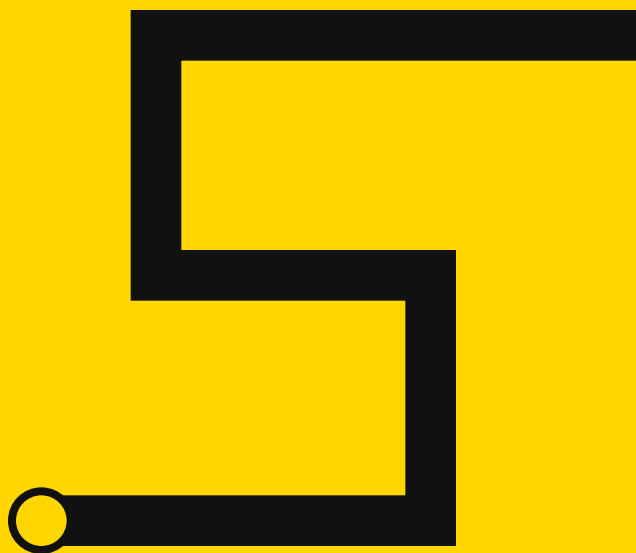


30 DAYS / A NEW BEGINNING

THE JOURNEY

**A 30 Day Devotional
for New Believers**



BISHOP EDWIN LOVE

READ SCRIPTURE / REFLECT / PRAY / GROW

Your journey begins here

A NOTE FROM BISHOP LOVE

I am glad you are beginning this journey with Jesus. Accepting Him is a meaningful beginning, and you may be wondering what comes next. This devotional will help you understand your faith and begin practicing it in everyday life.

You do not need to have every answer before you start. Come with your questions, your hopes, and your willingness to learn. Over these thirty days, we will explore God's grace, prayer, Scripture, life in the church, and the way you care for others.

My prayer is that you will come to know Jesus more deeply and find people who will walk with you. Take your time. Read carefully. Ask for help. Let each day lead you toward one faithful response.

Bishop Edwin Love

One day at a time

01 READ

Set aside about ten to fifteen minutes each day. Read the listed Bible passages in your own Bible before the devotional. The reflections are original devotional teaching, not quotations of Scripture. Use a readable translation and ask a trusted church leader for help when a passage is unfamiliar.

02 REFLECT AND PRAY

After reading, consider the reflection question, pray in your own words or use the written prayer, and take the suggested step. Keep a notebook for questions and insights. If you miss a day, pick up where you left off.

03 WALK WITH OTHERS

This book is a companion to life in a healthy church. Share what you are learning with a pastor, mentor, or small group. For topics such as baptism and Communion, discuss your church's teaching with its leaders.

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DAY 01

Welcome to the Family

John 1:12-13; Ephesians 2:8-10

You have said yes to Jesus, and that decision marks the beginning of a relationship. You do not have to understand every Bible passage or know the right church words to come to Him. God receives those who trust in His Son. You can begin where you are, with the questions and needs you carry today.

Salvation is God's gift of grace, received through faith. You cannot purchase it with good behavior, and you do not have to earn your place in His family. Jesus has done what you could never do for yourself through His death and resurrection.

Over the next thirty days, you will learn how to walk with Him. Some days will feel clear; others may feel uncertain. Keep coming to Jesus. Your first step is to receive the love He has already shown you.

REFLECT

What questions or hopes are you bringing into your relationship with Jesus?

PRAY

Father, thank You for welcoming me through Jesus. Help me receive Your grace and trust Your love. Teach me how to live as Your child. In Jesus' name, amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Tell one trusted Christian that you have accepted Jesus. Ask that person to pray with you during these thirty days.

DAY 02

What Jesus Has Done for You

Romans 5:6-11; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

The center of your faith is Jesus Christ. He died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. His resurrection means that the Savior you trust is alive. Christianity begins with what He has done, before it speaks about what you should do.

Sin damages our relationship with God and reaches into how we treat ourselves and others. We cannot repair that separation through effort alone. Jesus gave His life for sinners, opening the way for reconciliation with God.

You may have spent years believing that love must be earned. The cross shows you God's love reaching toward you while you still needed rescue. Let that truth settle into your heart. Obedience grows from gratitude when you understand how much you have received.

REFLECT

How does knowing that Jesus loved you before you could improve yourself affect you?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for dying for my sins and rising again. Help me understand Your sacrifice and build my life on what You have done. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Read today's passages slowly. In your own words, write two sentences explaining why Jesus came.

DAY 03

Turning Toward God

Luke 15:11-24; Acts 3:19

Repentance means turning from sin toward God. It includes honesty about what is wrong and a willingness to let Him change your direction. You can stop defending what is hurting you and begin receiving His help.

In Jesus' story of the lost son, the son recognizes his need and returns home. His father receives him with compassion. The story helps us see the joy of returning to God. You do not have to hide until your life looks respectable.

Turning toward God may involve an apology, a changed habit, or ending a dishonest practice. Change can be uncomfortable, especially when a pattern feels familiar. Take the next honest step. God's kindness gives you courage to come into the light and begin again.

REFLECT

What is one area in which you need to change direction?

PRAY

Father, I confess that I need Your mercy. Show me what I need to turn from, and give me courage to follow You. Help me make an honest response today. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Name one specific behavior you need to leave behind. Write a practical first step and ask a mature believer for support if needed.

DAY 04

You Can Come Out of Hiding

1 John 1:5-9; Psalm 32:1-5

Shame says that if people really knew you, you could never be loved. It can make you hide from God, avoid prayer, or pretend everything is fine. Yet God already knows the truth about you and invites you to confess your sins.

Confession means agreeing with God about what you have done. You do not need a polished explanation or an excuse. Bring Him the truth. First John teaches that He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse those who confess.

Forgiveness does not always erase the consequences of a decision. You may still need to repair harm or rebuild trust. But you can face those responsibilities with hope. Your failures do not have to become the place where your walk with Jesus ends.

REFLECT

What have you been afraid to bring honestly to God?

PRAY

Lord, I bring You the things I have tried to hide. Forgive me and cleanse me. Give me wisdom to make things right where I can. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Spend a few quiet minutes confessing honestly to God. Thank Him for His forgiveness before you move on.

DAY 05

A New Identity

2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 1:3-8

People may know you by your past, your work, your family role, or your worst mistake. Those things can shape your story, but in Christ you have a new foundation for understanding who you are. You belong to Him.

Being a new creation does not mean that every old habit disappears overnight. Your thoughts, relationships, and choices still need renewal. It means that your life is now rooted in Jesus, and His grace is at work in you.

When an old label returns, ask whether it agrees with what God says. You are someone Christ has loved and redeemed. Receive that truth with humility. As you learn to see yourself through His grace, you can take responsibility for your growth without treating yourself as hopeless.

REFLECT

Which old label most often shapes how you see yourself?

PRAY

Father, help me understand who I am in Christ. Renew my thinking and teach me to live from the identity You have given me. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write this reminder where you will see it: I belong to Jesus, and He is teaching me a new way to live.

DAY 06

Faith on Ordinary Days

Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Corinthians 5:7

You may have felt great joy when you accepted Jesus. You may also have felt quiet, uncertain, or overwhelmed. Feelings are real, but they change with sleep, stress, circumstances, and many other things.

Faith rests in Jesus and His promise, rather than in the intensity of an experience. On an ordinary morning, you can still pray. When worship feels quiet, you can still listen. When questions arise, you can bring them to God and seek understanding.

Do not measure your relationship with Him only by emotional highs. Look for growing trust and a willingness to follow His Word. If uncertainty about faith troubles you, talk with a thoughtful pastor or mature believer. You do not have to wrestle with every question alone.

REFLECT

How have your feelings affected what you believe about God's nearness?

PRAY

Jesus, help me trust You when my feelings change. Give me honest faith and patient people who can help me grow. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Choose one truth from today's readings. Read it aloud when your emotions begin to direct your conclusions.

DAY 07

Learning to Talk with God

Matthew 6:5-13; Hebrews 4:14-16

Prayer is an invitation to speak with God. You do not need a preacher's vocabulary, a certain volume, or a long speech. Jesus taught His followers to approach God as Father and to bring their daily needs to Him.

Begin with what is true. Thank Him for something specific. Tell Him what worries you. Confess where you need forgiveness. Ask for help, and remember other people in your prayers. The prayer Jesus taught offers a pattern you can return to often.

Some days words will come easily. Other days you may only manage a few honest sentences. Keep showing up. Through Jesus, you can approach God with confidence that you will find mercy and grace for your need.

REFLECT

What would you say to God today if you stopped worrying about how it sounded?

PRAY

Father, teach me to pray. Help me speak honestly, listen carefully, and trust You with my needs. Let Your will shape my desires. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Set aside five minutes to pray in your own words. Use Matthew 6:9-13 as a guide.

DAY 08

Opening Your Bible

2 Timothy 3:14-17; Psalm 119:105

The Bible helps you know God's character, understand the gospel, and learn how to live. You do not need to master the whole book before it can help you. Begin with a small passage and read with care.

Ask simple questions: Who is speaking? What is happening? What does this passage reveal about God? What response does it call for? Reading the surrounding verses helps you avoid drawing a conclusion from one sentence alone.

If you do not understand something, write down your question. Bring it to a mature believer or pastor. A readable Bible translation can also help. The goal is to hear and respond to God's Word. A few verses thoughtfully received can give you something to practice throughout your day.

REFLECT

What would help you make Bible reading a steady part of your life?

PRAY

Lord, open my understanding as I read Scripture. Help me see what the passage says and respond with faith and obedience. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Read John 1:1-18. Write one observation, one question, and one way you can respond.

DAY 09

Making Room to Listen

Psalm 46:10; Mark 1:35-39

A crowded life can make it difficult to pay attention. Notifications, responsibilities, and worries compete for space in your mind. Jesus made time to withdraw and pray, even while people wanted His attention.

You can begin with a small, regular space for quiet prayer and Scripture. Put your phone aside. Take a breath. Read slowly and ask God to help you pay attention. Silence may feel unfamiliar at first; you do not need to force a dramatic experience.

As you consider an impression or sense of direction, compare it with Scripture and seek wise counsel. Every thought is not a message from God. Learning discernment takes patience. Give yourself time to grow in recognizing what is consistent with His character and Word.

REFLECT

What most often interrupts your attention when you try to spend time with God?

PRAY

Father, help me make room for You. Quiet my hurry and teach me to recognize wise, faithful direction. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Spend five minutes without screens. Read today's passage, pray briefly, and write down what you noticed in the text.

DAY 10

Help from the Holy Spirit

John 14:16-17, 26; Galatians 5:16-25

Jesus promised His followers the Holy Spirit. The Spirit teaches, helps, and leads believers in a life that honors God. You have not been asked to grow through willpower alone.

The Spirit's work becomes visible in the kind of person you are becoming. Galatians describes fruit such as love, patience, kindness, and self-control. These qualities matter in kitchens, workplaces, difficult conversations, and private decisions.

Ask for the Spirit's help before you react. Ask Him to bring Scripture to mind and give you strength to obey. Christian churches explain some aspects of the Spirit's ministry differently; bring your questions to a trusted pastor. Begin with this shared invitation: depend on God's Spirit as you learn to follow Jesus each day.

REFLECT

Where do you most need the Spirit's help in your everyday behavior?

PRAY

Holy Spirit, help me follow Jesus. Grow patience, love, and self-control in me. Make me willing to receive Your correction and help. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Choose one quality from Galatians 5:22-23. Practice it intentionally in one conversation today.

DAY 11

Taking the Step of Baptism

Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 6:3-4

Jesus instructed His followers to make disciples and baptize them. Baptism is a significant step in the life of the church, closely connected with following Him. Romans links baptism with Christ's death and resurrection and the call to walk in newness of life.

You may have questions about what baptism means, how it happens, or whether a previous baptism applies to your situation. Christian traditions differ on some of these questions. Speak with your pastor so you understand your church's teaching and the next step for you.

You do not have to know everything before asking. Baptism belongs within the life of a learning community. Let the conversation help you understand the gospel more deeply and respond to Jesus with faith.

REFLECT

What questions would you like to ask a pastor about baptism?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for calling me to follow You. Help me understand baptism and respond faithfully to Your teaching. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Contact your church about a baptism conversation or class. Write down your questions before you meet.

DAY 12

Finding Your Church Family

Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25

Following Jesus includes learning to walk with other believers. The first Christians shared teaching, prayer, meals, and practical care. A church family gives you people with whom to worship, grow, and serve.

No congregation is perfect. Look for a community that teaches Scripture responsibly, centers its life on Jesus, welcomes honest questions, and practices care and accountability. Healthy leaders receive appropriate oversight and treat people with dignity.

Start by showing up and getting to know people. Ask about a new believer class or small group. You do not need to accept every responsibility offered to you. Give yourself room to learn. Belonging develops through repeated moments of worship, conversation, and care.

REFLECT

What support do you need from a church community in this season?

PRAY

Father, guide me into a healthy church family. Help me receive encouragement and learn to encourage others. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Attend a worship service or contact a church leader about a new believer class. Introduce yourself to one person.



DAY 13

Learning with Someone

Acts 8:26-35; Proverbs 13:20

The Ethiopian official in Acts was reading Scripture but needed help understanding it. Philip joined him, listened to his question, and explained the good news about Jesus. Asking for help opened the way for understanding.

A mature Christian can help you learn to pray, read the Bible, and navigate unfamiliar decisions. Look for someone who is humble, dependable, and willing to point you toward Jesus. Maturity is seen in character over time.

Healthy discipleship leaves room for questions and appropriate boundaries. You should not be pressured into secrecy, financial dependence, or unquestioning loyalty to one person. Seek someone connected to an accountable church community. Learning together can help you build confidence while keeping Christ at the center.

REFLECT

Who could help you grow through honest conversation and a consistent example?

PRAY

Lord, bring wise and caring people into my life. Give me humility to learn and discernment about whom I trust. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Ask a trusted pastor or church leader to help you find a mature believer for regular conversation and prayer.

DAY 14

When You Are Tempted

Matthew 4:1-11; 1 Corinthians 10:13

Temptation does not mean that your decision to follow Jesus was false. Jesus Himself was tempted, yet He remained faithful. You can acknowledge a temptation without accepting it as your identity or giving it control of your actions.

Notice the situations that weaken your judgment. Exhaustion, secrecy, certain conversations, or easy access to an old habit may leave you vulnerable. God's provision may include a practical way out: leaving the room, calling someone, turning off a device, or changing your routine.

Learn Scripture that speaks to your struggle and seek support early. If you fall, confess and return to God. A setback calls for an honest response and a wiser plan. You can keep learning how to choose what leads to life.

REFLECT

What situation makes it easier for you to return to an unhealthy pattern?

PRAY

Father, help me recognize temptation and take the way of escape You provide. Give me courage to ask for help before I give in. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Identify one trigger and one practical boundary. Share your plan with a trustworthy person if the struggle is recurring.

DAY 15

Renewing Your Mind

Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 4:8-9

Your thoughts shape what you expect, how you interpret people, and the choices you make. Becoming a Christian begins a process of learning to think in ways shaped by God's truth.

Renewal involves attention and practice. Notice the ideas you repeatedly take in through entertainment, conversations, and your own self-talk. Ask whether they encourage truth, wisdom, and love. Make room for Scripture and for people who help you think clearly.

A painful or unwanted thought is not automatically a choice you have made. Bring recurring distress to God, and seek appropriate support when needed. Growth happens as you learn to pause, examine what you believe, and choose a faithful response. God can work in your thinking through patient, ordinary practice.

REFLECT

What repeated thought needs to be examined in the light of Scripture?

PRAY

Lord, renew my mind. Help me recognize what is true and practice thoughts that lead toward wisdom and love. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write down one discouraging thought. Beside it, write a truthful response grounded in a passage you understand in context.

DAY 16

Obedience in Small Things

James 1:22-25; Luke 16:10

You may wonder what God wants you to do with your whole life. Often the next step is already within reach: tell the truth, keep a promise, apologize, or treat someone with patience.

James teaches that hearing God's Word should lead to doing it. Learning becomes fruitful as it changes a real decision. You do not need a public role to begin practicing faithfulness. Many meaningful acts of obedience are seen by very few people.

Your obedience does not purchase God's love. It expresses growing trust in the One who loves you. Choose one clear response today and follow through. Over time, these ordinary choices help form a life that reflects Jesus.

REFLECT

What clear instruction have you understood but postponed acting on?

PRAY

Jesus, help me put Your teaching into practice. Give me courage to obey in the small decisions that shape my day. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Choose one specific action from today's readings and complete it before the day ends.

DAY 17

Learning to Forgive

Ephesians 4:31-32; Romans 12:18-21

When someone hurts you, forgiveness can feel far away. Begin by telling God the truth about the wound. You do not have to pretend that the harm was small or that healing is complete.

As people forgiven in Christ, we are called to release personal revenge and learn mercy. That work can take repeated prayer and support. Forgiveness does not require immediate trust, restored access, or silence about abuse. Reconciliation depends on truth, accountability, and the willingness of those involved.

God cares about your safety and your healing. Ask Him for help with bitterness while taking wise steps to protect yourself. You can pursue forgiveness and maintain appropriate boundaries. Let a trustworthy pastor or qualified counselor help you work through deep wounds.

REFLECT

What hurt do you need to bring to God without minimizing it?

PRAY

Father, You know what happened and how it affected me. Help me release revenge, receive healing, and make wise decisions about boundaries. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write a private prayer about one hurt. If the situation involves ongoing harm, seek trusted support and prioritize safety.

DAY 18

Trusting God with Worry

Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:6-7

New faith does not make every worry disappear. You may still face bills, family concerns, or uncertainty about tomorrow. Jesus speaks to people with real needs and reminds them of their Father's care.

Prayer gives you somewhere to bring those concerns. Name the need clearly. Ask for help, thank God for the care you have received, and consider the responsible step available today. Trust can include making a plan or reaching out for practical assistance.

If anxiety is persistent or overwhelming, seeking professional care can be part of receiving help. You have no reason to feel ashamed of that need. Let today be about walking with God through the next manageable step. You do not have to solve your entire future this morning.

REFLECT

Which worry is taking up the most room in your mind today?

PRAY

Father, I bring You the concern I keep carrying. Give me peace, wisdom, and courage for today's responsibilities. Help me receive the support I need. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write one concern, pray about it, and identify one useful action you can take today.

DAY 19

Faith through Hard Days

John 16:33; Psalm 13

Following Jesus does not place you beyond grief, disappointment, or hardship. Jesus told His disciples that they would face trouble. He also gave them reason for courage in His victory.

Psalm 13 shows that faith has room for honest lament. The psalmist brings questions and sorrow to God. You can do the same. Tears and faithful prayer can exist together, even when you cannot explain your circumstances.

Be cautious about measuring God's love by how easy your week has been. During difficulty, keep reaching toward Him and toward people who can offer care. Sometimes the faithful step is a quiet prayer, a meal, a counseling appointment, or allowing someone to sit beside you. You are allowed to need support.

REFLECT

What honest question or sorrow do you need to bring to God?

PRAY

Lord, meet me in what hurts. Help me hold on to You and receive care while I walk through this season. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Read Psalm 13 aloud. Then write a short prayer in your own words and contact someone if you need support.

DAY 20

Recognizing Your Shepherd

John 10:1-18; James 1:5

Jesus describes Himself as the good shepherd who cares for His sheep and lays down His life for them. Knowing His character helps you evaluate the voices competing for your attention.

A strong feeling, impressive speaker, or urgent claim should still be examined. Ask whether the teaching agrees with Scripture read in context. Consider whether it reflects Christ's character and allows room for wise counsel. Pressure and fear can make poor guides.

You can ask God for wisdom without demanding an immediate sign. Read, pray, ask questions, and give important decisions appropriate time. As you become familiar with Jesus through Scripture, you gain a firmer foundation for discernment. His care is trustworthy even when a decision requires patience.

REFLECT

How do you usually decide whether spiritual advice is trustworthy?

PRAY

Good Shepherd, teach me to know Your character. Give me wisdom to recognize faithful teaching and resist pressure that leads me away from You. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Take one piece of spiritual advice you have heard recently. Examine its biblical support and discuss any questions with a trusted pastor.



DAY 21

Worship beyond a Song

Romans 12:1; Psalm 100

Music can help you express love and gratitude to God. Worship also reaches into the way you offer Him your daily life. Your attention, work, speech, and treatment of others all matter.

You can worship while completing an ordinary responsibility with integrity. You can thank God during a quiet walk. In gathered worship, you can sing, listen to Scripture, pray, and join the community's response to Him.

You do not need to imitate someone else's outward expression to be sincere. Begin with honest gratitude and a willing heart. As you learn more about God's goodness, let that understanding shape both your praise and your conduct. The One you honor in church is present in the rest of your week.

REFLECT

What ordinary part of your day could become an intentional offering to God?

PRAY

Father, receive my worship. Help me honor You with my words, attention, work, and relationships today. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Thank God for three specific gifts. Then complete one ordinary responsibility with deliberate care and integrity.

DAY 22

Receiving the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Jesus shared bread and a cup with His disciples and told them to remember Him. Christians continue this practice, often calling it Communion or the Lord's Supper. It directs our attention to His body given and His blood shed.

This shared meal calls for reverence, gratitude, and care for the church community. Paul's instructions challenge selfishness and call believers to examine themselves. Take time to confess sin and consider how you are treating others.

Churches differ in their teaching about Communion and who should receive it. Ask your pastor how your congregation practices it, especially as a new believer. Learning the meaning can help you participate thoughtfully. Keep your attention on Jesus and the grace His sacrifice makes known.

REFLECT

What would help you approach Communion with understanding and gratitude?

PRAY

Jesus, thank You for giving Yourself for us. Help me remember Your sacrifice and treat Your people with love and respect. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Ask a church leader about Communion and how to prepare. Read Luke's account before your next opportunity to participate.

DAY 23

Learning to Love People

John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Jesus taught His disciples that love would identify them as His followers. This love becomes visible in how we treat real people, including those who inconvenience us or see things differently.

Love can mean listening without preparing a defense. It can mean speaking truth gently, keeping a confidence, or offering practical help. It also requires wisdom. Caring for someone does not mean agreeing to every request or allowing harmful behavior.

Begin with the relationships already in your life. Ask God to show you where impatience, pride, or indifference has become a habit. You may not be able to change another person's response, but you can take responsibility for yours. A small act of faithful love can matter deeply to the person receiving it.

REFLECT

Who needs a more patient or attentive response from you?

PRAY

Jesus, teach me to love as Your disciple. Help me listen, speak truth with care, and respond with wisdom. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Offer one specific act of love today: listen carefully, help with a task, or offer a sincere apology where needed.

DAY 24

Serving with What You Have

Mark 10:42-45; 1 Peter 4:10-11

Jesus showed His greatness through service. As you follow Him, you will discover ways to use your time, abilities, and experience for the good of others.

You do not need a title to be useful. Welcoming a guest, helping with a practical need, or encouraging a lonely person can be meaningful service. Ask what is needed and be willing to learn from those already doing the work.

Serve with humility and healthy limits. New believers need time for learning, rest, and care, and churches should respect that. You are free to begin with a manageable commitment. Faithful service grows from love for God and people; your value does not depend on how many tasks you accept.

REFLECT

What ability or practical resource could you offer to help someone?

PRAY

Father, show me a wise way to serve. Help me use what I have with humility, generosity, and healthy limits. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Ask about one simple opportunity to help at church or in your community. Choose a commitment you can realistically keep.

DAY 25

Trusting God with Your Resources

2 Corinthians 9:6-8; 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Money can carry strong emotions, especially when you have experienced scarcity or debt. Following Jesus invites you to bring your financial decisions into your life with Him.

Scripture encourages generosity that is willing and thoughtful. Giving should not be driven by manipulation or a promise that a certain amount will purchase God's favor. Ask questions, understand where gifts go, and seek trustworthy guidance about your responsibilities.

Stewardship also includes caring for your household, planning, and handling what you have honestly. If resources are limited, begin with a realistic plan. You can practice generosity through time and care as well as money. Ask God to grow contentment and wisdom while you make responsible choices.

REFLECT

What fear or habit most affects the way you handle money?

PRAY

Father, teach me to manage my resources wisely. Grow contentment and willing generosity in me, and help me meet my responsibilities with integrity. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Review one week of spending. Identify one wise adjustment and one affordable way to practice generosity.

DAY 26

Sharing Your Story

Mark 5:18-20; 1 Peter 3:15-16

You may feel that you do not know enough to talk about Jesus. Begin with what you honestly know: why you turned to Him and what you are learning. Your story does not need dramatic details to be meaningful.

Speak respectfully and listen to the other person's experience. If you do not know the answer to a question, say so. You can offer to learn more rather than pretending certainty. Keep the focus on Jesus and the hope you have found in Him.

Sharing faith is an expression of care. Give people room to respond without pressure. Your words matter, and so does the way you treat someone before and after the conversation.

REFLECT

How would you explain your decision to follow Jesus in a few honest sentences?

PRAY

Jesus, give me courage to speak about You with gentleness and respect. Help my life and words reflect Your love. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write three short sentences about why you came to Jesus, what you now trust about Him, and what you are learning.

DAY 27

Praying for Your One

Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Timothy 2:1-6

Think of one person you would love to see come to know Jesus. That person has a name, a story, and needs you may not fully understand. Begin by praying with care rather than treating them as a project.

Ask God to bless them, meet their needs, and open appropriate opportunities for conversation. Pay attention to ways you can be a dependable friend. A meal, a thoughtful message, or practical support can express sincere love.

You may eventually invite them to church or share what Jesus means to you. Respect their freedom to respond. You cannot force faith or control the timing. Your part is to pray, care, and speak faithfully when an opportunity comes.

REFLECT

Who is one person you can pray for and care for consistently?

PRAY

Father, I bring this person to You by name. Show them Your love, meet their needs, and help me be a caring, respectful witness. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write down one name. Pray for that person today and choose one natural way to offer encouragement without pressure.

DAY 28

Growing through Questions

Mark 9:14–29; John 20:24–29

Questions may arise as you read the Bible or talk with people who believe differently. Having a question does not require you to withdraw from God or pretend to be certain.

In Mark 9, a father brings both his belief and his need for help to Jesus. His honest response gives you language for moments when trust feels difficult. Bring your questions into prayer and into thoughtful conversation.

Seek answers from people who handle Scripture carefully and welcome honest inquiry. Some questions become clearer through study; others require patience. Keep distinguishing a difficult question from the claim that nothing can be trusted. You can continue learning, practicing what you understand, and asking for help where you do not.

REFLECT

What question have you hesitated to ask because you feared being judged?

PRAY

Jesus, I bring You my belief and my uncertainty. Help me seek truth with humility and grow in trust as I learn. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write one honest question. Arrange to discuss it with a trusted pastor or mature believer who welcomes questions.

DAY 29

Building a Sustainable Rhythm

John 15:1-11; Galatians 6:9

A healthy spiritual life grows through continued relationship with Jesus. In John 15, He describes branches that depend on a vine. Fruit grows through that connection.

Choose a rhythm you can sustain. A short daily time in Scripture and prayer, weekly worship, and regular conversation with another believer provide a useful beginning. Your schedule should support your growth within your real responsibilities.

If you miss a day, return the next day. You do not need to punish yourself or abandon the whole plan. Notice what interrupted you and adjust where necessary. Some growth will be quiet and gradual. Keep making room for Jesus, trusting that faithful practice can shape you over time.

REFLECT

What simple rhythm could you maintain during an ordinary busy week?

PRAY

Jesus, help me remain close to You. Teach me consistency without pride and perseverance when my routine is interrupted. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Choose a regular time and place for ten minutes with God. Plan your next church visit and one conversation for encouragement.

DAY 30

The Journey Continues

Philippians 1:3-6; Matthew 28:18-20

Thirty days ago, you began setting aside time to learn what it means to follow Jesus. You may have discovered new hope, new questions, or areas where you need help. Pause and thank God for what you have received.

This devotional is a beginning. Disciples keep learning to trust Jesus, practice His teaching, and share life with His people. You will need grace throughout the journey, just as you needed it on the first day.

Look ahead with a practical plan. Continue reading Scripture, praying honestly, and participating in a healthy church. Ask for help when you stumble. Offer care as you grow. The Jesus who calls people to follow Him also promises His presence. Take your next step with Him.

REFLECT

What has changed during these thirty days, and what is your next step?

PRAY

Father, thank You for beginning this work in me. Help me keep following Jesus with faith, humility, and love. Guide my next steps and help me encourage others. Amen.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Write a plan for the next thirty days: a Bible reading, a prayer time, a church connection, and one person you will encourage.

Your next thirty days

Continue with a simple reading plan and a rhythm you can sustain.

— DAYS 01 TO 21

Read one chapter of the Gospel of John each day. Take more time with a passage whenever you need it.

— DAYS 22 TO 30

Read Acts 1 through 9, one chapter per day. Notice how the first believers prayed, learned, and shared the good news.

— MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write one thing you learn about God, one question, and one action you can practice. Bring your questions to a trusted pastor or mentor.

Take your next step

— MY TIME WITH GOD

When and where will I read and pray?

— MY CHURCH CONNECTION

Where will I worship and grow with others?

— SOMEONE TO WALK WITH ME

Whom will I ask for regular encouragement?

— MY NEXT CONVERSATION

What do I want to ask my pastor?

— MY ONE

For whom will I pray and show care?

— WHAT I AM LEARNING

What truth do I want to remember?

Make room to reflect

What has God been teaching you? Write your questions, insights, and next steps.

Keep a prayer record

Bring your needs to God. Return here to record answers, gratitude, and the people you are praying for.



The journey continues.

Keep following Jesus. Keep learning.
Keep growing.

A daily guide for the first steps of faith, with Scripture readings, reflection, prayer, and practical ways to grow.