BUT HE WHO RECEIVED SEED ON THE GOOD GROUND IS HE WHO HEARS
THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT, WHO INDEED BEARS FRUIT AND PRODUCES:
SOME A HUNDREDFOLD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY."
MATTHEW 13:23

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GLORY BE ONLY TO GOD



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All glory to God alone! We praise Him for the privilege of being used to bring glory to His name. The heart of this book, Seed and Soil, is to guide readers and writers into a deeper walk with God, rooted in His Word. Our prayer is that every heart becomes fertile soil ready to receive His truth, grow in His love, and bear lasting fruit for His Kingdom.

As Jesus calls us to be new creations, we long to walk in daily transformation through His grace. Changed by Him, we hope to become vessels through which others encounter His renewing power.

We are grateful to celebrate six months of this devotional journey. By God's faithfulness, this printed edition exists. Behind each page are dedicated hearts individuals who made space for God despite busy lives. Their obedience has inspired others to step forward in faith.

This journey reminds us that God can use anyone. No gift is too small when surrendered to Him. Offer what you have He will multiply it for His glory.

We ask for your continued prayers. Let us lay aside the old, step boldly into the new, and build His Kingdom together.
Let His name alone be glorified!

The Rock Refined

The Transformation Of Peter

Before	After
Flawed	Refined
Ran away	Ran to God
Self-reliant	God dependent
Uncommitted	Purpose driven
Impulsive	Patient
Weak	Strong in Christ
Doubted	Rooted in Faith
Hid in fear	Bold witness



Peter was impulsive, eager to follow Jesus, amazed by His wonders, yet still a work in progress. Though he shared deep intimacy with Christ and never strayed far from His side, **he once faltered, denying Him when it mattered most.** In that moment, the **"rock"** was not yet strong enough to stand firm.

But Jesus didn't see Peter as disqualified. Instead, He asked, **"Do you love Me?"** not to condemn, but to **restore**. That question pierced Peter's heart, not with shame, but with **grace**. Every time Peter failed, he knew where to run, not away from God, **but toward Him.**

Peter was not discarded. **He was refined.**

The man who once hid in fear became the bold proclaimer of the risen Christ. His transformation reminds us that **God doesn't give up on us**. When we choose to run back to Him, He shapes us, flawed yet chosen, into foundations of faith.

Let Him Cook

Friends, sometimes we need to step out of God's kitchen and just let Him cook.

Consider the Israelites. They were delivered from Egypt, led through the Red Sea, and guided by **God through cloud and fire.** Yet, they grumbled. They longed for Egypt, saying, "At least we had meat there." Imagine that—finding comfort in captivity. Their **ungratefulness didn't cancel God's promise, but it delayed the fulfilment.** What should have been an 11-day journey took 40 years because they couldn't trust the Chef.

Now, look at the wedding in Cana. The wine runs out. Mary tells Jesus, and He replies, "My hour has not yet come." Still, **He turns water into wine**, and it's better than the first. But imagine the wine He would have served if given His full timing. It was sweet already, **but how much sweeter if they had waited?**

The miracle is already in motion. The table is being set. But our impatience, our complaints, and our longing for the familiar, even when it was painful, **can delay the feast.**

So today, don't peek in the pot. Don't snatch the spoon. Sit down. **Trust the process. Let Him cook.**

Because when God is the Chef, the **final dish is worth the wait.**

From Grief To Joy

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.- John 16:20

These words, spoken by Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago, **"You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy,"** have comforted countless hearts in sorrow. But before they reached us, they were first heard by His disciples.

Jesus spoke them on Thursday of Holy Week, in the Upper Room. By Friday, He was crucified. The world rejoiced, and His followers were devastated. Then came Saturday, a day of silence, confusion, and grief.

Did His words echo in the silence for the disciples? 'You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy.' Did they dare to believe it?

Jesus wasn't offering wishful thinking. **He was declaring a promise rooted in the story of God's people.** From Abraham's long wait to Israel's wilderness wandering, **God consistently turned sorrow into joy.** It wasn't always fast. It often came through loss. But **God was always faithful.**

If today feels like your **"Saturday,"** a time of waiting, mourning, or uncertainty, remember this: **the promise still stands.**

"You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy."

Cling to it. Not because it's easy, but because of the One who spoke it, and the **empty tomb that proved it true.**

Your joy is coming. Hold on. God is still turning mourning into dancing, sorrow into singing, and grief into joy.

God Brings The Growth

Ever felt like evangelism is just too much? Too hard? Like it all depends on you, and you're already tired? You're not alone. And here's the truth: **you were never meant to do it all.**

1 Corinthians 3:7 reminds us, ***"So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."***

This verse lifts the pressure. It's not all on your shoulders. **God is the one who brings growth.** That's His role. Ours is to take small, faithful steps: **planting seeds** of truth, kindness, prayer, encouragement, and trusting Him to do what only He can.

Evangelism isn't a solo act. It's a shared mission. Across the world, believers are planting and watering in homes, cities, and communities. You might plant. Someone else might water. But it's **God who moves hearts.**

So what might that look like today? Maybe it's a message to a friend, offering to pray, inviting someone to church, or sharing how Jesus changed your life. **Simple and faithful acts. God can use them in powerful ways.** Take the pressure off. You don't need to do everything. **Just do something.** You're not alone, and the outcome isn't on you.

You plant. Someone else waters. **God brings the growth.**

No Greater Love

There is **no greater love than the love Jesus showed** when He laid down His life, for His friends. **For us.**

Jesus wasn't just a good man who died an unjust death. **He was the spotless Son of God.** Sinless, blameless, holy. Death had no claim on Him. **Yet He willingly embraced it so that we might have eternal life**.

That alone would be enough to leave us in awe. But what makes His sacrifice even more astounding is who He died for.

When Jesus spoke these words in **John 15**, He was talking to a group of imperfect friends: a hot-headed fisherman, a skeptical doubter, a tax collector, a political zealot, and brothers who once wanted to call down fire on a village. And beyond that room? Prostitutes, outcasts, the unclean, sinners **and us.**

Jesus laid down His life so that anyone could become His friend. So that everyone might receive His love. So we would know, deep in our hearts, that **we are not rejected or forgotten, but known and embraced.**

Take a moment today and rest in this truth: There is no greater love than the love Jesus has for you. **He proved it on the cross.**

5 June 2025 - Thursday

Battlefield – God's Destiny

"The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord." Proverbs 21:31

Life feels like a daily battlefield. Every challenge, big or small, demands strength, and often, it leaves us weary. But one verse that has consistently encouraged me is **Proverbs 21:31**. It carries two powerful truths: **we prepare for battle, but victory is the Lord's.**

Many lose heart even before the fight begins, weighed down by self-doubt or fear. The **"battle"** here reflects both **mental and physical struggles.** Yet, God is the one who prepares us. **Even when we feel incapable, He equips us.**

Look at **David**, a young shepherd boy anointed to be king. He faced Goliath not with superior armour **but with unwavering faith.** Why? Because he knew the **Lord had gone before him.** David wasn't just brave; **he was prepared by God.**

In our own lives, battles may seem overwhelming. But as **Luke 1:30** reminds us, **we have found favour with God.** He takes our struggles personally and fights alongside us. **The outcome is His, and so is the victory.**

So take heart. Prepare with all you have, but trust the One who truly brings the win. **The battlefield is real, but so is God's destiny for you.**

Keep the faith. Victory belongs to the Lord.

Dare To Persevere

Pastor Scott Willis and his wife Janet, along with **six of their nine children**, were driving north in their minivan. All were buckled in when the van struck a large piece of metal on the road, which punctured the gas tank. The vehicle ignited. Though Scott and Janet were thrown from the van, their children were trapped. That day, **six of their children went home to be with the Lord.**

You might think the Willis would feel God was distant, yet amid their burns and bandages, **they still testified to His grace.** At a press conference, Janet recalled her husband saying, **"This is what we have been prepared for. It was quick, but they're with God."** Their **words** were a powerful witness through their **tears and heartbreak.**

"I know God has purposes and reasons," said Scott. Perhaps you, while reading this, silently whispered, ***Dear God, please don't ask that of me.*** What does it mean to truly persevere for God?

It's not easy. **The Bible tells us perseverance is born from suffering and leads to character.** God uses **suffering** to **refine us, spread His gospel, and reveal Himself** more clearly. As metal is tested by fire and made pure, **so are we refined through trials and temptations.** If we desire to grow and mature in our faith, we must be willing to endure.

Are you ready to accept that challenge today?

Do I Really Look Good In This Attire?

"I feel comfortable wearing what I want. It's my freedom." But have we ever stopped to ask: ***What does God think about it?***

Sometimes, our attire can be provoking or seductive, whether we intend it or not. **Yet the Word of God clearly calls us to clothe ourselves with *modesty* and *decency*** (**1 Timothy 2:9**), not to restrict us but to honour us. It speaks to our value.

Our clothing reflects the respect we show to the places we go and, more importantly, **to the One we represent. Proverbs 31 celebrates a woman who is clothed with strength and dignity.** That's not just about fabric. **It's about the spirit behind it.**

As children of God, **it's not always easy to dress** in a way that is **both feminine and honouring.** It requires searching our thoughts and intentions, asking: **Does this reflect God's beauty?**

God values a beauty that goes far beyond outward appearance. As His image-bearers, we're positioned in the highest rank—not to impress the world, **but to reflect His glory.** The real beauty God seeks is one that **grows as our hearts continually surrender to His will.**

Let our clothing speak. Not of rebellion or trend, but of reverence. **Not to draw eyes to us, but hearts to Him.**

Am I Enough?

You know that feeling that sneaks in when we start doubting ourselves? When we look around and think everyone else is **more capable, more confident, more put together than we are?** Yes, that moment when we question our own potential. It can be so discouraging. **It's like our motivation just crashes.**

Think about Eve. She had everything, literally. A loving husband, a beautiful garden, real authority, and most amazing of all: daily fellowship with God. **She was deeply known and loved.** But even then, one voice—just one—convinced her that maybe God wasn't holding her best interest at heart. That maybe there was more.

That whisper planted something dangerous in her heart: discontent. She longed for what she didn't have, **even though she already had more than enough.**

Honestly, **we still face the same whispers today.** The **world constantly tells us** that success means a high-paying job, that happiness is found in the latest brand, a certain hair colour, or living up to someone else's picture of perfection. There's pressure. **Pressure that says we need more to be enough.**

But here's the truth Paul shares in the Bible: **"Godliness with contentment is great gain."** That's the real treasure. Contentment doesn't come from what we own or how we look. **It comes from knowing God.** That's where real joy and satisfaction live.

A Childlike Hunger For God's Truth

As **1 Peter 2:2** says,
"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."

This verse speaks to the essential nature of God's Word in a believer's life. Just as infants instinctively crave milk for physical growth, **Christians are called to deeply desire the pure, nourishing Word of God for spiritual development.**

The **"sincere milk"** refers to **unadulterated, undiluted truth—free from deception or human distortion.** This kind of hunger signifies humility, dependence, and a **longing for God's guidance.**

When we approach Scripture with an **open heart, free from pride and pretense,** we allow it to **shape our thoughts, strengthen our faith, and mature our character.**

Spiritual growth is not automatic. **It comes through intentional and consistent intake of God's truth.**

Let us examine our spiritual appetite today. **Are we craving God's Word as we should?** May our hearts return to that childlike eagerness, trusting that in His Word we find life, direction, and strength for each day.

10 June 2025 - Tuesday

Loved Beyond Measure

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”-1 John 3:1

It’s a humbling thought. The God who crafted the universe, who made the stars, the galaxies, and the vast expanse of all that exists, **knows you by name. Even more, He loves you deeply and personally.**

His love is unlike anything this world offers. I**t is limitless, unchanging, and unconditional.**

It reaches into the darkest corners of our hearts and brings light. **It seeks us out even when we wander, leaving the ninety-nine to find the one who is lost** (**Luke 15:4**). That is the heart of our Shepherd.

There is no shadow too dark, no mountain too steep, and no wall too thick for Him. His love breaks through every barrier. **He pursues us with a passion that is both unwavering and tender.**

Let this truth settle deep in your soul. You are not just slightly loved; **you are loved beyond measure by the One who made everything.**

Lord, thank You for loving me so deeply. Help me to rest in the assurance that **I am fully known and fully loved by You.** Amen.

Joy In The Lord

Nehemiah 8:10 says, **"Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."** At first, Ezra's words to the people of Israel don't seem to make sense. He had just read the Book of the Law of Moses to them, and upon hearing it, the people began to weep. **The Word of the Lord is holy. It is like a double-edged sword that pierces the soul and convicts the heart. It leads us to repentance.**

This is exactly what happened when Ezra read the Law from morning until midday. **The people were broken.** But then, Ezra called the day holy to the Lord and urged them **not to grieve, but to rejoice.**

Why? **Because when we bring our vulnerable, repentant hearts before God, His grace meets us in that place.** His forgiveness is extended to us—not because we have fulfilled His perfect law, which we never could in our own strength, but because of His mercy. **When our pride is broken and we humbly accept His mercy,** it produces joy in the Lord. And that **joy becomes our strength.**

Friends, **joy is a fruit of the Spirit.** It is not just an emotion or a fleeting feeling. It is born from the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.

If today you find yourself striving to be joyful by your own effort, **stop and surrender.** Make room for the Spirit of God to move in your heart. Let His joy be your strength.

12 June 2025 - Thursday

Be The Kind One

Luke 10:25–37

Jesus tells the story of a Samaritan who showed mercy to a wounded stranger, teaching that **being a true neighbour means loving others through compassionate action, not just words.**

He teaches us that loving our neighbour means **showing kindness to anyone who needs help,** not just our friends or people like us. Sometimes, those around us are hurting in ways we don't see. **They may need encouragement, support, or simply someone who cares.**

In this teaching, **Jesus reminds us that real love goes beyond words; it requires action.** Even when it's uncomfortable or inconvenient, we are called to help. It doesn't matter where someone is from or what they believe. **What matters is our willingness to show mercy.**

Being a "neighbour" isn't about location, it's about compassion. So, let's start loving others as we love ourselves.

Prayer:
Lord, help us to love others the way You love us. **Open our eyes to see those in need** and give us the courage to show kindness, even when it's hard. **Help us be like the Good Samaritan**, someone who loves with action, not just words. Amen.

Through His Eyes

1 Samuel 16:7 bible say, **"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."**

When people saw **David** as a shepherd, **God saw him as a king.** When people saw **Esther** as an orphan, **God saw a queen.** When people saw **Ruth** as an unworthy (Moabite) widow, **God chose her descendants to bring Jesus into the world.**

Child of God, **the world might call you unworthy,** but remember **He is El Roi, the God who sees us.** How often do we fail to see others the way God sees us? God created mankind in His own image (**Psalm 139**). If so, aren't we supposed to do the same?

We should try to **look at others through His eyes:** tender and compassionate, seeing only beauty and overlooking flaws. His eyes feel the ache of a broken heart, weep for our sorrows, see the soul rather than outward appearance, and love us beyond measure (**Ephesians 3:19**).

In this broken world, where everyone is longing for someone to help them and wipe their tears away, **we, the beloved children of Christ, should try to be more like Him.** See others through His eyes and help mend their shattered hearts (**Psalm 147:3**) through our Prince of Peace, who gives peace that passes all understanding (**Philippians 4:7**). Amen.

I Am Chosen

“For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world.” (**Ephesians 1:4**).

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you.” (**John 15:16**).

"I am chosen" is something we often hear. But have you ever longed to be chosen in a way that makes you feel truly desired?

Ephesians 1:4 tells us that the Lord chose you before the foundation of the world, not because of what you would do, but simply because He wanted you. **You are chosen not for a task, but for a relationship.**

Jesus affirms in **John 15:16,** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you."

In one of Israel’s most crucial battles, after Goliath had completely terrorized Saul’s army, **God chose a young, inexperienced boy** to be the man of the hour. Imagine the Israelites’ amazement as they saw an unarmored David approaching Goliath. How could this teen be so confident in victory?

David knew a simple, powerful truth: whatever **God chooses you to do, He equips you to do.** He wasn’t relying on his own strength, but on God's. Standing before the giant, David declared, **"The battle is the Lord’s"** (**1 Samuel 17:47**).

You are chosen. And when God chooses you, **He will equip you.** You don’t have to strive to be enough; you already are in His eyes.

Let this truth settle in your heart today:
You are chosen. You will be equipped.

15 June 2025 - Sunday

Divine Direction In Daily Decisions

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans. The LORD works out everything to its proper end, even the wicked for a day of disaster." (**Proverbs 16:3–4**)

Proverbs 16:3 encourages us to place our trust in God as we make plans, acknowledging His sovereign purpose in all matters. It emphasizes the importance of **seeking divine guidance and recognizing God's ultimate authority** over our lives and the lives of all.

This verse reminds us to **rely on God in every circumstance**, large or small, entrusting our concerns to Him and acknowledging His sovereignty.

However, **we often face challenges by relying on our own understanding** and pursuing selfish desires rather than **seeking God's guidance through prayer.** This can lead to setbacks and an inability to perceive God's blessings.

When we approach God with sincere prayer, surrendering our difficulties and letting go of selfish motives, **He provides solutions and reveals His power and authority within our lives.**

We must remember that **God remains in control**, orchestrating all things according to His purpose, even amidst seemingly chaotic or challenging circumstances.

16 June 2025 - Monday

Renewed Minds In A Conforming World

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, His good, pleasing and perfect will."

This verse reminds **us to live differently from the world**, allowing God to transform our thoughts and values. As we allow God to renew our minds, **we gain a clearer understanding of His will for our lives.**

In the contemporary world, we encounter many **philosophies, trending ideologies, and peer pressures** that can easily pull us in multiple directions.

Amidst these conflicting ideas, this verse encourages us to **seek God.** By spending time in **prayer and meditation,** we invite Him to shape our thoughts and values. This enables us to **make decisions that align with His perfect will**, rather than conforming to the crowd.

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, Help us not to conform to the patterns of this world. Teach us to store **Your Word in our hearts,** to meditate on it daily, and **to seek Your presence and will in everything we do.** Let nothing that is outside of Your will take place in our lives. We submit ourselves fully to You. May Your will be done, and **may every door that is not from You be closed.** In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Does God Allow Us To Fail?

Have you ever asked yourself, **“Does God allow us to fail? And if so, why?”** Maybe it was a job opportunity you didn’t get, a goal in sports or academics you didn’t reach, or even something as simple as forgetting to pay a bill. These moments can leave us feeling disappointed and discouraged.

Psalm 145:14 says, **“The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.”** This reminds us that God watches over His people at all times. Sometimes, **He allows us to experience failure—not to harm us, but to draw us closer to Him.**

Another comforting verse is: **“When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand.”** (**Psalm 37:24**)

We can have confidence that even if we stumble in life, **we cannot ultimately fail because God is the One holding us.** He has promised to complete the good work He began in us (**Philippians 1:6**).

Failure is not final. **Every step we take is sovereignly directed and lovingly overseen by our Heavenly Father.** Trust that your setbacks are setups for greater spiritual growth, deeper dependence on Him, and redirection toward His perfect plan.

So plan faithfully, pray deeply, and proceed confidently.
Do not fear. **God is near, and success is clear.**

God's Purpose In Your Life

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" (Genesis 1:27–28)

Here is a short story:

A man was quite unhappy because he believed that life had no purpose. So, he left his house and sat by a trash can. After a while, he noticed someone gathering used bottles from the trash can to reuse them. Another man arrived and took all the cardboard out of the trash can. Then a dog came and began eating food scraps from it, and the man noticed that even an ant was eating what remained.

He thought to himself: ***"If a trash can can be this helpful, what am I?"***

God, our loving Heavenly Father, wants us to find happiness and joy. He created a plan for us—to grow, live by faith, and one day return to live with Him.

Psalm 57:2 says, ***"I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfils His purpose for me."***

This is key to understanding God's purpose for your life. God has numbered your days, and **He will fulfil every purpose He has for you.**

A Heart Of Obedience

***"But Samuel replied: 'Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.'"*-1 Samuel 15:22**

Society defines worth by achievement, but God's priorities are different. King Saul tried to cover disobedience with sacrifice, yet Samuel said, **"To obey is better than sacrifice."** God values obedience over ritual.

David understood this after his sin: "**You do not delight in sacrifice…** a broken and contrite heart you will not despise" (**Psalm 51:16–17**). God looks beyond actions to intentions: **"People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"** (**1 Samuel 16:7**). **Jesus rebuked** those who honoured God with words but **lived in disobedience** (**Matthew 15:8**).

Disobedience grieves God (**Ephesians 4:30**). He desires our trust and surrender. **Obedience doesn't earn His love**—it's a response to it. **"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments"** (**1 John 5:3**).

- **Examine Your Heart**: Ask God to reveal areas of resistance.
- **Listen Actively:** Seek His voice in Scripture (**Psalm 85:8**).
- **Surrender Daily:** Like Jesus, say, "Not my will, but Yours" (**Luke 22:42**).
- **Walk in Love**: Let obedience flow from gratitude (**Colossians 3:17**).

God cherishes the obedient heart that says **"yes"** even before He asks.

The Privilege Of Presence

***"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer."*—1 Peter 3:12.** In a world where countless voices rise daily, it's easy to feel like just another face in the crowd. Yet, Scripture gives us a beautiful truth: **God listens to your prayers.** Not as a distant figure, but as a loving Father who knows your voice (**John 10:27**). **Prayer is an invitation to intimacy with the Creator.**

Life's burdens can weigh us down. When Elijah collapsed in fear and exhaustion, **God revived him not with miracles**, but with a gentle question: **"What are you doing here?"** (**1 Kings 19:9**). Just like David, who sought the Lord before battle, bring your questions to Him. His answers may not come instantly, but **Proverbs 3:6** promises, **"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."**

Prayer involves listening as much as speaking. The psalmist said, **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"** (**Psalm 119:105**). The early church, when persecuted, **"lifted their voices together to God"** (**Acts 4:24**), and were filled with courage.

Moses would not go **forward without God's presence** (**Exodus 33:15**). **James 4:8** assures us, **"Come near to God, and He will come near to you."** His presence is a gift, not something earned.

Prayer is not about fancy words but raw dependence. The tax collector's humble cry, "God, have mercy on me!" (**Luke 18:13**), reached heaven. **Pray boldly—He is listening.**

Providence In The Hurt

Genesis 45:8 says, ***"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household, and ruler of all Egypt."*** When pain yells louder than purpose, forgiveness feels impossible. People will hurt you—just like Joseph's brothers did (**Genesis 37:24–28**). Yet Joseph's insight shifted his perspective: **"God sent me ahead of you to keep people alive"** (**Genesis 45:5**). He recognized God's providence in his betrayal.

Pain often leads to bitterness. We replay the wrongs done to us and wonder, "Why did this happen to me?" But grudges imprison us, not our offenders (**Ephesians 4:26–27**). Nothing touches your life without God's permission. **He can transform even the darkest actions into eventual good** (**Romans 8:28**). Joseph's time as a slave positioned him to save many lives. **Your hurt may become the beginning of healing for others**—even those who wronged you.

Letting go doesn't excuse sin or say the offense was okay. It's trusting God to handle justice (**Romans 12:19**). Jesus, wounded for our sake, said, "Father, forgive them" (**Luke 23:34**). His mercy enables us to extend grace.

- **Think about:** Any grudge you're holding. Ask, "How might this pain have a purpose?"
- **Pray**: "God, help me see Your work in my hurt."
- **Do**: Release the person who hurt you, trusting God to make things right.

Forgiveness isn't weakness. **It's strength rooted in trust that God redeems pain.** Like Joseph, you'll one day say, "You meant it for harm, but God meant it for good." Let God's purpose be your key out of the prison of unforgiveness.

Divine Gatekeeper

God doesn't owe you explanations He offers His faithfulness. Your story is safest in His hands. God's sovereign hands guide every blessing, opportunity, and closed door in your life. We should trust His timing just as Joseph saw God's purpose in both prison and palace (**Genesis 50:20**).

James 1:17 states, "**Every good gift is from above.**" Your talents, relationships, and provisions come from God not by chance. Remember Him as the giver (**1 Corinthians 4:7**).

God closes doors to protect you from harm or to change your direction. **Isaiah 55:8-9** says**, "My thoughts are not your thought I make a way in the wilderness."** See His "no" as a blessing.

When God opens a door, nothing can stop it (**Revelation 3:8**). Take Nehemiah as an example, who saw walls rebuilt despite opposition. Walk through His opportunities with strong faith.

Proverbs 3:5-6 advises, **"Trust in the Lord… He will direct your paths."** Stop demanding specific outcomes. Aim for His glory, not your own plans.

- **Show gratitude** for both open and closed doors.
- **Pray:** "Not my will, but Yours" (**Luke 22:42**).
- **Act:** Go forward when He opens doors; wait when He closes them.

God isn't obligated to explain things to you. He provides His loyalty instead. Your life's journey is most secure when He guides it.

From Uncertainty To Assurance

A major part of setting a way into the **wilderness of adulthood is dealing with uncertainty**. Nothing seems certain at this point in life. People who went to school with you have diverged into different realms of this phase some are working, some are yet to graduate, while others are married and have started their own lives. In this hub of rapidly changing trends, figuring out whether you're rushing, stagnant, or falling behind is not certain either, because it entirely depends on one's perspective of how they view the world and its timeline.

Although the stereotyped timeframe of the world is no longer the same, the pressure to achieve and the anxiety that follows each milestone, whether achieved by a peer or by yourself makes the process tired and weary. In the end, **the prime years of your life fall prey to the rat race of norms.**

A gentle reminder from my favourite hymn, ***Count Your Blessings*** **pause and name each milestone you've achieved one by one.** The song also reminds us that amid the conflicts of life, whether great or small, we should never be disheartened, for He is over all and has promised help and **comfort till your journey's end** not just for a phase.

I strongly recommend listening to the **evergreen hymn by Johnson Oatman.** It reassures you in times when you think all is lost and there is no purpose because a promise of assurance has already been made with Him, and no one's ever seen it unfulfilled.

The Path To Heaven

Imagine you're going to a new place. You call a taxi, and it arrives to take you to your destination. But what if the driver misleads you and drops you somewhere else? Only later do you realize you're lost.

Now, think about this in light of Christ's return. What if we think we're ready, but end up in the wrong place? How do we enter Heaven?

Joel 2:32 says, *"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."* This is the beginning. But is it enough? No because calling on His name is just the start. We must walk the path of Jesus, for He is the only way to Heaven.

In **Matthew 16:24**, **Jesus says, *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."*** This means we must deny ourselves and follow Him.

Will this journey be easy? No. Jesus' path was difficult too. He said in **John 16:33, *"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*** Though we know this, living by faith is still hard.

What should we do? **Romans 10:17** says**, *"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."*** We must meditate on His Word. But is that enough? No we also need the Holy Spirit. Jesus said in **John 3:5, *"Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."***

The gate is narrow. Let us examine our lives and walk the true path so we may enter into glory with Jesus, the King of kings.

Grace Restores What Sin Destroys

James 1:14 says, ***"Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed."*** **Verse 15** continues, ***"After desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death."*** This shows how sin begins in our thoughts, leads to actions, and ultimately causes spiritual death.

Why is this important? In **John 3:5**, Jesus says, ***"Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit."*** Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot enter God's Kingdom.

So, how do we overcome temptation? **Romans 6:14** says, ***"For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace."*** Grace frees us from sin's control. **Grace is God's unmerited favor, given through Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

To live under grace, we must grow in our knowledge of God. **Hosea 6:6** says, ***"I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than burnt offerings."*** As we know Him more, our desires shift from **self-centered to God-centered.**

1 John 1:9 assures us, ***"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us and purify us."*** When we repent and accept Christ, we receive forgiveness and strength to keep living under grace.

So, lets turn towards Christ, as **Exodus 19:5** reminds **us that if we obey God, we become His treasured possession the greatest blessing of all.**

Secret Keeper

Psalm 73:26 – ***"My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever."***

Life is just a rollercoaster. There are days you simply survive without doing anything productive. Sometimes you're so sick that **you can't get out of bed, or you feel so low in your spirit that you're not able to sit in God's presence and pray.** In all these moments of weakness, we often remain silent in our pain. But even then **God knows it all.**

Situations can change overnight, but **He is ours forever**. That is the hope that helps us keep going and face whatever comes our way.

God, as our keeper, always watches over us, providing refuge and safety. A metaphorical meaning is that God protects us as we journey through physical struggles (the sun) and emotional struggles (the moon).

God can also be trusted with our deepest thoughts and secrets, giving us wisdom and guidance.

So just remember God never changes, and He is ours forever.

Prayer:
Dear Lord, thank You for this beautiful day. Lord, please give us Your strength in whatever we are going through now, and help us remain in You. Thank You for hearing our prayer. Amen.

Do Not Conform To This World

Romans 12:2 tells us not to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind. Only then can we identify God's will in our lives.

This means that we, as humans, naturally tend to conform to worldly standards. **We then begin to follow worldly values and beliefs, which deviate us from the will of God.**

Paul asks us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. This happens only when **we read, meditate, and obey the Bible.**

When you meditate and follow His words, **our thoughts are transformed to seek the will of God.**

We calling ourselves Christians, need to reflect if we are conformers of these worldly, secular standards or if we are the children of God who choose to stand out from the world and follow God.

Prayer: Father God as we are bound to this world sometimes its difficult for us to think as you think and to stand out lord help us to renew our thoughts and see and think more like you, Amen.

What Kind of Soil Are You?

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus paints a powerful picture: **the seed is God's Word**, and **we are the soil.** The way we receive the Word determines the fruit it bears in our lives. Some **seeds** fall on the **path** quickly **snatched away** by the enemy before they can take root. Others land on **rocky ground** received with joy, but without depth, they **wither when life gets hard.** Some fall among **thorns** choked out by worry, distractions, and the pursuit of **worldly things.** But some fall on **good soil** hearts that **receive the Word, understand it, and live it out.** These hearts bear lasting fruit.

So… **what kind of soil are you?**

Being good soil doesn't happen by accident. It takes intentional effort. **Good soil is soft a heart that is humble and teachable.** It's deep allowing God's Word to take root beyond surface-level emotions. It's alive nurtured by consistent time in God's word, prayer, worship, and community.

And here's the beautiful truth: **God is our Gardener.** He lovingly tends to us, softens our hearts, removes what hinders growth, and nurtures us with His presence and grace. He is the one who ultimately produces fruit in us we simply need to surrender and stay open to His work.

The Fidelity Of Caleb

In a world where loyalty is fleeting and convictions easily swayed, the story of Caleb shines as a powerful example of **unwavering faith.** When fear paralyzed the majority, Caleb stood firm. God said of him in **Numbers 14:24,** ***"But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it."***

Caleb Had a Different Spirit

While ten spies spread fear, Caleb saw the same giants but trusted in God's power. **His spirit was shaped not by the crowd but by confidence in God's promise.** We are called to do the same to have a "different spirit" rooted in God's truth, not in shifting culture or fear.

Caleb Followed God Wholeheartedly

Five times in **Joshua 14,** Caleb's wholehearted devotion is mentioned. At 85, he declared, **"I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out… Now give me this mountain"** (**Joshua 14:11–12**). His passion and perseverance inspire us to follow God fully regardless of age or season.

God Rewards Faithfulness

Caleb waited 45 years for the promise, yet he didn't grow bitter. **He kept believing and God honored his faith.** Hebron became his inheritance, a lasting legacy.

Caleb trusted when others doubted, **remained faithful when others fell away,** and finished strong. May we do the same stand firm, follow fully, and trust that God rewards those who are faithful to Him.

Don't Look Back

Genesis 19:26 – "But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt. Sometimes, the greatest obstacle to our future is our attachment to the past. God's call is often forward, but our hearts can still be stuck in yesterday.

1. The Call to Move Forward: God extended mercy to Lot and his family, leading them out of Sodom before judgment fell. The command was clear: **"Do not look back."** Lot's wife was physically leaving the city, but her heart remained behind. Her glance was not just about curiosity **but revealed divided loyalty.** When God delivers us from our **past life of sin, we should not revisit** what He has rescued us from. ***We should not idolize the past that nearly destroyed us.***

2. Disobedience Has Consequences: Lot's wife became a pillar of salt, a frozen monument to delayed obedience and longing for the wrong things. Her story warns us: **partial obedience is disobedience.** God's commands are not optional. Trusting Him means obeying even when it's hard or when the past seems familiar.

3. Fix Your Eyes on the Future God Has for You: Jesus referenced Lot's wife in **Luke 17:32**, saying, "Remember Lot's wife." It's a reminder that following Jesus requires wholehearted surrender. ***We can't move forward with one foot in the past.*** True faith walks forward, not backward. The past may try to call you, but God's future is always better.

Lot's wife reminds us that spiritual progress requires **focus, obedience, and detachment from what God has left behind.** Don't let a backward glance steal your forward calling. Obedience looks ahead, not behind.

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