feelings come and go, but God’s love does not waver. Love Him deeply. The appropriate response to such great love is a life poured back in worship and devotion.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving me. Nothing will ever separate me from You. When trials come, I will choose to rest in the truth that Your love is greater. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

**13 JULY:**

### **SETTING THE NEXT GENERATION FOR SUCCESS**

1 Chronicles 22-23, Romans 9:1-29, Psalm 89:35-52

David longed to build God's temple but the Lord chose Solomon to build it. David devoted his remaining years to preparing everything Solomon would need to build it.

One of the best things we can do for the next generation is to lay a strong foundation for them. Whether they are our children or our sheep, it is essential to invest in them. God's work continues beyond our own season. Wise leaders prepare the way for those who will carry on the work after they are gone.

How can we help the next generation succeed? We mentor them and invest our time, wisdom and experience in their lives. We guide them by example, offer them opportunities to grow and support them as they develop their gifts. Above all, we pray for them and lead them towards a genuine relationship with the Lord.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, help me to invest intentionally in the next generation. May they rise up to serve You faithfully. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **14 JULY: MAKE TODAY COUNT**

1 Chronicles 24-25, Romans 9:30-10:21, Psalm 90

Moses wrote, *“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”*. When we recognise that our days are numbered, we will value them differently. We become more intentional in our choices, relationships and priorities.

How can we make today count? Start your day with God rather than hurrying past Him. Be present with the people in your life rather than getting caught up in the past or the future. Prioritise what truly matters and have the courage to say no to what does not.

You may not be able to add years to your life, but with God's help, you can add meaning to them. Live today with purpose. Make today count.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, teach me to number my days and to live wisely. Help me to value today as a gift from You. I choose to make each day count. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 15 JULY: UNDER HIS SHELTER

1 Chronicles 26-27, Romans 11, Psalm 91

Psalm 91 is one of the most powerful passages in Scripture on God's protection. The promises it contains are given only to those who dwell in Him: *"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty"*.

Dwelling in God means making our home in Him and staying close to Him daily. The psalmist then described many dangers, such as traps, disease, terror and conflict. Yet amid these threats, believers are to remain confident that the Lord is our fortress.

Whatever you face today, turn to God as your refuge. Because He has promised to be with you in trouble, He will deliver you from danger. Abide in Him and take refuge in His presence. His shadow will shield you from all harm.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I abide in You. Thank You for covering me. Be with me in trouble and deliver me. I trust You as my shelter and refuge. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 16 JULY: STAYING ON THE ALTAR

1 Chronicles 28-29, Romans 12:1-8, Psalm 92

In the ancient world, a sacrifice was an animal offered to God on an altar. Today, Paul exhorts every believer to be a *“living sacrifice”*. We are to offer our lives.

The struggle of being a living sacrifice is that we sometimes walk away from the altar. We surrender ourselves to God on Sundays, only to take back control by Wednesday. This is why the call to sacrifice is followed by the call to transformation. Paul urges us not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by renewing our minds.

How do we become a living sacrifice? We surrender our will to God daily, die to sinful desires, serve others sacrificially, remain faithful in suffering and worship God in everyday life. Our family life, studies, work, finances and relationships all become acts of worship when done unto the Lord. The Christian life is not one big act of sacrifice but about making countless daily choices to choose Christ in every aspect of life.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I offer my life to You as a living sacrifice. May I be holy and acceptable to You. Amen.

## **BE A BLESSING**

### **17 JULY: OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD**

2 Chronicles 1-2, Romans 12:9-21, Psalm 93

When someone hurts or sins against us, the fleshly instinct is to repay them in kind. But that is not how Christians are to live. We are not to *“repay anyone evil for evil”*. Instead, we are called to *“do what is right in the eyes of everyone”*.

Paul goes further still. He does not just instruct us not to fight back. He instructs us to actively overcome evil with good. Every act of kindness shown to an enemy is a strike against the darkness. It is the power of God’s grace breaking through a difficult situation.

This is what grace looks like when we bless even those who have opposed us. The cycle of evil is broken when we do good to those who do not deserve it. Let us not be overcome by evil but do what is good!

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, help me not to repay evil with evil, but to overcome evil with good. Fill my heart with Your grace so that I may bless even those who wrong me. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **18 JULY: SUBMITTING TO AUTHORITY**

2 Chronicles 3-4, Romans 13, Psalm 94

Submission to authority is God's design for order, protection and unity. Jesus Himself submitted to the Father. When we submit, we lay aside self-interest for the sake of others and yield to one another in the right spirit.

Submitting to authority is not always easy. We will encounter imperfect leaders because we are all imperfect. There will be times when we disagree with or struggle with their decisions. Unless God's commands are opposed, God calls us to submit to them with humility and honour, rather than in rebellion and dishonour. Such a posture of submission pleases God.

Let us grow in godly submission, even if we find it hard to trust our leaders or still feel hurt from past leadership decisions. A heart that is willing to yield to authority honours God and mirrors Christ's character.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, give me a humble and submissive spirit towards those You have set over me in authority. When I am tempted to resist, help me respond with humility. Let my attitude reflect Your character. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **19 JULY: DO NOT STUMBLE ONE ANOTHER**

2 Chronicles 5-6, Romans 14, Psalm 95

The church in Rome was divided over secondary issues, such as which foods were lawful to eat and which days were sacred. Paul redirects the conversation to something far more important: love for one another. It is possible to be right in principle yet wrong in practice if our actions cause someone else to stumble.

For example, if a fellow believer is troubled by you drinking wine, you should refrain from drinking in their presence. This passage challenges us to live with spiritual sensitivity towards others. Rather than insisting on our rights, we choose what builds others up.

This means being mindful of how your personal freedom may affect younger or weaker believers around you. Our lives carry weight and influence. Let us always seek to strengthen and not to harm the faith of those around us.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, give me a heart that cares for others' faith. Help me discern how to use my freedom in Christ to build others up and not cause anyone to stumble. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 20 JULY: STIR UP REVIVAL AGAIN!

2 Chronicles 7-9, Romans 15:1-13, Proverbs 20:4-6

Revival begins when God's people respond with deep repentance. The Lord gave us the template when He said, *"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land"*.

It has been many years since Singapore experienced a fresh wave of revival. Our history includes John Sung's rallies in the 1930s, the school revivals of 1972 and the Billy Graham Crusade in 1978, which led thousands to faith. If God has moved before in our land, He is able to move again.

Let's stir the flames of revival again! Let's humble ourselves, examine our hearts, repent of what grieves Him and cry out for a fresh work of His Spirit. When God's people pursue Him wholeheartedly, the fire of revival can burn again.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I long to see revival in our nation. Humble our hearts and draw Your people back to You. Pour out Your Spirit and heal our land. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **21 JULY: WHO YOU LISTEN TO MATTERS**

2 Chronicles 10-11, Romans 15:14-33, Proverbs 20:7-9

When Rehoboam became king, the people asked him to lighten the heavy burdens imposed on them during Solomon's reign. The older advisers wisely counselled him that kindness would win the people's loyalty. But Rehoboam rejected their counsel and listened to his younger friends, who urged him to rule with greater harshness.

This decision split the kingdom. What might have been preserved by humility was lost through arrogance. What lessons can we draw from this?

First, we should pray before deciding whose voice to heed. Second, we should surround ourselves with people of proven wisdom and experience. Third, we must weigh every piece of advice against the teaching of Scripture to determine whether it aligns with God's truth. May the Lord grant us wisdom to discern who we listen to.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, give me divine wisdom to recognise godly counsel and reject ungodly advice. Guide my steps, guard my heart and align my decisions with Your truth. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **22 JULY: PROTECT THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH**

2 Chronicles 12-14, Romans 16, Proverbs 20:10-12

Paul warned believers to watch out for those who would sow disunity in the Church. This danger lay within the community itself. Such divisive people had access to the believers and had earned enough trust to be heard.

How do we identify such people? They teach ideas that contradict sound doctrine. They entice people into taking sides and create factions. They deceive others with smooth talk and flattery. Their true motive is to serve their own interests rather than Christ.

The Church must therefore guard its unity with wisdom and discernment. We should hold fast to sound doctrine, walk in humility and refuse to allow division. As we remain rooted in Christ and committed to the truth of His Word, we help preserve the peace and unity of His Church.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, guard my heart against division. Give me discernment to recognise what is not from You. I choose to foster unity within my community. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **23 JULY: NEVER EVER STOP TRUSTING GOD**

2 Chronicles 15-16, 1 Corinthians 1:1-17,

Proverbs 20:13-15

King Asa began his reign well. He trusted in the Lord and led Judah in spiritual reform. However, towards the end of his life, he faltered. Instead of continuing to seek God, he sought protection from a pagan king. Even the prophet Hanani's rebuke failed to change him.

When he was gravely ill, Scripture tells us he did not seek the Lord. The story of Asa is a tragic one that has been repeated in the lives of many professing believers. It serves as a grave warning.

Our past encounters with God shouldn't make us complacent. Being faithful in the past doesn't guarantee we'll trust Him in the future. We must guard against relying on our own understanding and neglecting to seek God. Regardless of our age or season in life, we must depend on the Lord in every aspect of our lives.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart from slipping away from You. Help me not to rely on my own strength but to seek You in every season of life. Help me to be faithful to You until the very end. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **24 JULY: BOAST IN THE LORD**

2 Chronicles 17-18, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31,

Proverbs 20:16-18

Why is the cross foolish to those who are perishing? Because crucifixion was the execution reserved for the lowest and most condemned criminals. The message of a Saviour dying on a cross does not appeal to human wisdom, since suffering for others seems foolish.

Yet God chose precisely this method to bring about salvation. In this way, the weak, the lowly and those who recognise their need for God are the ones who embrace the message of the cross. Pride has no place in our salvation.

Everything we have has been given, not earned. Our salvation came at a cost we could never pay ourselves. The righteousness we have is graciously given. Jesus paid the price for our redemption. If there's anything to boast about, it's Christ and Christ alone.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for the message of the cross. Teach me not to boast in what I have done, but only in Christ and in what He has done for me. Amen.

## CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY

### 25 JULY: THE DANGER OF A LOOSE TONGUE

2 Chronicles 19-20, 1 Corinthians 2, Proverbs 20:19-21

The person who gossips to you about others is likely to gossip about you as well. This is the nature of a loose tongue. Proverbs states it plainly, *“A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.”*

Gossip creates the illusion of closeness, as if you are trusted with secret information. But it is built on the slander of someone else’s life. Such people should be avoided. Be wise about who we allow into our inner circle.

Avoid associating with people who gossip or share others’ secrets. If someone can’t be trusted with another’s confidence, they can’t be trusted with yours either. We must be wise to choose friends who have integrity and discretion.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, guard my tongue and give me wisdom in the company I keep. Help me speak with integrity and not betray the trust that others place in me. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 26 JULY: WILL IT MATTER IN ETERNITY?

2 Chronicles 21-23, 1 Corinthians 3, Proverbs 20:22-24

Christ is the foundation of every believer's life. What are we building on that foundation? On the Day of Judgment, our deeds will be tested by fire to show if they have eternal value.

If the work endures, it will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the person will still be saved, though without reward. This passage reminds us to live with eternity in view. Nothing done faithfully for Christ is ever wasted or forgotten.

How do we live for our eternal rewards? Serve God with the right motives. Disciple others and help them grow in Christ. Do good without expecting anything in return. Live each day asking ourselves, *"Does this matter in eternity?"*

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, search my heart and purify my motives. Burn away what is built on pride. Let what is done for Your glory endure. I desire to hear You say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"*. Amen.

## **BE A BLESSING**

### **27 JULY: BE A PERSON WORTH LEARNING FROM**

2 Chronicles 24-25, 1 Corinthians 4, Psalm 96

Paul urged the believers to learn from and imitate his life. When we disciple others in the faith, we are implying the same thing. The Christian faith is often learned through example. Beyond what we teach, others learn by observing how we live.

The question we need to ask ourselves is, "*Is my life worth imitating?*" Not perfect, but consistent, genuine and living in a way that would lead others closer to Christ. Those who look at our lives should see fruit and love for God in us.

How do we become that kind of person? We must first be disciplined by Christ. We cannot teach others what we have not first learned from the Lord. As we grow under His Lordship, we can increasingly pour our lives into others, helping them grow in faith.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, help me to keep learning and growing in You. Teach me to walk in Your ways and guide me as I disciple others to follow You. Amen.

## **CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY**

### **28 JULY: PURITY WITHIN THE CHURCH**

2 Chronicles 26-28, 1 Corinthians 5, Psalm 97

Paul addressed a serious case of sexual sin that was tolerated within the church at Corinth. He used the image of leaven spreading through dough to illustrate how unchecked sin can harm the Church community.

For this reason, Christians must treat holiness with utmost importance and confront sin rather than overlook it. The purpose of discipline is always restoration, not punishment. The Church cannot maintain purity by pretending that sin does not exist. It needs a community brave enough to speak the truth and act justly, even when it is difficult.

We must teach holiness regularly and cultivate a culture of honest confession where we can repent without fear. At the same time, when sin remains unrepentant, the Church must be willing to instill loving discipline to protect God's holiness.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, search my heart and reveal any sin I have been tolerating in my life. I will repent and walk in holiness. Purify my life for Your glory. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 29 JULY: DO NOT BE DECEIVED

2 Chronicles 29-30, 1 Corinthians 6, Psalm 98

Paul gave a stark warning, *“Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God?”* A life of ongoing, unrepentant sin does not align with the way God wants His people to live. The Gospel is not only about forgiveness but also about transformation.

His purpose was not to condemn but to alert the Church to the gravity of sin. He warned against the danger of deception, reminding believers that living in sin while assuming everything is fine is a serious risk. True salvation always results in real transformation.

The best defence against deception is a deep knowledge of God’s Word. Scripture serves as a mirror, revealing the true state of our hearts. When we allow God’s Word to examine our lives, it exposes areas needing repentance and leads us to live more like Christ.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart from deception. Let Your Word reveal any need for me to repent. Transform my life so that I may walk in righteousness and honour You. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **30 JULY: GROWING CLOSER GOD'S WAY**

2 Chronicles 31-32, 1 Corinthians 7, Psalm 99

Marriage is God's gift, in which a husband and wife are called to love, honour and care for one another deeply, reflecting Christ's love for His Church.

Our marriages strengthen when we choose to build our relationship on God's principles rather than on our feelings or personal desires. God's design for marriage is centred on love, commitment, humility and faithfulness.

Healthy marriages do not happen automatically. They require consistent effort and work. Strong marriages are built on spiritual, emotional and physical closeness. Couples should intentionally spend time together, communicate authentically and show love and appreciation to one another in meaningful ways. When love is continually nurtured, the relationship grows deeper and stronger over time.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, build my marriage according to Your ways, not my own desires. Teach my spouse and me to love, honour and cherish one another more deeply each day. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 31 JULY: WHAT ENTERTAINMENT DOES TO US

2 Chronicles 33-34, 1 Corinthians 8, Psalms 100-101

*"I will not look with approval on anything that is vile".* With these words, David committed to guarding what he allowed into his life. Are we doing the same? In this age of unlimited visual content, we need wisdom to choose what to consume.

Most modern entertainment normalises what God calls sin. Themes of violence, greed and immorality are presented as virtues to its viewers. Repeated exposure desensitises us morally and spiritually.

We need to set boundaries before consuming entertainment. Limit the time we spend on it and fast from screens periodically to recalibrate our hearts. The principle is simple: control what we watch lest it controls us. May God help us be wise about what we allow into our hearts through our eyes.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, give me the wisdom and the will to guard my eyes. I purpose not to set my eyes on anything that is worthless in Your sight. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **1 AUGUST: THE DANGER OF A HARDENED HEART**

2 Chronicles 35-36, 1 Corinthians 9, Psalm 102:1-14

Sometimes we know God is speaking to us through His Word, a sermon, a pastor or His still, small voice. But we brush it aside. When we become so accustomed to ignoring God's correction, what once convicts us may no longer move us. When the heart hardens, it no longer trembles at God's Word, no longer grieves over sin and no longer responds promptly to obedience.

If ignored, hardened hearts may reach a point at which sin no longer grieves us as it once did. A hardened heart becomes less responsive to God, less teachable, less repentant and less obedient.

We must guard our hearts diligently. The more we listen, yield and obey, the more sensitive our hearts remain to His voice and His leading.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times I ignored Your voice and resisted Your correction. Keep my heart tender towards You. May my heart never grow cold towards You. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 2 AUGUST: FAITHFUL IN EVERY TEMPTATION

Ezra 1-2, 1 Corinthians 10, Psalm 102:15-28

Temptation has a way of leaving us feeling trapped and defeated. It makes us believe we are the only ones struggling with it, yet Scripture reminds us that it is common to all.

Temptation cannot control us when we learn to depend on God daily. God provides an escape from every temptation. Sometimes that “*way out*” is the strength to walk away, the wisdom to hold back, the courage to confess or the conviction to resist what the flesh desires.

Let’s remain watchful over our hearts, minds, environments and habits. Victory over temptation is won through daily surrender, prayer and obedience in the small decisions we make.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You that I am never alone in my struggle against temptation. Help me to depend on You daily for strength to walk away from compromise, for wisdom to do what is right and for courage to obey You at all times. Amen.

## DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY

### 3 AUGUST: REBUILDING YOUR LIFE

Ezra 3-4, 1 Corinthians 11, Proverbs 20:25-27

After seventy years in Babylon, the returning exiles found Jerusalem in ruins. The first thing the Israelites did was to restore the altar before rebuilding the temple.

In the same way, if your life has fallen apart and you are trying to rebuild, the highest priority is to restore the altar in your heart. Return to worship and prayer. Centre your life on God. Thank Him for the grace of a fresh start and invite His presence to be your foundation again.

Rebuild your *“temple”* - your inner life first. Focus on shaping your character, strengthening your spirit and laying a solid spiritual foundation before pursuing outward success. Take heart! The same God who restored Jerusalem is faithfully at work restoring you.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You that You are a God of new beginnings. Restore the altar in my heart. I trust You to complete the good work You have begun in me. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **4 AUGUST: I AM A CHURCH MEMBER**

Ezra 5-6, 1 Corinthians 12, Proverbs 20:28-30

There is a difference between attending a church and truly belonging to one. It is more than attending services and receiving from the church. Many mistake church membership for club membership, where it's all about privileges, our preferences and choosing the church that offers the best experience.

To be a church member is to commit to loving, serving, giving, growing in community and building God's house together. True members support the church's work, pray for their leaders and lead their families to participate meaningfully in church life. No church is perfect because no member is. But when members unite, the church becomes a powerful light for Christ to the world.

How is God calling you to contribute more intentionally to your church today?

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, help me to be a faithful and fruitful member of Your church. I submit my preferences to You. Use my life to strengthen Your house and to glorify Your name. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **5 AUGUST: LET LOVE BE THE MOTIVE**

Ezra 7-8, 1 Corinthians 13, Proverbs 21:1-4

It is possible to do all the right things for all the wrong reasons. You can serve, give and sacrifice, yet still miss the heart of what God is seeking. Paul taught that a life of impressive deeds, done without love, amounts to nothing in God's eyes.

God is concerned not only with what we do but also with why we do it. He is moved by genuine love, for love is the very character of God expressed through us. Without love, even our greatest acts lose their eternal value.

How do we live out love in action? Ensure His perfect love is first deeply received in our hearts. Check our motives honestly and regularly. As we serve, keep our focus on the people rather than on the impression we make. May love be the reason for everything we do!

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, fill my heart with Your love. Purify my motives. Let love be the source of all I do and say. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **6 AUGUST: NO SHORTCUTS TO LASTING FRUIT**

Ezra 9-10, 1 Corinthians 14, Proverbs 21:5-8

Behind the lives of fruitful people lie countless unseen moments of showing up consistently, doing small tasks faithfully and persevering through difficulties. Diligence may not be glamorous, but it is impactful. It is the quiet discipline of consistently carrying out our responsibilities, even on days when we don't think we can.

Many of us struggle with diligence. We prefer quick results with minimal effort. Yet haste often leads to poor decisions and regret. Consistent revision is essential to excelling in exams. A strong family is built through regular deposits of love. Our spiritual growth is strengthened by a lifestyle of prayer and obedience.

What we do faithfully, day after day, will eventually bear fruit.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, teach me to remain diligent and faithful in the small, unseen moments of life. Teach me to trust Your process rather than seeking shortcuts. Help me persevere in obedience, knowing that what is done faithfully today can bear lasting fruit tomorrow. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **7 AUGUST: BREAKING THE CYCLE OF QUARRELS**

Nehemiah 1-2, 1 Corinthians 15:1-34, Proverbs 21:9-12

Constant strife drains the joy from a home and must be addressed honestly. The first step is to identify the root of the problem. Contentious behaviour often stems from deeper issues, such as past hurts or unresolved matters. These issues, together with our pride, sensitivity or the need to be right, create a recipe for endless strife. When we find ourselves easily provoked or overly defensive, it also reveals inner areas that need healing and deliverance.

Surrender your triggers to God. Consciously replace the need to win an argument with the greater goal of protecting the relationship. Listen more, speak less and let go of inconsequential disagreements. When the heart is at peace, the home will be at peace too.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, break every unhealthy cycle of quarrelling in my relationships with others. Where there has been strife, bring healing. Fill my home with Your peace and joy. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **8 AUGUST: DEFEND THE HOUSE OF GOD**

Nehemiah 3-4, 1 Corinthians 15:35-58,

Proverbs 21:13-16

When God's people are busy building God's church, what are you doing? Do you join in and build together? Do you criticise and sabotage the work from the sidelines? Or do you stand guard to defend it?

We must not be naive about the presence of spiritual opposition. As in Nehemiah's time, whenever God's people seek to strengthen His house, resistance is never far behind. We must build and defend fiercely. We carry tools in one hand and weapons in the other.

We defend God's church by being united and by committing everything to God. We pray and intercede. We watch over one another and stay spiritually vigilant. We will not be instruments of discouragement or disunity. By living this way, opposition will not prevail against us.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for blessing me with a community in which to worship You. Help me to do my part in defending the house of God. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

9 AUGUST:

### HAVE GOOD THINGS TAKEN GOD'S PLACE?

Nehemiah 5-6, 1 Corinthians 16, Proverbs 21:17-20

Proverbs 21:17 teaches that while enjoyment is not wrong, the love of it is. "*Pleasure*" in this verse refers to a lifestyle centred on comfort, luxury, fun, entertainment and gratification. When pleasure becomes our primary pursuit, it will eventually come to quietly rule us.

One who constantly seeks pleasure will not only face poverty of the soul but also struggle to embrace a life of sacrifice, perseverance and obedience. These qualities are essential to walk closely with God.

We are called to a life in which joy is rightly ordered. When God is our greatest delight, everything else falls into its proper place. Is there any area of your life where you love pleasure more than you love God?

### PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, guard my heart from being ruled by comfort and indulgence. Teach me to live each day with discipline and an eternal perspective. May You be my greatest delight. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 10 AUGUST: YES AND AMEN IN CHRIST

Nehemiah 7, 2 Corinthians 1, Psalm 103

It is reassuring to know that God's promises remain unshaken in today's volatile world. If He said it, He will do it. God has already said "Yes" to our salvation, our forgiveness and our new life in Him! Our response to Him shall be "*Amen*", meaning "*it is true*" and "*I agree*".

To live in the "Yes" and "*Amen*" is to walk with God in confidence and boldness. We don't need to beg for what God has already given us. We live by His promises.

At times, we may feel discouraged when it seems like the Lord has yet to fulfil His Word. But we don't lose faith and doubt. We must receive His unchanging promises by faith. When we do, we will receive an even greater measure of His promises.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the promises You have given me in Your Word. I proclaim that they are "Yes" and "*Amen*" in Christ. Help me to walk in accordance with Your Will. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

**11 AUGUST:**

### **WHERE THE SPIRIT IS, THERE IS FREEDOM**

Nehemiah 8, 2 Corinthians 2-3, Psalm 104:1-17

Many people long for freedom yet live in bondage. We are bound by guilt, fear, expectations or the pressure to perform. We slip into relentless striving to earn our place in the world. 2 Corinthians 3:17 reminds us that true freedom is found in God's presence, not in working harder.

This freedom is not a licence to live as we please. It sets us free from everything that holds us captive - the burden of proving ourselves, condemnation and spiritual blindness. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, the veil will be lifted. Are you living in the freedom of the Spirit or still striving under burdens God never meant you to carry? May the Lord empower us to live as we are meant to.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, fill my life afresh. Remove every burden, fear and lie that binds me. Empower me to walk in the freedom You have given me. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 12 AUGUST: OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE

Nehemiah 9-10, 2 Corinthians 4, Psalm 104:18-35

Have you ever found yourself unable to see the truth that is right before your eyes? It is as if something is clouding your vision. The same is true for many in their faith. There remains so much unbelief in Christ in this world, even though Jesus has revealed Himself to us in so many ways.

Scripture explains that *“the god of this age (Satan) has blinded the minds of unbelievers”*. The enemy has blinded our minds, distorted the truth and kept hearts from seeing the glory of Christ. Spiritual blindness is what keeps the world from seeing Jesus and from receiving Him as Lord. Instead of relying on logic and reasoning to convince ourselves and others to believe in Jesus, we need to pray and contend for our own souls and those of others. Only God can *“open our eyes”* to see.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that without Your light, I cannot truly see. I renounce every lie the enemy has told me. Open the eyes of my heart to know You, to love You and to walk fully in Your truth today. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **13 AUGUST: TEAR UP OUR SCORECARDS**

Nehemiah 11, 2 Corinthians 5-6, Psalm 105:1-22

If God dealt with us according to what we deserved, none of us would stand. Through Christ's death and resurrection, God tore up the scorecard. He does not measure us by our record of sin. We are accepted because of what Jesus has done, not by how well we perform. He cancelled our debt in full.

Despite this, many of us still keep an internal scorecard, tallying how others have treated us and secretly hoping for some form of repayment. Yet the ministry of reconciliation calls us to stop keeping a record of wrongs.

Will you choose to take the high road today, as Jesus did? When we surrender the need to be repaid by others, we stop being prisoners to what others owe us.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for cancelling my debt through Jesus and freeing me from every record of sin. Help me to release every scorecard I hold against others and to be reconciled with those I once held a grudge against. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **14 AUGUST: THE FRUIT OF GODLY SORROW**

Nehemiah 12, 2 Corinthians 7, Psalm 105:23-45

Perhaps there were times when the consequences of our actions caught up with us and the sorrow we felt made us think we would finally change. But deep down, even though we were sorry for what happened, nothing changed.

There is a profound difference between feeling sorry for being caught and feeling sorry for sinning against God. Godly sorrow is more than feeling the pain of consequences. It is the pain of grieving and of breaking our Abba Father's heart.

Once we see our sins through God's eyes, we can no longer treat them lightly. Godly sorrow breaks the cycle of sin. It produces a new desire for holiness because God has touched our hearts and it leads to a transformed life. That is the fruit of godly sorrow.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, give me a heart that is sensitive to Your Spirit. I repent for breaking Your heart. Lead me to genuine repentance. Help me turn away from the sins that ensnare me. Amen.

## **BE A BLESSING**

### **15 AUGUST: THE GRACE OF GIVING**

Nehemiah 13, 2 Corinthians 8, Psalm 106:1-24

Despite their poverty, the Macedonian churches were generous and eager to give, with many giving beyond their means. Their extraordinary generosity humbles us, as our own giving often falls short.

How is your giving? Do you give from surplus or surrender? Do you give reluctantly or willingly? The first step towards true generosity is to give ourselves fully to God. Our resources follow our hearts.

Are you consistently giving your tithes and offerings to God? Do you also set aside a portion to bless those in need? Learn to give to the Lord willingly and with joy. As you grow in generosity, you will be amazed at how much you are being transformed.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for pouring generously into my life. Teach me to give out of joy, not obligation. Help me honour You with my tithes and offerings and use me as a blessing to others. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **16 AUGUST: GOD BEHIND THE SCENES**

Esther 1-2, 2 Corinthians 9, Psalm 106:25-48

In the book of Esther, God's name is never mentioned, yet His hand is unmistakably at work. Whether it is the removal of Queen Vashti, the installation of Esther as Queen or Mordecai's discovery, the Lord is clearly orchestrating these events.

Do you trust in the providential hand of God? The closed doors and unexpected changes may be part of His plan. Like Esther, you are placed where you are for a reason.

Stay faithful throughout the process, walk in humility and trust that God will reveal His purpose at the right time, a purpose He has been weaving all along. God is never late and He never wastes a season. You only need to trust Him with the parts of your story you haven't read yet.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for being with me, even when I do not fully understand the fullness of Your plan. I will continue to trust You, for You always work for my good. Help me to walk by faith, not by sight. Amen.

## DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY

### 17 AUGUST: FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Esther 3-4, 2 Corinthians 10, Proverbs 21:21-24

Esther seemed like a victim of circumstance, but Mordecai saw it differently. He saw that Esther had been placed by God *“for such a time as this”*. No one welcomes crises, yet in those moments God may be positioning us to make a difference.

You are alive in this generation, in this time and place, not by chance but by divine appointment. God is still seeking those who will say yes to His purposes. Step boldly into your calling, assured that God has appointed you.

You don't have to wait for a *“better time”*. Now is the time to be present. It's time to use your voice and steward your influence wisely for God. Believe that the Lord has raised you *“for such a time as this”*!

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that I have sometimes been afraid to step forward. I avail myself to You. Use me for Your purposes. I yield to You. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **18 AUGUST: DON'T QUIT IN THE PAIN**

Esther 5-7, 2 Corinthians 11, Proverbs 21:25-28

Paul wrote candidly about the sufferings he endured. Despite being beaten, shipwrecked, stoned and rejected, he continued to serve the Lord. What stands out is his boast in his weakness. It is in weakness that the power of God is most clearly revealed.

What is your struggle when serving God? Perhaps the cost is higher than you first expected. Don't give up! Your areas of weakness is where God's strength will be most evident in your life.

Do not despise the cross you bear or walk away from your post. Bring your weaknesses to God, for it is there His power will meet you and sustain you. He will turn your struggles into strength.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, I cast all my burdens unto You. Renew my hope and my strength. Let Your power be made perfect in my weakness. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **19 AUGUST: VICTORY BELONGS TO THE LORD**

Esther 8-10, 2 Corinthians 12, Proverbs 21:29-31

We often live as if the outcome of our lives depends entirely on us. Yet Scripture reminds us that, no matter how much we prepare, the battle is the Lord's.

In the ancient world, military power was measured by the number of horses. A king's cavalry was his confidence. But for God's people, we understand that no matter how well prepared we might be for battle, victory is not guaranteed unless the Lord is with us.

So pray before you plan, not after. Hold your plans loosely, leaving room for God to redirect them. Seek His counsel, not merely His blessing. Learn from the seasons when your strength proved insufficient and let them deepen your dependence. Acknowledge and thank God in every victory, for what He enables, He alone deserves the glory.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, teach me to plan diligently and to depend fully on You. Redirect my steps as needed and keep me humble in every victory, remembering that all my strength and success come from You alone. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 20 AUGUST: WILL YOU STILL WORSHIP?

Job 1-3, 2 Corinthians 13, Proverbs 22:1-4

Job lost everything overnight. Such a loss is among men's deepest fears. From our perspective, this suffering raises questions we struggle to answer. But Job did not turn away from God. He declared, "*The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised*".

Will you still worship God when the blessings are gone? Is your worship rooted in who God is or in what God gives? When everything in your life is shaken, will you continue to worship?

There will be moments in our lives when our faith is tested in ways beyond our control. May we recognise God as the giver and sovereign Lord of all and still choose to worship Him even in loss.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that even when everything is shaken, You remain unchanging. Teach me to continue to worship You, even when my prayers seem unanswered and my circumstances don't make sense. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **21 AUGUST: RAISING GODLY CHILDREN**

Job 4-5, Galatians 1:1-10, Proverbs 22:5-8

Parenting can feel overwhelming. We juggle multiple responsibilities while raising children and we often feel we are not doing enough. Amid all the pressure, we must remember what truly matters in raising godly children.

Raising godly children is not so much about giving them the most comfortable lives and the best education. It is more about shaping their hearts to love and follow God. Our responsibility as parents is to instil godly character, biblical values and genuine faith to guide our children throughout their lives.

How we respond to stress, how we speak to and treat others, how we prioritise God and whether our faith is real in everyday life are seeds we sow daily into their hearts. These seeds shape the direction of their lives far more than we realise.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, help me to raise my children in a way that honours You. Help me to be a godly example to them. May the words I speak, the choices I make and the way I live plant good seeds in their hearts. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **22 AUGUST: IS THE BIBLE TRULY FROM GOD?**

Job 6-7, Galatians 1:11-24, Proverbs 22:9-12

If the Bible were merely a book written by men, it would not so consistently confront the sinful desires and pride of the human heart. Yet Scripture repeatedly challenges us, exposes sin and calls us to a higher, holier way of life. Though written by human authors, the Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit. God's Word is God-breathed, carrying divine authority and the power to transform lives.

This is why the Bible does not always align with our views. It is not meant to conform to us, but to conform us to God. God's Word is never meant to be selectively applied according to personal preference or opinion, but to be the supreme and final authority over every area of our lives.

Will you align your life with it?

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me Your Word as the authority in my life. Help me to obey Your truth, even when it challenges me. Let Your Word transform me so that I can be more like You. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **23 AUGUST: FACING FALSE ACCUSATIONS**

Job 8-10, Galatians 2:1-10, Proverbs 22:13-16

It hurts when people misunderstand or falsely accuse us. Job's story reassures us that even when people falsely accuse us, God fully sees and knows our hearts.

God sees every motive and every tear. When others misjudge us, we can trust that God remains just, faithful and near to us. When our hearts are right with Him, He will defend us. In His time, He will bring the truth to light. Even if He does not, we must remember that other people's opinions of us do not define our identity.

Instead of letting false accusations harden our hearts or discourage us, we cling to God even more. We can find peace by surrendering our reputation to God, who alone knows us fully.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I lay all the false accusations against me at Your feet. Remind me that You are the God who sees all things clearly and knows me fully. Heal my heart, O God. I trust You to vindicate me in Your own time. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **24 AUGUST: RECEIVING CORRECTION**

Job 11-12, Galatians 2:11-21, Psalm 107:1-21

When corrected, our first instinct is often to defend, justify or take offence. Correction can feel uncomfortable, embarrassing or even hurtful, especially when it exposes our blind spots and flaws. Even Peter, a key leader of the early church whom God greatly used, was not exempt from correction.

Correction can feel more like rejection than love. Hence, we are prone to take it personally and take offence. But godly correction, given in gentleness and love, is one way God uses to protect us from pride, compromise and spiritual drift. A teachable heart is essential to spiritual growth. The more open we are to correction, the easier it is for God to mould us.

May we be willing to pause, reflect and ask God how we can grow through His correction.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, give me a humble heart to receive correction and a loving spirit to offer it with grace. Refine and perfect me in faith. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 25 AUGUST: REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Job 13-14, Galatians 3, Psalm 107:22-43

Life has a way of making us focus on what we lack, causing us to overlook how much God has already done for us. Psalm 107 reminds us to remember His goodness and to give thanks for His faithful love and deliverance.

Thanksgiving is more than the occasional *“thank you”* to God. It is a spiritual posture and attitude that remembers His faithfulness and appreciates Him for never failing us. A heart full of gratitude leaves little room for bitterness. The more we dwell on God’s goodness, the less we complain about life.

What has God already done for you? Take time today to remember these things and give thanks. The same faithful God who sustained you before will continue to walk with you through the seasons ahead.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times when I focus more on what I lack than on Your faithfulness to me. Teach me to give thanks continually for all You have done. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **26 AUGUST: GUARD YOUR ZEAL**

Job 15-17, Galatians 4:1-20, Psalm 108

Zeal is like fuel. When rightly directed, it advances God's purposes. But if misplaced, it can mislead us away from the Lord. The false teachers deceived the Galatian believers because they taught with such passion and persuasion. They pursued the Galatians eagerly, making them feel important and as if they belonged.

Not every voice in the church is sent by God. Not every preacher leads us to Christ. We are to discern the source and direction of our zeal. Passion alone is not proof of truth.

Every message we are taught must be measured against Christ and His Word. Watch that we are not drawn more to personalities, experiences or platforms than to Christ Himself. Zeal not fully anchored in truth will eventually lead us astray.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart burning for You. Fix my eyes on Christ alone. Guard me from anything that would draw me away from You. Lead me away from falsehood. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 27 AUGUST: SUFFER WITHOUT LOSING GOD

Job 18-19, Galatians 4:21-31, Psalm 109:1-15

There are seasons when we experience the tension of faith. Our circumstances contradict what we know to be true about God. At times like these, God can feel distant. In the depths of pain and suffering, may we do as Job did.

He grieved, wrestled and wept. But he also worshipped and clung tightly to God. He did not turn away from God. Real faith means choosing to stay when you don't understand and when God seems silent. Through it all, Job declared with confidence, *"I know that my Redeemer lives"*.

If you are in a season of suffering, do not lose heart. You may not understand the reason or purpose for your suffering, but you can trust the One who is working through it. Keep holding on to Him!

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, help me to keep trusting You in seasons when I do not understand what You are doing. Give me grace to keep believing, strength to endure and faith to hold on. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **28 AUGUST: WHAT FRUIT IS GROWING IN YOU?**

Job 20-21, Galatians 5, Psalm 109:16-31

Every life bears fruit. What kind of fruit are you bearing? What consistently shows up in your thoughts and deeds? The fruit that grows within us reveals the roots of who we truly are. We can say what we like, but our fruit does not lie.

The fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of a life that abides in the Spirit. It grows neither by accident nor overnight. It cannot be produced by sheer effort. We cannot die to our flesh by trying harder.

To grow in the fruit of the Spirit, we must walk more deeply in the Spirit through prayer, surrender and obedience. When we do so faithfully, the Spirit will begin to bear new fruit within us. May we bear fruit that endures and reflects Christ.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your Spirit who lives within me. Cultivate in me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Let my life bear godly fruit. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 29 AUGUST: THE TESTING OF FAITH

Job 22-24, Galatians 6, Psalm 110

Job's intense suffering put immense pressure on him to compromise his faith. His wife urged him to "*curse God and die*", while his friends repeatedly misinterpreted his suffering as the result of hidden sin. Many would have blamed God in such circumstances, but not Job.

While he was puzzled by the reasons for his suffering, he remained convinced that his life was in God's sovereign hands. In his suffering, he declared, "*But He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold*".

So how can you pass the test and come out as gold? Know that God's testing is not meant to condemn us but to help us discover our strengths in the Lord. What feels like breaking is actually God refining us. It may not be easy, but it will be worth it. We will emerge stronger and purer.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, when I am tested, help me to trust You more deeply. Strengthen my heart and purify me as gold. I place my whole trust in You. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **30 AUGUST: REVERENCE FOR GOD**

Job 25-26, Ephesians 1:1-14, Psalm 111

We often associate wisdom with knowledge or sound decisions. But wisdom has its roots in how we see God. The fear of the Lord is not about being terrified of God. It is having a deep, reverential awe of who God is and recognising Him as the ultimate authority in our lives.

To fear God is to revere His holiness, which leads us to avoid evil and live righteously. It enables us to see life through God's perspective and to navigate it with integrity. The fear of God makes it difficult for us to regard God cavalierly. Instead, we will prioritise God's approval above all else, ultimately leading to a more fruitful, peaceful and righteous life. This is the wisdom that will guard our hearts and guide our steps.

More importantly, when we fear God, we need not fear anything else.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, teach me to walk in the fear of the Lord and fill me with Your wisdom. Keep my heart from being careless towards You. Free me from every other fear. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **31 AUGUST: KNOW HIM MORE**

Job 27-28, Ephesians 1:15-23, Proverbs 22:17-20

The Christian life doesn't end with believing in God. It's also about knowing Him. Many believers struggle to feel close to God, as if they only know Him from afar.

Knowing Jesus more intimately cannot be achieved by effort alone. We need God to reveal Himself to us through His Spirit. The wisdom given by the Holy Spirit enables us to see life from God's perspective. As He reveals more of Himself, our hearts become more attuned to His character, ways and presence.

Knowing Him more is a lifelong journey in which there is always more of God to discover, more of Him to encounter and more of His ways to understand. Don't settle for knowing only about Him. Know Him intimately. Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, I desire to know You more. Lead me into Your presence, teach me Your ways and reveal more of Your Spirit to me. I yearn for an encounter with You. Amen.

## **BE A BLESSING**

### **1 SEPTEMBER: SAVED FOR GOOD WORKS**

Job 29-30, Ephesians 2:1-10, Proverbs 22:21-24

Every believer has a God-given calling and assignment. After declaring that we are saved by grace, Paul immediately adds that *“we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”*. Good works cannot save us, but we are certainly saved for good works.

No believer is without purpose in the Kingdom of God. God has already prepared good works, callings and assignments for each of us. Our part is to walk faithfully and obediently in them. Don’t bury what God has placed within you and don’t wait for someone else to fulfil what He has entrusted to you. We do not need to wait for more favourable conditions. Start where we are, with what we have. Ask God to show you the good works He has prepared for you to do. God can use our ordinary lives to make an eternal impact.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, thank You for saving me by grace and for giving my life purpose in Christ. I purpose not to waste the opportunities and gifts You have entrusted to me, but to live each day for Your eternal purpose. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **2 SEPTEMBER: MEDIATE A CONFLICT**

Job 31-32, Ephesians 2:11-22, Proverbs 22:25-29

Conflict is one of the most uncomfortable yet unavoidable realities of life and relationships. When the tense conversation between Job and his friends reached an impasse, Elihu's handling of it offered a model of wise and effective conflict mediation.

Before speaking, Elihu listened carefully to both sides and waited respectfully before responding. When he finally spoke, he neither escalated the tension nor took sides. He addressed the situation honestly and fairly, with resolution as his goal and God at the centre. This is the blueprint for us in handling conflict: listen before speaking, remain respectful, avoid premature judgment, speak the truth with grace and invite God into the situation.

Conflicts often escalate when people speak too quickly, jump to conclusions or fail to listen. Where there are divisions and disputes, may we be wise mediators who bring peace and resolution.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, make me a peacemaker in every situation. Help me to listen well, speak with wisdom and act with grace. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 3 SEPTEMBER: MASTERING YOUR DESIRES

Job 33-34, Ephesians 3:1-13, Proverbs 23:1-4

Solomon warns against being ruled by appetite, greed and the pursuit of earthly gain. It is a spiritual warning to prevent believers from becoming so captivated by worldly gain that they lose discernment. Unchecked desires must be dealt with firmly or they will grow. If we don't master our desires, we will be mastered by them.

To *"put a knife to your throat if you are given to appetite"* is to practise restraint, discernment and self-control.

We must honestly examine our pursuits before God. Ask yourself, *"What will wanting this cost me?"* Some desires may cost us our purity, peace, relationships and even our testimony. What seems attractive at first may lead to consequences far more serious than we realise.

Today, do not simply ask God to bless your desires. Ask Him to purify them. The more Christ rules our hearts, the less our desires will rule us.

#### PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, search my heart and purify my desires. I confess that my desires have not always glorified You. I submit them to You now and choose to walk in the Spirit of self-control. Help me, O Lord. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **4 SEPTEMBER: MORE THAN WE CAN ASK**

Job 35-36, Ephesians 3:14-21, Proverbs 23:5-8

Do you believe that God can do more than you can ask, expect or conceive? Our circumstances may feel insurmountable, but God's power always surpasses our understanding. What seems impossible to us is never beyond His power.

Although our lives don't always unfold as we expect, the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, is already at work in our lives, often in ways we cannot yet fully see. We don't need to rely on our own strength alone.

Ask the Lord to open your eyes to His ways. Trust Him, pray and walk closely with Him. He will stretch your faith beyond your fears and limitations, aligning it with His purposes. Don't let your circumstances determine the size of your faith. God can do more than you can ask.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, open my eyes to see Your greater purposes. Lead me beyond my limitations into the fullness of Your power. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **5 SEPTEMBER: EXPLAIN YOURSELF, GOD**

Job 37-38, Ephesians 4:1-16, Proverbs 23:9-12

There are moments in life when pain becomes so overwhelming that we demand answers from God. Job reached that point and sought an explanation for his suffering. In Job 38, God finally answered him.

Instead of answering him, the Lord responded with more questions. Altogether, God asked Job 77 questions about the universe, leaving him speechless. In doing so, God showed Job the vast difference between human understanding and God's divine wisdom. God shifted Job's attention from his suffering to His sovereignty.

God's sovereignty means He sees what we cannot, understands what we cannot and governs what we cannot control. The same God who commands the oceans and sustains the stars is also Lord over the seasons of our lives. The best answer God can give is not an explanation but a revelation of Himself.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, when I do not understand what You are doing, help me trust Your sovereign plan. You are the answer to life and to death. You hold the keys to every door. I will trust You. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **6 SEPTEMBER: DON'T BREAK GOD'S HEART**

Job 39-40, Ephesians 4:17-32, Proverbs 23:13-16

It can feel unimaginable that the God of the universe can be grieved. The Holy Spirit feels, loves and can be wounded by the way we live. To grieve the Spirit is to cause Him sorrow. Sin is not only about breaking rules. It is also about breaking God's heart. When we persist in sin without repentance, we grieve the Spirit who dwells within us.

Despite our weaknesses and failures, God chooses to place His Spirit within us and to mark us as His own. The more we understand God's love for us, the more we desire to live in a way that pleases Him.

Do you live in a way that honours His presence? Are you sensitive to what grieves Him? May we walk so closely with God that we are attuned to what brings Him joy and what causes Him sorrow. May we never grow comfortable or careless about the things that break God's heart.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times I have grieved Your Spirit through my words, attitudes and actions. Teach me to walk closely with You so that my life may bring You joy. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 7 SEPTEMBER: CUSSING IS A SIN

Job 41-42, Ephesians 5:1-14, Psalm 112

How tragic it is when the same mouth that sings worship to God on Sunday casually speaks filth, vulgarity and profanity the rest of the week, dismissed as harmless expressions. Paul calls them “*out of place*” for those who belong to Christ. What strong words. Yet many believers fail to recognise the defilement of their speech.

Our words reflect the condition of our hearts. They reveal what fills us inwardly. A life filled with the holiness of Christ will not produce speech that flippantly dishonours Him. When crude language becomes casual to us, we have become desensitised to unholiness.

If people were to listen to all our private conversations, online comments, jokes and inner thoughts, would they hear the fragrance of Christ or the world's carnality?

Ask the Lord to make our hearts pure and our speech holy today. Let our speech worship God, encourage people, speak the truth, pray and bring life instead.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, set a guard over my mouth and fill my heart with thanksgiving. Let my speech honour You and build others up. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **8 SEPTEMBER: IS EVERYTHING MEANINGLESS?**

Ecclesiastes 1-2, Ephesians 5:15-33, Psalm 113

Many of us spend much of our waking hours chasing after fleeting things, only to find emptiness within the soul even after attaining them. Why? Because the human heart was never created to find meaning in temporal things. Nothing under the sun can fully satisfy the human heart. Life without God is fragile and shallow.

Ecclesiastes awakens us to the reality that life is too precious and too short to be squandered on empty pursuits. True meaning is found in God. When God is at our centre, even ordinary moments take on eternal significance. Work becomes worship. Relationships become stewardship. Serving others becomes part of our destiny.

Without God, even great success can feel empty. With God, even simple faithfulness carries eternal significance. Only God can give life the meaning it craves. Build your life around what truly satisfies.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, without You at the centre of my life, everything feels like chasing the wind. You are the beginning and the end of all that is meaningful. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

### **9 SEPTEMBER: THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING**

Ecclesiastes 3-4, Ephesians 6, Psalm 114

Life moves through seasons appointed by God. Some seasons are filled with joy and fruitfulness, while others feel painfully slow and difficult. Some seasons are meant to prepare and refine us, while others are meant to teach and humble us. Through it all, Scripture reminds us that every season unfolds under God's sovereignty.

We may not always understand the wisdom of God's timing, especially when we feel trapped in a difficult season. But God has made everything beautiful in its time. Faith helps us trust God to see the full picture, even when we see only a small part.

If you are in a challenging season today, remember that the same God who walks with you through seasons of blessing also leads you through seasons of sorrow and waiting. There is a time for everything and above every season is God's eternal faithfulness in our lives.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for walking with me through every changing season of my life. When I do not understand Your timing, help me trust in Your faithfulness to work all things for good. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 10 SEPTEMBER: ALL IN FOR CHRIST

Ecclesiastes 5-6, Philippians 1:1-26, Psalm 115

Paul the Apostle was all in for Christ. Only someone completely surrendered to Jesus could make one of the most radical and paradoxical statements in Scripture, *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain”*. Christianity wasn’t just part of his life. Christ was his life. His ambitions, desires and future were all laid at the feet of Jesus. Because Jesus was his greatest treasure, even death became gain, as it meant being fully with Him for eternity. How many of us can boldly declare the same?

Many believers want Christ as their Saviour but hesitate to go all in for Him. Yet true joy and freedom are found when Jesus becomes life itself. The Christian life is not meant to be lived in part. Every part of our lives belongs to Him. Our work, relationships, dreams, struggles and future are surrendered to His Lordship. When Christ becomes enough for us, we will finally be free to truly live.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I want to live wholeheartedly for You. Help me surrender every part of my life to You and treasure You above all else. Amen.

## DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY

### 11 SEPTEMBER: ENJOY YOUR LIFE

Ecclesiastes 7-8, Philippians 1:27-2:11, Psalm 116

Hidden within the reflections of Ecclesiastes 8 is the encouragement to receive life as a gift from God to be enjoyed. For many, enjoying life feels almost irresponsible. There is always more to do, more to fix and more to achieve, with leisure as the reward to be earned.

Yet in Ecclesiastes 8:15, Solomon makes a striking statement, commending the joy of life. He adds, "*There is nothing better under the sun but to eat and drink and be joyful...*" He is not encouraging reckless pleasure or shallow escapism. He is teaching us not to lose the joy of life while carrying life's burdens.

Learn to enjoy our lives in the Lord. Receive the simple joys of life as gifts from God, interwoven into our ordinary days. When we enjoy our lives, we find greater fulfillment and joy.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of life and for the simple joys You place in my ordinary days. Teach me to receive life as a gift from You. Teach me to receive each day with gladness and contentment in You. I purpose to enjoy my life in You. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 12 SEPTEMBER: WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION

Ecclesiastes 9-10, Philippians 2:12-30, Psalm 117

What does it mean to “*work out your salvation with fear and trembling?*” Many misunderstand this verse. Paul is not saying we earn salvation through good works or human effort. We are saved because of what Christ has done for us, not because of anything we can do to save ourselves.

God’s grace is not a licence to live as we wish and still expect God to overlook our sins. To work out our salvation is to live out our faith actively, to depend on and be empowered by the Holy Spirit, to surrender our sinful ways, to pursue holiness, to obey God’s Word and to take our walk with God seriously.

Every day, God calls us to repent, grow, mature and become more like Jesus. Grace is not merely forgiveness for our failures. It is the power that transforms us from the inside out. The Lord who began the good work in us will faithfully carry it to completion.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, I thank You that You are at work in me. Continue to transform my heart and life, making me more like Jesus each day. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

**13 SEPTEMBER:**

### **DON'T LET YOUR PAST KEEP YOU STUCK**

Ecclesiastes 11-12, Philippians 3, Psalm 118

Many people are outwardly progressing in life but inwardly stuck in the past. They struggle to move forward because they replay old wounds, sins and baggage in their minds. Paul made a deliberate decision not to let his past chain him. Forgetting does not mean pretending the past never happened. It means refusing to let the past define our identity, our future and our ongoing pursuit of a victorious life in Christ.

Many of us are weary today because we are trying to move forward while constantly looking back. We cannot run towards what God has for us ahead while remaining imprisoned by our past baggage. Straining towards what lies ahead means bouncing back after setbacks and pressing on means not giving up. God can redeem our wasted years, restore broken places and lead us towards a promising future.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, I choose to release my past to You. Give me the strength to let go of what is behind and to press on in faith. I am victorious in You. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

**14 SEPTEMBER:**

### **SET YOUR HEART ON THE RIGHT PATH**

Song of Songs 1-4, Philippians 4, Proverbs 23:17-20

Scripture often uses the word *“heart”* to describe a person’s desires, thoughts, motivations and decisions. Before we live outwardly, our hearts have usually already chosen a direction inwardly. A heart set on the fear of the Lord will treasure Christ deeply and desire to walk in His ways.

To set our hearts on the right path is to guard, direct and shepherd them towards righteousness. The people we surround ourselves with matter. The company we keep influences us. The people we spend the most time with shape who we are becoming. Scripture warns us not to walk closely with those who lead us astray.

Be intentional about who you let into your life, because the people and influences you associate with today may determine where you end up tomorrow.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, guard my heart and set it firmly on the path of righteousness. Teach me to fear You, treasure You and walk faithfully in Your ways. Surround me with people who strengthen my faith and draw me closer to You. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **15 SEPTEMBER: HONOUR THEM WHILE WE CAN**

Song of Songs 5-8, Colossians 1:1-14,  
Proverbs 23:21-24

We often realise the value of our parents only when it is too late. When we are young, we take their sacrifices for granted and dismiss their advice and guidance. We fail to realise that behind every instruction and correction lies a heart seeking to protect, guide and provide for us. What felt like nagging is love that wants the best for us.

As our parents age, the roles reverse. Our once-strong parents grow weaker. While they once cared for us, they may eventually need our care. We should continue to treat them with respect, patience and love.

One day, we may wish we had listened more carefully, spoken more kindly, visited more often or appreciated them more deeply. While we still have the chance, may we honour our parents as best we can.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for my parents, whom You have placed in my life. Forgive me for the times I have taken them for granted and failed to honour them. Help me to cherish them while I still have the chance. Amen.

## **BE A BLESSING**

### **16 SEPTEMBER: LEARN TO DO RIGHT**

Isaiah 1-2, Colossians 1:15-29, Proverbs 23:25-28

The Lord cares for the oppressed. He has a special compassion for them. He was not impressed by the outward spirituality of His people. He wanted their worship to be reflected in how they treat others. So He gave them a powerful instruction and call to action: “*Learn to do right*”. We know we should do good, but sometimes we do not know where to start. That is why God calls us to learn.

How can you start? Find out what needs surround you. What can you do to make a difference, no matter how big or small? God’s love is not meant to be kept within the church walls. Small acts done with love carry great weight in the Kingdom of God. Let our faith in Christ overflow into love, mercy, compassion and justice towards others.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, give me a compassionate heart for the hurting and vulnerable. Use my life to bring comfort, hope and practical help to others. Amen.

## **DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY**

**17 SEPTEMBER:**

### **CHRIST OVER EVERY POWER AND AUTHORITY**

Isaiah 3-5, Colossians 2, Proverbs 23:29-32

Christ is not merely above some powers but over every power and authority. Where there is darkness and spiritual opposition, believers can stand with confidence, for Jesus reigns supreme over them all. No force of evil, no spiritual attack, no enemy's scheme and no power of darkness is greater than He is.

At the cross, Jesus secured complete victory over evil for us. The enemy may still try to intimidate, accuse and deceive us, but Satan is already defeated. Jesus broke the power of sin, defeated death and stripped darkness of its hold over those who belong to Him.

The same Jesus who conquered the grave now lives in us. Whatever battles we face today, remember that Christ remains sovereign over every power and authority. Stand firm in His power and authority and rest in the victory that is already won through Him.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, You are over every power and authority. I proclaim that You, who live in me, are greater than any other force against me. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **18 SEPTEMBER: CHRISTIAN CONDUCT**

Isaiah 5-7, Colossians 3, Proverbs 23:33-35

As God's chosen people, our behaviour and conduct should reflect the One to whom we belong. Christianity is not only about what we believe but also about the example we set through our attitudes, words and actions. People may not always read the Bible, but they will read the lives of believers. Through our conduct, we either strengthen or weaken our witness for Christ.

Perhaps this is one reason Christians are often accused of hypocrisy more than followers of other religions. As representatives of Christ, we bear the name of Jesus wherever we go. When our conduct fails to reflect His character, the contradiction is obvious.

We are called to live differently. We must increasingly reflect the character of Jesus in how we speak, respond and treat others. May we take our conduct seriously so that Christ becomes visible through us.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times when my conduct has not glorified You. Help me to reflect Your character in how I live, speak and treat others. May I bear Your name well wherever I go. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **19 SEPTEMBER: DO NOT ENVY THE WICKED**

Isaiah 8-9, Colossians 4, Proverbs 24:1-4

There is a quiet temptation many of us face when we see dishonest people thriving. We look at their success and wonder whether doing things the right way is worth it. It can seem like compromise brings quicker rewards. Proverbs 24:1-2 recognises this temptation and warns us.

The prosperity of the wicked may seem impressive for a moment, but it is never founded on lasting peace. When we fixate on what others have, we lose sight of what we already possess in the Lord. To envy the success of the ungodly is to trade a clear conscience for a fragile seat at a table destined to collapse.

Their warning is not only about desire but also about the direction of our lives. We are warned not to seek their company. Integrity may not always bring instant rewards, but what is built on righteousness will endure far longer than what is gained by compromise.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, guard my heart against envy and the temptation to compromise. Help me remain faithful to Your ways. Teach me to value integrity, righteousness and a clear conscience more than worldly gains. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **20 SEPTEMBER: SEEK WISE COUNSEL**

Isaiah 10-12, 1 Thessalonians 1, Proverbs 24:5-10

Life is never meant to be navigated alone. Wisdom seeks guidance and recognises the value of wise counsel in sound decision-making.

Asking for advice can feel like a weakness. Wise people are humble enough to seek guidance from the right people rather than relying solely on themselves. A teachable heart can spare us unnecessary pain and costly mistakes. We must also be careful about where we seek counsel. Not every online opinion, trending voice or popular perspective is wise. Many prominent voices on social media are influential and persuasive but lack godly wisdom and truth. The wrong advice can lead us down the wrong path.

God often guides us through wise mentors and godly people. May we learn to seek wise counsel that helps us walk in His ways.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, protect me from being swayed by voices that draw me away from Your truth. Give me discernment to recognise wise counsel and humility to receive it. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **21 SEPTEMBER: ONLY ONE KINGDOM REMAINS**

Isaiah 13-15, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12, Psalm 119:1-8

Throughout Scripture, powerful nations rose to great strength and influence, only to crumble under God's judgment. Babylon seemed untouchable because of its strength and influence, while Moab trusted in its pride and security. Despite their apparent greatness, pride and self-reliance ultimately led to their downfall.

Many today also have the illusion that everything we work hard to build and acquire can endure without God. We may not build empires, but we often place our ambitions in the same things. Yet above every rising and falling kingdom stands an eternal Kingdom that cannot be shaken. God's rule endures forever. His reign will outlast every empire and every generation. In the end, only one Kingdom will remain.

Let's not build our lives on what is temporary. Instead, live for the one true King.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, when I am tempted to rely on myself, lead me back to You. Help me live for what is eternal and build my life on Your unshakeable Kingdom. Let my security be found only in You. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 22 SEPTEMBER: PLEASING GOD

Isaiah 16-18, 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20, Psalm 119:9-16

Paul explained the motivation behind his ministry when he said, *“We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts”*. He wants the Thessalonian believers to know that he was not preaching for popularity, approval or personal gain. He desired to please God, who sees the true posture of his heart. People may see what we do, but God sees why we do it.

Many of the things people do are driven by a deep desire for approval. We compromise our convictions to gain acceptance, praise or influence. But when our goal is to please God, we remain faithful even when we are misunderstood or rejected.

Living to please people is exhausting because people’s opinions of us constantly change. Living to please God brings freedom because God looks beyond outward appearances. May pleasing God become our greatest motivation and pursuit in all we do.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, may pleasing You be the deepest desire of my heart. Teach me to live faithfully for You. Search my heart and purify my motives. Amen.

## **BE A BLESSING**

### **23 SEPTEMBER: SPIRITUAL FATHERING**

Isaiah 19-21, 1 Thessalonians 3, Psalm 119:17-24

Paul may not have had biological children of his own but he has the heart of a father. Spiritual fathering means walking closely with others, investing in their growth and helping them grow closer to God through encouragement, guidance and care.

Many people long for guidance and spiritual support. Although there are many gifted and capable pastors and leaders, there is a lack of spiritual fathers and mothers. How can you invest in the next generation?

Mature believers can step up as spiritual fathers and mothers simply by supporting younger believers in any way they can. This can include listening, encouraging, praying with them or journeying with them through life.

Younger believers can actively seek out mature believers who exemplify godly character and wisdom to be their mentors. Learn from them, accept their correction humbly and allow them to speak into your life.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, raise up spiritual fathers and mothers in my church who will faithfully love, guide and disciple the next generation. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **24 SEPTEMBER: HOLINESS AND PURITY**

Isaiah 22-24, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8, Psalm 119:25-32

Holiness and purity cannot be separated. Holiness means living in a way that reflects God's character and honours Him, while purity is one of the clearest expressions of holiness. Purity means keeping our hearts, minds, bodies and actions free from sinful compromise and corruption.

To pursue holiness is to pursue purity, because a life set apart for God cannot continue to live in immorality. Moral standards may change over time, but God's call to holiness and His standard of purity remain the same. Scripture calls us to turn away from every form of immorality.

Many resist this call because holiness is misunderstood as harsh perfectionism or oppressive rule-keeping. But Christ-like holiness is neither harsh nor oppressive. It is about becoming more like Jesus.

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, help me pursue holiness and purity in every area of my life. Make me more like You each day by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **25 SEPTEMBER: RETURN OF OUR KING**

Isaiah 25-27, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18, Psalm 119:33-40

One day, the same Jesus who ascended into heaven will return in power, glory and authority. When He returns, there will be no mistaking it. Christ's second coming is both sobering and hopeful. Sobering because it reminds us that life in this present world is not all there is. Every life will one day stand before the Lord to give an account. Hopeful because Christ will return to establish His Kingdom and gather His people to Himself in full.

Are you ready for His return? Will you live watchfully and faithfully, with eternity in mind? Many live their lives without giving much thought to eternity. Don't let the distractions of this world dull our spiritual hunger and thirst for God. Blessed are those who are faithful and prepared when He appears.

Let us live ready for our King's return!

#### **PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, help me live in readiness for Your return. Keep my heart watchful and fully devoted to You. Prepare me to be found faithful when You return and help me live each day for Your glory. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

### **26 SEPTEMBER: IS YOUR HEART FAR FROM HIM?**

Isaiah 28-30, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Psalm 119:41-48

Isaiah 29:13 confronts us with the uncomfortable truth that we may be sorely mistaken about the real state of our hearts. We may seem outwardly close to God, yet inwardly far from Him.

What feels like faith is merely a checklist of dos and don'ts we abide by. When our worship of God is driven only by routine or obligations, rather than by our response to God's character, it becomes religion rather than a relationship.

Is your worship a response to who God is or are you merely following practices set by men? The Lord desires that we draw near to Him with sincere hearts. God sees what no one else can - our true affections, desires, motives and priorities.

### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, save me from empty religion and false worship. Draw me into deeper intimacy with You. Restore my love for You and remove anything that hinders my relationship with You. I will worship You with my heart and my life. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **27 SEPTEMBER: HONOUR THOSE WHO SERVE**

Isaiah 31-33, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, Psalm 119:49-56

Though Scripture calls the church to honour and hold in the highest regard those who faithfully serve God's people, those who serve most publicly are often the most criticised, misunderstood and attacked by fellow church members. The very people called to lead, preach, care for souls and bear spiritual burdens often become easy targets for complaints, harsh opinions, unrealistic expectations, gossip and careless words.

Behind every public minister lie unseen sacrifices, emotional burdens, spiritual warfare, difficult decisions, disappointments and pressures that few fully understand. Many servants of God are silently weary.

Do you carry a critical, dishonouring or cynical spirit towards God's servants? May we not be people who constantly tear them down, but instead appreciate, encourage, uphold and cover them with prayer.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, give me a heart that honours my pastors and spiritual leaders. Forgive me for the times I have criticised and gossiped about them. Teach me to uphold them in love, grace and faithful prayer. Amen.

## **LOVE THE LORD**

**28 SEPTEMBER:**

### **COUNTED WORTHY OF HIS KINGDOM**

Isaiah 34-36, 2 Thessalonians 1, Proverbs 24:11-15

Perseverance and faith amid persecution and trials are evidence that those who belong to God's Kingdom are counted worthy of it. Paul is not saying that suffering earns salvation, nor that believers become worthy by enduring pain. Rather, perseverance through hardship reveals genuine faith and transformation. Our endurance testifies that we truly belong to God and His Kingdom.

To be counted worthy of God's Kingdom means living with a faith deeply rooted in Christ, even when tested. Anyone can profess faith in times of comfort, but persecution and trials reveal our true anchors and whether our trust is built on circumstances or on God Himself.

Faithfully enduring suffering does not earn us the Kingdom of God. It proves that our faith is genuine and that we truly belong to Christ. May we be counted worthy of His Kingdom!

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, strengthen my faith when it is tested. Let my endurance prove that I truly belong to You. Amen.

## LOVE THE LORD

### 29 SEPTEMBER: OUR GOD, OUR HEALER

Isaiah 37-38, 2 Thessalonians 2, Proverbs 24:16-20

King Hezekiah was told by the prophet Isaiah that he would die. Rather than passively accept the prophecy, Hezekiah cried out to God for a miracle. The Lord healed him and granted him 15 more years of life.

This is a powerful reminder that God is our Healer. He is the One who holds life itself. What seems like a final verdict in human eyes is not final in God's eyes. His mercy can reverse what seems irreversible. Even when everyone says, *"It's over"*, God still has the power to make a way again.

He is the Lord who hears our prayers, the One who heals us and the One who holds authority over every appointed moment of our lives. For everyone today who has received a verdict that feels final, Hezekiah's story stands as living proof that God always has the last word.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, thank You that You are the God who hears my prayers and holds my life in Your hand. Help me turn to You in prayer rather than in despair, trusting that nothing is impossible for You. Amen.

## **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY**

### **30 SEPTEMBER: BUSY WITH THE WRONG THINGS**

Isaiah 39-41, 2 Thessalonians 3, Proverbs 24:21-25

Paul's warning against idleness and against becoming busybodies is more relevant to us than we like to admit. Instead of building our own lives meaningfully, many people unnecessarily meddle in others' affairs.

Being a busybody is more subtle than we realise. It can look like gossip disguised as concern, prying disguised as curiosity and meddling disguised as advice. In church life, we may spend more time discussing about church leaders, church people and church problems than praying, serving and walking closely with God. We are more invested in other people's affairs than in our own fruitfulness. As a result, we contribute to unnecessary drama and disorder, damaging our unity and witness.

There is little room for idleness when we are focused on Christ. May we learn to be busy with what truly matters to God.

#### **PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times I have been a busybody. Teach me to focus on my walk with You. May my life bring peace, unity and encouragement to Your church. Amen.

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