

21 DAYS

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PSALM 1:1-3

1 Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and
night.

3 That person is like a tree planted by
streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

A Letter of Encouragement

Dear Friend,

21 Days of Prayer is designed to help you recalibrate your life to the things of God. Our hope is that you would KNOW GOD. May this 21 Days of Prayer center you and strengthen your walk with God through strong bible reading and prayer. May you encounter God during this 21 days in a way you have never encountered him before. In this guide, you'll find prayer lists, devotional content, and so much more. However, the most important thing to find is a way to meet with your Lord, Father and Friend. Know Him deeper, friend, and be fully known by him - not in striving or doing but in simply being. Let's abide in Him together.

Blessings

New Life Church Family Staff

EVERY DAY PRAYER FOCUS

1. Humble ourselves. Asking for forgiveness for our sins and the sins of our land.
2. Seeking God. Declaring our dependence on God in every area of our lives.
3. His Kingdom Come. Praying for the completion of the Great Commission and for revival in our generation.
4. Hear from Heaven. Inviting the Presence of God in our church and our lives (souls saved, signs, wonders, miracles, and transformed lives.)
5. Next Steps. Praying for all people in their journey of faith to Know God, Find Freedom, Discover Purpose, and Make a Difference
6. Believing God for answered prayer to our specific needs (Connection Cards, Pastoral Care Update Cards, and prayer requests).

CORPORATE PRAYER TARGETS

WEEK 1: FAITH IN GOD

MONDAY : Faith for Salvation – Ephesians 2:8-9

TUESDAY : Faith that is Built on Jesus – Colossians 1:23, 2:6-7; 1 Corinthians 3:11; Hebrews 12:2

WEDNESDAY : Faith that is Sound in the Word – Titus 1:3, 2:1

THURSDAY : Faith that Believes and Does – James 2:21-22

FRIDAY : Faith that is Tenacious – Matthew 15:21-28; Luke 18:1-6

SATURDAY : FAITH FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2022 - Matthew 21:22; Hebrews 11:1

SUNDAY : Church Service - Matthew 18:19-20

WEEK 2: FAITH FOR OUR LIVES

MONDAY : Faith for My Life – 2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Romans 1:8; Luke 22:32

TUESDAY : Faith for My Relationships – Joshua 24:15

WEDNESDAY : Faith for My Calling/Purpose – 1 Thessalonians 5:24

THURSDAY : Faith for My Healing – Galatians 5:1; 1 Peter 2:24

FRIDAY : Faith for My Future – 1 Peter 1:3-9

SATURDAY : Faith for the Impossible – Mark 11:22-24

SUNDAY : Church Service – Psalm 40:9-10

WEEK 3: FAITH FOR OUR WORLD

MONDAY : Faith for Revival – 2 Chronicles 7:14

TUESDAY : Faith for World Evangelism – Matthew 24:14; 2 Peter 3:9

WEDNESDAY : Faith for the Church – Matthew 16:18

THURSDAY : Faith for a Generation – Psalm 127:3

FRIDAY : Faith for Miracles – Matthew 8:5-10

SATURDAY : Faith All Around

SUNDAY : Church Service – Psalm 84:4

VIRGINIA PRAYER GUIDE

Leaders of Our Country

- President Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris
- Supreme Court Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Clarence Thomas, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Jr., Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett
- U.S. Senators: Tim Kaine, Mark Warner
- U.S. Representatives: Robert J Whitman, Elaine Luria, Robert C. Scott, Ashton Donald McEachin, Bob Good, Benjamin Lee Cline, Abigail Spanberger, Donald Sternoff Beyer Jr., H. Morgan Griffith, Jennifer Wexton, Gerald Edward Connolly

Leaders of Our State

- Governor: Glen Youngkin, Lt-Governor: Winsome Sears, Attorney General: Jason Miyares
- Mayors: Farmville: David Whitus, Blackstone: Billy Coleburn

Leaders of Our Church

- Board: Bob McCulley, Steve Rainey, Mike Throckmorton, Dannielle Watson
- Lead Pastors: Bill & Jenny McIntosh
- Church Staff: Mark & Becky Bartow, Jordan & Akeem Howell, Savannah & Cody Huddleston, Dianna Rainey, Frankie Todt

NEW LIFE CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER GUIDE

Our Vision

- Know God (Weekend Services): Pray for the lost to be saved
- Find Freedom (Small Groups): Pray for group members to connect relationally and experience freedom
- Discover Purpose (Growth Track): Pray for people to discover their God-given purpose and be motivated to take their next step
- Make a Difference (Dream Team): Pray for all who serve others

New Life Ministries

- Kids : Dianna Rainey
- Youth : Savannah & Cody Huddleston
- Young Adults (Chi Alpha) : Jenny McIntosh
 - Staff : Amanda Tyler, Ricky Epperly
- Women: Jenny McIntosh
- Men : Akeem Howell
- JOY : Mark Bartow
- Small Groups : Mark Bartow
- Worship : Jordan & Akeem Howell
- Outreach Ministry : Betty Weaver

Day 1: Much Fruit

God isn't satisfied with temporary results. He's in the business of permanent change. He's not looking for a month, or a year or a decade, of you growing more like Jesus and pursuing the things He calls you to do. He's looking for a lifetime impact, a generational impact, and an eternal impact. Abundant, enduring fruitfulness is the mandate on your life. Ultimately, enduring fruitfulness in your life and the rest of the body of Christ is the key to seeing nations transformed, cities impacted, and culture shaped. But abundant, enduring fruitfulness will only happen, Jesus says, if you "remain in" Him.

John 15:5-8

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.





Day 2 : Enduring Fruit

Your heart is your point of connection with Jesus—the place where you become rooted in your relationship with Him. He wants to develop His heart-to-heart connection with you to the point where you become fully united with Him, where you think like He thinks, want what He wants, speak like He speaks, and do what He does. This is what it means to remain in Him. Only when you remain in Him will you produce fruit that lasts.

For you to bear abundant, enduring fruit, God needs to make you bigger on the inside than you are on the outside. You have to let Him build your root system in secret before He leads you into making a visible impact in the world. E. M. Bounds, one of the foremost authors on prayer, said, “The man—God’s man—is made in the closet. His life and his profoundest convictions were born in his secret communion with God.”

John 15:16

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.



Day 3 : Eternal Success

God's version of success looks like building our lives on eternal things for eternal things. Anything less does not impress Him and shouldn't impress us. Neither appearances nor short-term success impress God. He looks at the heart, and He is looking for fruit that lasts. When we stand before Him at the end of our lives, the only thing that will matter is whether our hearts were aligned with His and we have long-term fruit. We want to live in such a way that we will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" That's the success that must motivate us to embrace His process of building roots in our lives.

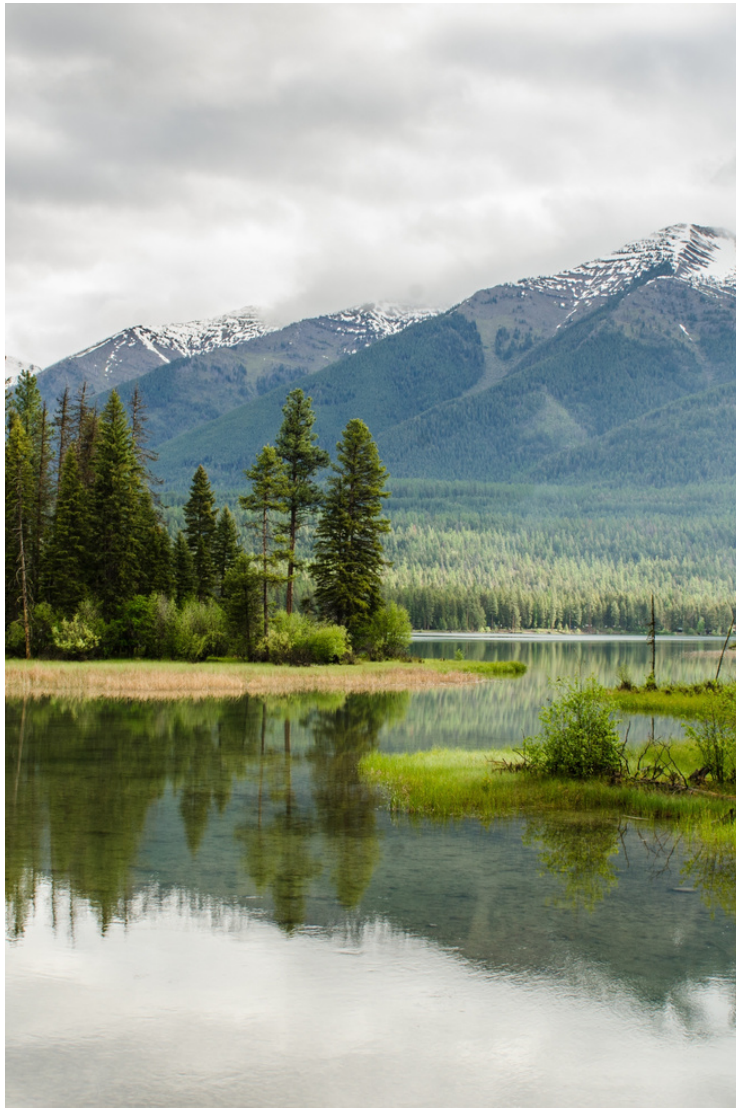
18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

Day 4 : Finding Our Strength

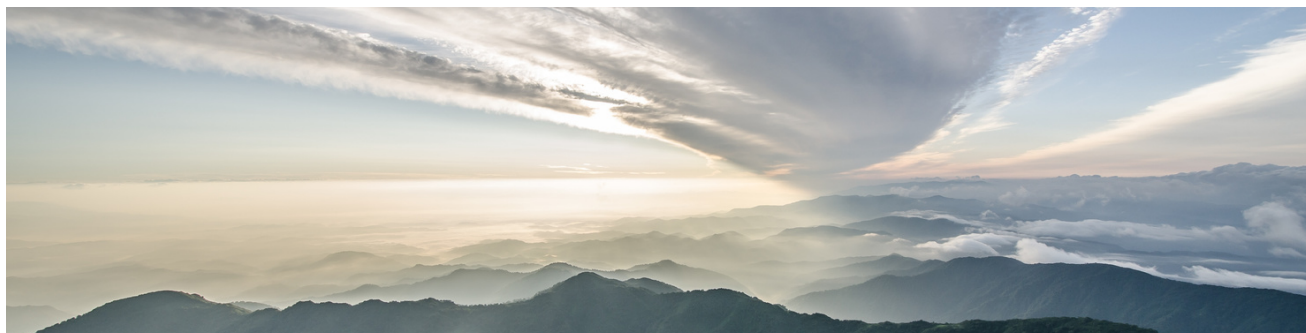
When we put “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” in context, we see Paul was saying, —I’ve had seasons in life where I’ve had nothing and seasons where I’ve had everything. I’ve developed the ability to thrive in both seasons by learning to access the resource that never changes, no matter the season, namely, Christ’s strength.

For us to navigate the same range of circumstances and find God, our strength in every situation, we have to know where to look and how to continue to look there in the face of the Enemy’s distractions. Typically, these distractions are going to try to get us to wish we were in someone else’s process, resist the lessons God is trying to teach us in our circumstances, rush the process, or skip steps in the process. Falling for any of these will prevent us from thriving and will ultimately put us in dangerous places. Avoiding these will enable us to find our strength—God—and grow regardless of the season or circumstance.



Philippians 4:11-13

11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.



Day 5 : Do What's In Front of You

The problem with making your passion the thing that guides you is that passion can trick you into avoiding tasks that maybe aren't fun but that are absolutely vital to get you to where you need to be. It is important to remember that God can develop your life in different settings. I hear people opt out of opportunities by saying, —I just don't feel a passion for that. While we pursue the vision on our heart, there are a lot of things we are called to do that don't seem terribly exciting but are absolutely vital in getting us to where we need to go.

It's amazing how many believers disqualify themselves and stunt their growth because they don't just do what's in front of them. Do what's in front of you, and do it well.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

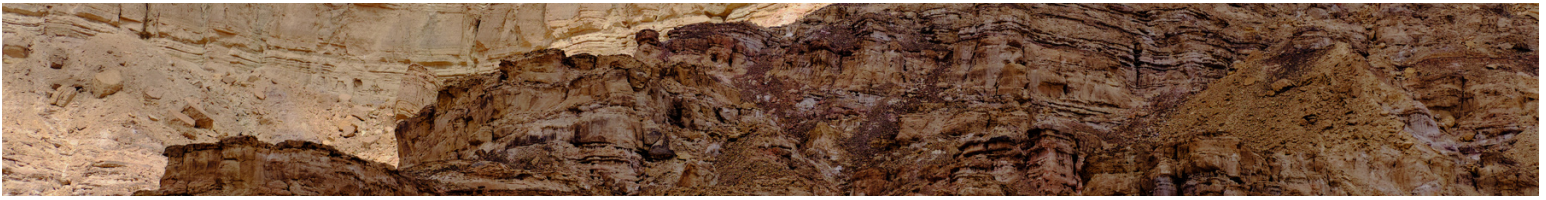
Day 6 : Embrace the Hidden Place

A key to thriving in the process is to embrace being hidden. Being hidden doesn't mean we're isolated from society or withholding our lives from others until we are perfectly polished. But it does mean that we are not seeking a visible platform for whatever we're called to do. It means we are not forcing open any doors that God has not opened. We are waiting for God to put us in front of others at the right time. You have to learn to love the cave. If you love the spotlight more than the secret place, you're in trouble, because it means you care more about pleasing people than pleasing God. Learn to love when you don't get the credit. Learn to love when you get passed over.

2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

Isaiah 49:2





Day 7 : Rooted in Trust

We must understand that our trust is the main thing God is pursuing as He develops our root system. Trust is what God is building through the process, and trust is what will get us through the process.

Trust has two basic elements: intimacy and dependence. Intimacy and dependence are what Jesus was talking about when He told us to remain in Him just as He remained in the Father. He wants us to develop the ability to walk in deep, unbroken intimacy with Him and to depend on Him as He trains and empowers us to become trustworthy partners in His work on earth. The only way He can build this root system of abiding connection is by taking us through a process that asks again and again, “Do you trust Me?” Every time we say, “I trust You,” our root system grows. That’s how we thrive as He prepares us to bear lasting fruit.

Psalms 18:2

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.



Day 8 : Building Trust

If you want to build unshakable trust in God and pass your trust tests, you have to let Him teach you intimacy and dependence. These are the roots

God is establishing in your life. Intimacy and dependence come only through personal knowledge and encounter. Knowing God's name means knowing Him personally and knowing His nature.

There are plenty of people who use the name of God, and maybe they know a lot about Him, but it's clear they don't really know Him, because they don't trust Him and they don't seek Him. God doesn't expect us to build trust in Him blindly, without knowing His character. He doesn't expect us to build trust just on what we've heard about Him. He wants us to build trust on personal knowledge. That's the only way to have true intimacy and dependence.

Psalms 9:10

10Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.



Day 9: Greater Faith & Rest

It's important to know there are two different kinds of pressures you will encounter in this growth process. One kind is from God and the other is not. You can recognize them by the direction in which they push you. God is always going to be inviting, nudging, and challenging you to step into greater faith and rest.

The Enemy, however, is going to push you to step into fear and ungodly striving by trying to make things happen in your timing and through your own wisdom and effort rather than God's. Faith is found in rest, and the Enemy will do anything to get you to buy into his pressure so you will be taken out of rest. Learning to resist pressure that is not from God is key to faithful stewardship.

Psalms 4:8

In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety.





Day 10 : Cooperating with God

We must put our hope in God's promise to build our house: to fulfill the vision He has put in our hearts to bear lasting fruit, make an impact, and step into the fullness of who He created us to be. The psalmist does not imply that there is no labor involved for us but that we are not to be in the lead position in this building project. God is the architect, the financial backer, the owner, the foreman, the building crew, and pretty much everything else. Our part is to cooperate with God as He builds us and our vision.

Psalms 127:1-2

1Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the guards stand watch in vain.

2In vain you rise early
and stay up late,
toiling for food to eat—
for he grants sleep to127:2 Or eat— / for while they sleep he provides for those he
loves.



Day 11 : Not Your Obvious Choice

In the Bible you'll notice a pattern to the people God chooses. He chooses people who are not obvious choices, from a human perspective, to do the jobs He wants them to do. David wasn't the obvious choice to be king. Gideon wasn't the obvious choice to fight the Midianites. The disciples weren't the obvious choices to be world-changing leaders. There's a reason God chooses the way He does. God chooses those in whom He can develop a strong root system. And it's actually to His advantage to choose those who don't feel qualified for the job, because they are less likely to think they can rely on themselves to make anything happen.

26 Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

Day 12 : Experiencing Weakness

There's no way around it. God's process of growth in your life is going to involve weakness. This in-over-your-head journey of developing intimacy, dependence, faith, and rest is going to bring you into situations where your natural strength, abilities, and energy are exhausted. It's just part of the deal. When I read the Bible, I see that I can't avoid weakness as I follow Jesus. I also see that I'm supposed to have a particular attitude toward weakness. In the New Testament, everyone from Paul to Peter to James talks about this attitude. They don't talk about tolerating weakness or enduring weakness with gritted teeth. They used words like joy, rejoice, and delight.

This attitude is completely upside-down and counter to my natural attitude toward weakness, and I don't think I'm the only one. Hardship, suffering, trials, persecution—these are not experiences we naturally associate with joy. Any experience that attacks our strength triggers fear and insecurity, which is usually the opposite of delightful, so the idea of trying to enjoy weakness strikes most of us as weird, almost wrong. Where do Paul, Peter, and James come up with this attitude of rejoicing in weakness?

They all give the same reason. Experiencing weakness gives us access to two things we can get in no other way: proven faith and supernatural strength.



2 Corinthians 12:10

10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



Day 13 : Moments of Intimacy

There is an intimacy with God we can only experience in moments of weakness. There are things about Him we can only get to know in those times.

David didn't say, "You get rid of all of my enemies." He said, "Right here, with death hanging over me and with enemies surrounding me, You are with me. You're communing with me, feeding me, and creating intimacy with me in this place of weakness and dependence."

When we come through that valley of the shadow of death, when we emerge out of the deep end, then what? We have an awareness of God's abiding presence that forever changes the way we see impossible situations. Knowing that He is with us even in the deep end diminishes the pressure and anxiety around our taking risks. Put simply, we have a deeper, stronger faith. Our roots are firmly established in the revelation of a Father who never leaves us.

Psalms 23:4-5

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^{23:4} Or the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Day 14 : Thriving Roots

In order to develop a thriving root system, our lives must be rooted in the soil of Scripture. There are many areas where God develops your root system, but none is more important than going deep in the Word of God. Delighting and meditating obviously go beyond mere reading. If we want a firmly planted root system founded on the Word, we must go deep in the Bible—chewing on it, studying it, memorizing it, praying it, and especially doing it. God doesn't expect us to know and trust Him solely through these personal experiences; He is also revealed through the established, authoritative record of how He has revealed Himself to millions of people throughout history, namely, the Scriptures. He wants the truth about who He is, as revealed in the Scriptures, to lead us into faith and trust.

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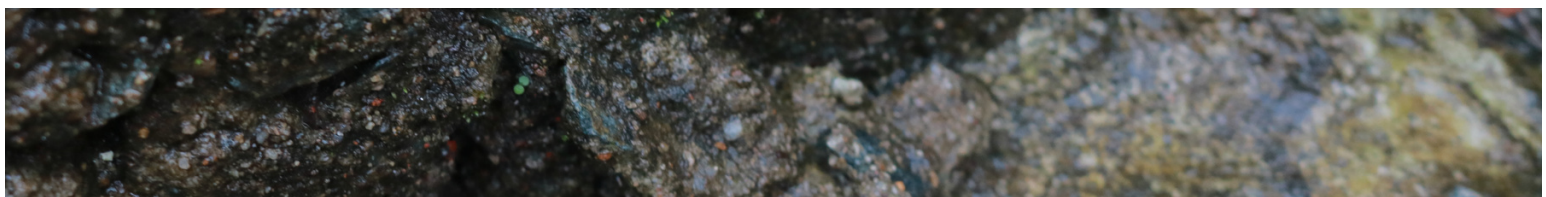


Day 15 : The Rock of Scripture

One of my concerns about the Christian believers right now is that our lives are being built on the shifting sands of our feelings rather than on the rock of doing the sayings of Jesus. We live in a society that is guided by what feels right, and this has slipped into the church. You hear people say, "That just doesn't feel like God." But neither feelings nor popular opinion, which so easily sways our feelings, determine truth in our lives or society. Truth is not rooted in our feelings or opinions, but in Scripture.

Matthew 7:24-25

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.



Day 16 : Healthy Growth

Taking responsibility as a leader means accepting that your life affects others and that you will always produce others who are like you. The influence of dysfunctional, broken leaders produces dysfunctional, broken environments. The influence of healthy, thriving leaders produces healthy, thriving environments. This is not only true in families and organizations but also in cities and nations. Jesus gave His church the mandate to disciple the nations.

None of us is perfect, but perfection is not a requirement to lead. Growth, however, is. Effective leaders have a hunger to grow and to become healthy spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. They understand that the environments they are called to influence need them to be as healthy as possible. So we must have a passion for growing healthy as we follow Jesus.

1 Corinthians 11:1

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



Day 17 : Better Than Life

Finding God is paramount, because the first call on our lives is to be with God. If this connection with Jesus is not developed in your life, your root system will never be healthy. You will never find satisfaction or experience what you were created for outside of encountering the presence of God. Everything you will ever need is found in the presence of God, for it is there you find the reason you were created.

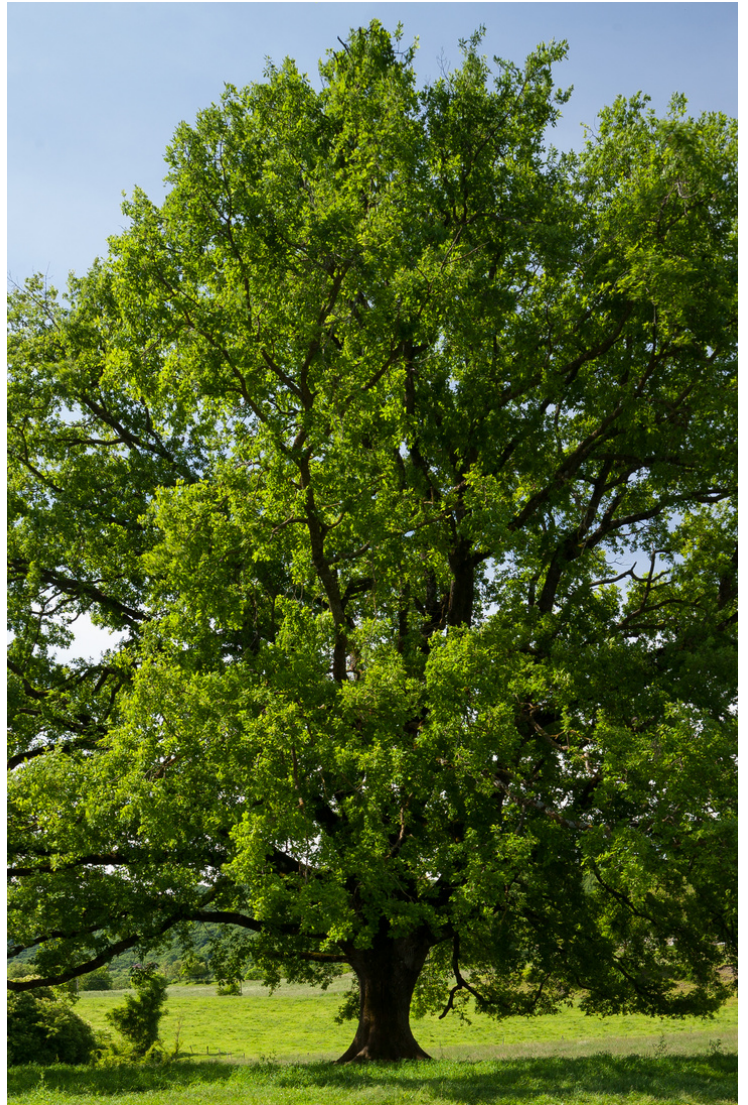
Everything in your life must be birthed from the revelation of His love for you. God desires to draw close to you and reveal His love, which is better than life itself. This must be the first ingredient placed in your life.

Psalms 63:3-5

3 Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.

4 I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my
hands.

5 I will be fully satisfied as with the
richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise
you.



Day 18 : Clarity

John the Baptist had no confusion over his part in the story. When people came with questions, he was clear: “This is who I am. This is my mandate. This is what God has called me to do. This is the story that’s unfolding. This is the part I will play.”

When God gives you this level of clarity about your part in His story and who you are, it brings great authority and focus to your life. Many people have no authority because they are confused as to who they are and what their role and assignment is in the story of God. God wants you to walk in so much authority and focus that you never waver from who you are. Part of the root system being developed in your life is this process of understanding what God is doing and what your assignment is.



John 1:19-23

19 Now this was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders who opposed Jesus in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. 20 He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Messiah.” 21 They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” 22 Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

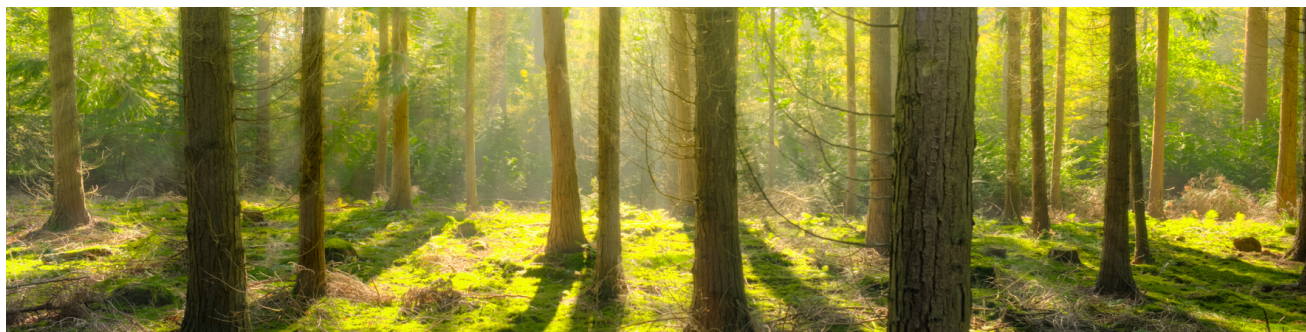
Day 19 : Becoming the Least to Become the Most

Jesus forever married the concepts of greatness, leadership, and royalty with the concepts of humility, love, and service. These are the three upside-down revelations of who Jesus is and who we are in Him. He is great and we are great in Him—but that greatness is expressed by becoming the least. He is a leader and we are leaders in Him—but our joy as leaders who carry His authority is not in conquest; instead, our joy is in the One who chose us to represent Him. He is royalty, the true Son of the King, and we are royal sons and daughters in Him—but we look like our father and our elder brother by demonstrating radical love and service. As we step into the revelation of who we are in Him, we must cling to His example and never revert to the world's versions of greatness, leadership, and royalty, which turn humility into pride, authority into domination, and love into self-serving.



Matthew 20:25-28

25 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



Day 20 : Great Grace

Contrary to what many people mistakenly believe, humble service does not mean neglecting your own interests or needs. When you position your life to serve, you take a posture of humility, and it releases grace into your life. If serving is leading you to burnout rather than grace, then it's a sign that your serving may not be an expression of true humility.

The Lord doesn't say we must not care about our own interests. Devaluing our lives is false humility and will not position us to receive the grace of God. The humility that attracts God's grace into our lives is Jesus's humility, the kind that says, "I'm going to take the greatness on my life and use it to make You great."

Philippians 2:3-8

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus 6 Who, being in very nature 2:6 Or in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature 2:7 Or the form of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!



20 Walk with the wise
and become wise,
for a companion of fools
suffers harm.

Proverbs 13:20

Day 21 : Walking with the Wise

Strength is not found in isolation; it is found in community. It's simply tragic how many people in the body of Christ are failing in some area of their lives because they are trying to figure out everything on their own and missing out on the strength that could be accessed from the people around them.

When we walk with those who are wise, we gain the strength of the wisdom that is in their lives. We're not supposed to figure things out on our own. When we end up over our heads—which will happen all the time in God's process of growth in our lives—we need to know that the strength, wisdom, and grace God wants to give us are most likely going to come when we humble ourselves and reach out to our community. For this reason, when I get in over my head, I do two things: I get with the Lord, and I immediately call somebody who's farther along than I am and ask, "What do you think? I need your strength and wisdom." Again and again, the wise counsel of my community has helped me navigate the deep end.

