



# *The Signature Bible™*

**“...so is My  
word that goes  
out from My  
mouth; It will  
not return to  
Me empty, but  
will accomplish  
what I desire  
and achieve the  
purpose for  
which I sent it.”**

**Isaiah 55:11**

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### The Signature Bible™

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Mrs. Marshall (Wahnita) Buchanan



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*To all who dare  
to take God at His Word...  
and who dare  
to let God's Word  
take them wherever He leads*



# PART 1

# 40 Days of PROMISE™

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*A warm welcome to...*  
*40 Days of Promise!*<sup>™</sup>



**A**s a church, we have experienced some wonderful times together. But

with all our hearts, Judy and I believe the next 40 days could prove to be one of the most important seasons in our church's history.

Why? It's because we are going to focus on the Word of God as never before. For years, we have studied and taught and sung and preached and learned and loved and walked God's Word together. Now we are going to do something that I have recommended to you for years: *We are going to write God's Word together.*

In so doing, you will actually create a *Signature Bible*<sup>™</sup> – a portion of Scripture that is as individualized as your signature, as personal as your fingerprint.

God told His servant John:

*“Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

–Revelation 21:5

And that is exactly what we are going to do. As you will soon discover in the pages that lie ahead, God made 5 promises to those who wrote out the sacred words of Scripture. It is from these wonderful promises that *40 Days of Promise™* derives its name.

But that's not all. From the Bible and with the help of Saddleback Pastor Rick Warren's book *The Purpose Driven Life®*, we have been learning the wisdom of ordering our lives according to God's 5 purposes, which are to:

- Worship** – You Were Planned for God's Pleasure
- Fellowship** – You Were Formed for God's Family
- Discipleship** – You Were Created to Become Like Christ
- Ministry** – You Were Shaped for Serving God
- Evangelism** – You Were Made for a Mission

*We have identified key passages in the Bible that powerfully convey each of these 5 purposes. It is these very Bible verses that we will be writing out each day.*

In so doing, we will discover firsthand how God's 5 promises equip and empower us to carry out His 5 purposes.

And there's more. For those of us who want to continue writing the Word after "40 Days" is through, Part 2 of *The Signature Bible™* makes that possible. If you like, you may write out the entire, incomparable Book of Romans. If that's not enough, we have made available to you two more beloved books of the New Testament – an additional 140 days in which you may joyfully immerse yourself in God's Word.

Coupled with the first 40 days, this will give us the opportunity to “do a 180” in one or more specific goal areas of our personal lives!

There is one more thing that makes this journey together very special. Christian Fellowship Church is one of a handful of churches that has been selected to participate in *40 Days of Promise*<sup>™</sup> as a pilot program.

At the close of these 40 days, you will be given a response form on which you will be invited to share the spiritual impact that writing out the Word has had on your life. You will turn these forms in to us and we will forward your responses along to Rick Warren...as he prayerfully considers offering this same experience to many other churches throughout our nation and around the world.

Finally, please let us encourage you to make these 40 days a holy priority by doing the following:

1. Set aside 5 minutes each day to spend in your *Signature Bible*<sup>™</sup>
2. Memorize the theme verse for each week.
3. Participate in a weekly *40 Days of Promise*<sup>™</sup> small group.
4. Do your best to be present for each weekend service.
5. Pray daily, asking God through His promises to fulfill His purposes for your life...and in the life of our church.

With grateful anticipation,



David Neidnagel

*"You know with all  
your heart and soul that  
not one of all the good  
promises the LORD your  
God gave you has failed.*

*Every  
**promise***

*has been fulfilled..."*

*—Joshua 23:14*



# A Life-Changing Journey

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## *Week 1 Memory Verse*

*“You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled...”*

–Joshua 23:14

# Day 1

## The Journey Begins

*“The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.”*

— Proverbs 4:18

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**Y**ou are about to embark on a spiritual adventure. But please be prepared: It may not end here! Over the course of the days that lie just ahead, you may discover you have begun a unique walk with God that you will choose to pursue for the rest of your life.

### It All Begins with God’s Purposes

For the next 40 days, you are going to focus on God’s 5 purposes for your life. In fact, you are about to discover exactly why God has put you on planet Earth.

Most people stumble through life without a clue. They get up...go to school or work...come home...work some more...watch a little TV...fall into bed...then get up the next morning to start the same mind-numbing process all over again.

But not you. Not after these 40 days.

Less than six weeks from now you will be equipped to get out of bed each morning with renewed purpose. You will be prepared to go through each day knowing God's clear direction for your life. At the end of the day, you will be able to look back and immediately determine how close you came to fulfilling your very reason for being.

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But of course, it's one thing to discover God's 5 purposes for your life. It's quite another thing to act on them.

Years ago, a young agriculture student stopped by to visit a friend of his father's who had worked the same farm for 40 years. Eager to share what he had learned in college, he asked the old man, "What would you say if I could tell you how to increase your corn crop by 50%?"

The old man chuckled softly and drawled, "Son, I don't farm half as good as I know how already."

Can you relate? If you're like most people, your biggest challenge isn't a lack of *information*. It's a lack of *dedication*.

Fortunately, God knows we could all use a little help.

“...for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.”

– Psalm 103:14

Wouldn't it be wonderful if somewhere in the Bible God provided us with an extra dose of *consecration* that would enable us to overcome our human *limitations*? In that case, we might find the necessary *motivation* to help us reach our *destination*!

As a matter of fact, God has done exactly that. Not only has He clearly revealed His 5 purposes for our lives, but He has more than graciously equipped us to carry them out. Christians are familiar with many of the wonderful ways God does this.

But there is one...that may have escaped your attention.

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**M**any years ago, God came up with a plan. It was so simple that anyone could do it. It was a plan He liked so well that He loaded it with *Promise* – 5 promises, to be exact, in order to help His people fulfill their 5 purposes.

The first person with whom God shared His plan was Moses. God told Moses to give this plan as a gift to every king of Israel. It was not a mere suggestion for the king to try, but a command the king was to obey.

Why? When God brought His people out of Egypt to become a great nation, He knew it was absolutely essential for Israel to be ruled by righteous leaders. If they were not, the whole country would follow their bad example and force God to withdraw His favor from them.

God's solution was to give His king a single, very specific task that he was to build into his life each day. It was a brilliantly simple practice designed by God to take an ordinary human being and turn him into a great man...one day at a time

This task was something every king could do whether he was young or old, average or gifted. The plan was easy, it was enjoyable...and it guaranteed the king a daily, life-changing encounter with God.

*God commanded each king to write out for himself a portion of the Bible every day. He was to keep this growing collection of Scriptures with him...and read the Bible in his own handwriting daily.*

What could be simpler? What could be easier? Tragically, it appears that many of Israel's kings ignored God's plan. Over the years, it fell into disuse and obscurity. For centuries, few of God's people even heard of this life-changing practice.

But when God sent His only Son into the world, everything changed. Because of our faith in Jesus through His death, burial and resurrection, each of us was given direct access to God.

We are no longer a nation of commoners led by one all-too-human, often disobedient king. God's Word says:

*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

–1 Peter 2:9

Isn't that amazing? Those who have put their trust in Christ are a “royal” priesthood. We're *royalty!* As members of God's royal family, what was once God's life-changing gift to His kings...is now ours to enjoy.

*“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us...”*

–Romans 15:4

After all these years, *The Signature Bible*<sup>TM</sup> has been designed to capture the purity, power and promise of this ancient gift of God...in order to reverently place it in the hands of His people.

5 Purposes.

5 Promises.

One Plan.

## ***40 Days of Promise!***<sup>TM</sup>

# ***Day 1***

**Key Verse:** “Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” –James 1:22

**Key Thought:**

Do what you know to do.

**Key Questions:**

Do I really want to deepen my walk with God? Am I willing to spend five minutes a day in my *Signature Bible*<sup>TM</sup> for the next 40 days? If so...at what time each day?<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>If you have not yet begun your *personal* journey with Jesus, you are warmly invited to pray the prayer found on page 384 – the last page of your *Signature Bible*<sup>TM</sup>.



Day

# Loving God and Each Other

*“But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.”*

–Psalm 33:11

*“I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.”*

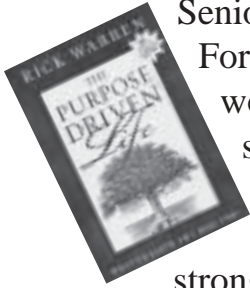
–Psalm 57:2

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**A** life lived without purpose is a *meaningless* life.  
A life lived for the wrong purpose is a *disfigured* life.  
A life lived for anything less than God’s purpose is a *squandered* life.

If you are going to become everything Jesus created you to be, you must discover God’s 5 purposes for your life.

In our day, there is probably no one who can help you make that discovery more effectively than Rick Warren, Senior Pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. He has made it his life's work to understand God's 5 purposes and share them with countless numbers of people around the world.



If you have not already done so, we strongly urge you to purchase and read his bestselling book *The Purpose Driven Life*® published by Zondervan. God will use it to change your life.

Today, let's begin by taking a brief, but exciting look at your first two purposes, Worship and Fellowship:

## **Purpose #1 - Worship**

Your first purpose is to worship God with every fiber of your being.

*“Through Jesus...let us continually offer  
to God a sacrifice of praise...”*

—Hebrews 13:15

What does it mean to praise and worship God? One church leader put it this way:

### **Worship is**

Understanding who you are...

Understanding who God is...

And responding appropriately.

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Accordingly, there are countless ways to worship God. Here are just a few:

1. Schedule meaningful time alone with Him each day.
2. Tell Him how great you think He is.
3. Sing songs to Him.
4. Give Him your total attention.
5. Find out what He wants you to do and do it with all your might.
6. Brag about Him to other people.
7. Love Him passionately with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

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<sup>1</sup>Psalm 145:2...<sup>2</sup>Psalm 31:19...<sup>3</sup>James 5:13...<sup>4</sup>Psalm 141:8  
<sup>5</sup>John 14:15...<sup>6</sup>Ecclesiastes 9:10...<sup>7</sup>Psalm 26:12...<sup>8</sup>Mark 12:30

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## Purpose #2 - Fellowship

Your second purpose is to live the life of love that can be found only in the family of God. The apostle Peter encourages Christians to:

*“...love one another deeply, from the heart.”*

—1 Peter 1:22

What a far cry from the stiff, distant relationships some of us settle for! Here are just a few of the ways we can break through into true, Biblical fellowship:

1. Spend time with one another.
2. Study God's Word together.
3. Be accountable to one another.
4. Worship together regularly and often.
5. Be sensitive and responsive to one another's needs.
6. Lovingly tell one another the truth.
7. Treat one another the way you would like to be treated.

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<sup>1</sup>Acts 2:46...<sup>2</sup>Acts 17:11...<sup>3</sup>Matthew 18:15-17...<sup>4</sup>Hebrews 10:25

<sup>5</sup>Acts 4:32...<sup>6</sup>Ephesians 4:15...<sup>7</sup>Matthew 7:12

## *Day 2*

**Key Verse:** “ ‘*Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself...I have heard you.*’ declares the Lord.”

—2 Kings 22:19

**Key Thought:**

Worship flows from a heart of humility.

**Key Question:**

Do I know God well enough to worship Him in a way that will be meaningful to Him?

Day

# Making A Difference

*“Jesus said to them, ‘My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.’ ”*

–John 5:17

**I** magine that you are watching a man throw rocks into a pond. He picks up a large rock and heaves it into the water...but it sinks without making so much as a ripple.

While you are still trying to figure out how such a big rock failed to disturb the surface of the water, the same man picks up a tiny pebble and tosses it into the pond. The huge splash not only drenches both of you but sends a wave rushing across the pond that slaps against the bank on all sides.

Like the big rock, some people look big and important but actually accomplish nothing that truly matters while they are on earth. Others, like the tiny pebble, may be overlooked at first...but discover along the way how to make an impact that will continue to splash heaven’s shores throughout eternity.

Yesterday we focused on the first two purposes of your life. Today we look at your next three purposes. Taken together, they show you how to create the kind of wave that can make a huge eternal difference with your life:

## **Purpose #3 – Discipleship**

Your third purpose is to become more like Jesus in everything you think, say and do. Make it your joy and delight to:

*“...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...”*

–2 Peter 3:18

Growing in Christ is a constant adventure. There’s no stopping place in Him, no time when you’re ever stuck with the thoughts, “Been there...done that.” Here are a handful of keys you can use to accelerate your spiritual growth:

1. Put God ahead of everything and everyone else.
2. Spend time each day in God’s Word.
3. Pray frequently and often.
4. Discipline your mind, making it obedient to Christ.
5. Always remember that you are a citizen of heaven.
6. Stay focused on Jesus.
7. Surrender yourself to the will of God.

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<sup>1</sup>Matthew 6:33...<sup>2</sup>Job 23:12...<sup>3</sup>1 Thessalonians 5:17

<sup>4</sup>2 Corinthians 10:5...<sup>5</sup>Philippians 3:20...<sup>6</sup>Hebrews 12:2...<sup>7</sup>Hebrews 12:9

## Purpose #4 - Ministry

Your fourth purpose is to minister out of a heart overflowing with gratitude because of all God has done for you.

*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

– Ephesians 2:10

God has assigned a specific set of tasks just for you! Here are some great Biblical principles that will help you take your assignment from God to a whole new level:

1. Take inventory of what you have and offer it to God.
2. Be diligent and faithful in everything you do for the Lord.
3. Be willing to make sacrifices for your Savior.
4. Make it your aim to please God, not to receive praise from others.
5. Increase your effectiveness by developing the gifts God has given you.
6. Serve God with your whole heart.
7. Never let your limitations blind you to what God can do through you.

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<sup>1</sup>1 Peter 4:10...<sup>2</sup>1 Corinthians 4:2...<sup>3</sup>Romans 12:1...<sup>4</sup>Matthew 6:1

<sup>5</sup>Matthew 25:14-30...<sup>6</sup>Romans 1:9...<sup>7</sup>1 Corinthians 1:26-29

## Purpose #5 - Evangelism

This amazing new life you have found in Christ is way too good to keep to yourself. You just can't help yourself! You've got to:

*“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”*

—Mark 16:15

Sharing your faith is one of the most rewarding things you will ever do. Here are some Scriptural nuggets that will help you become increasingly effective:

1. Relax and enjoy the experience of sharing your faith. God is the one who does the saving.
2. Don't rule anyone out. You will never meet anyone who is too sinful for Jesus to save.
3. Witnessing isn't selling. It's simply sharing with people the good news of their appointment for eternal life.
4. Satan will fight you when you witness, but God will enable you to overcome every obstacle.
5. Don't give up! Sooner or later, everybody on the side of truth listens to Jesus.
6. God never asks you to be obnoxious while sharing your faith. The most effective way to witness is with gentleness and respect.
7. If you keep telling people about Jesus, one day you will shine like the stars, forever and ever!

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<sup>1</sup>2 Corinthians 5:18...<sup>2</sup>John 6:44...<sup>3</sup>Romans 4:5...<sup>4</sup>Acts 13:48...<sup>5</sup>1 John 4:4

<sup>6</sup>John 18:37...<sup>7</sup>1 Peter 3:15...<sup>8</sup>Daniel 12:3

And that's it! These are your purposes – your reason for being on this earth. Every truth in the Bible points to at least one of these 5 purposes.

On Day 8, you will take pen in hand and begin writing out some of the Bible's most thrilling passages – words that will inspire you to devote your life to *Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry* and *Evangelism*. As you form each letter and word, you will actually begin to experience their life-changing power firsthand.

Between now and then, resolve not to throw away your one and only life. Live it *on purpose*.

## Day 3

**Key Verse:** “...we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” –Acts 4:20

**Key Thought:**

The more precious my relationship with Christ becomes to me...the more I long to share Him with others.

**Key Question:**

Do I automatically look for every God-given opportunity to share my faith?

# An Incomparable Experience

Day

*“Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Write down these words...’ ”*

–Exodus 34:27

*“Thoughts disentangle themselves when they pass through your fingertips.”*

– Dawson Trotman

**T**he Bible mentions God’s *written* Word 294 times in 40 books of the Bible. On 34 occasions, the Bible records that God Himself wrote down His *own* Word.

But here’s the real eye-opener: No less than 26 times in the Bible, God commands *His people* to write down His Word. Clearly, this is a recurring Scriptural theme that deserves our fascinated attention.

Still...of all the times in the Bible when God told one of His servants to write out His Word, none is so striking as His command to every king of Israel:

*“When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life...”*

–Deuteronomy 17:18-19

## **Why would God command every king to write out the Word?**

Kings are busy. Before the printing press was invented, that’s what scribes were for. At first glance, this sounds like a job that ought to be delegated, like we do to Bible publishers today.

But then comes a more perceptive question: “Is there something that occurs when you write out the Bible for yourself that happens in no other way?”

Could it be that writing out the Bible and regularly reading it in your own handwriting causes God’s Word to become part of you in a way not possible through any other means?

As it turns out, that is precisely the case. First of all, research shows that you are *seven times more likely to remember* something if you write it down.<sup>1</sup> That in itself would be enough to inspire most of us to give serious consideration to this ancient Biblical practice.

But there’s more. So much more.

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<sup>1</sup>Howe, Michael J. “Using students’ notes to examine the role of the individual learner in acquiring meaningful subject matter,” *Journal of Educational Research*, 64 (2), October 1970, pp. 61-63.

## **What can I expect when I begin writing out the Word?**

As the Word of God begins to flow from your eyes, through your brain, down your arm, into your pen and onto the page, you may begin to think to yourself, “This must be something like what the prophets felt, as they penned sacred Scripture for the very first time.” Don’t be surprised if you get goose bumps.

More than that, the entire process will slow you down to a richly absorptive pace that will enable you to at least double your understanding of God’s Word. Why? Because of what is necessary in the copying process.

First, you will read aloud the phrase you are about to copy. Then you will mentally read over it again as you write, often glancing back and forth, to make sure you have it letter perfect.

The act of retaining each phrase in your mind long enough to accurately write it will “groove” it into your brain differently and more deeply than if you had merely allowed your eyes to fly across the page.

In addition, there is the physical motion that goes along with writing anything out by hand. You will be literally forming the Word of God, stroke by stroke, letter by letter, word by word, phrase by phrase, verse by verse.

Unlike what often happens when you merely read your Bible, your mind will seldom wander. The very act of recording God’s own words will focus you on their meaning as never before.

Taken together, all of these factors significantly increase your ability to internalize the Word of God. Let's see why.

## **Which Kind of Learner Are You?**

Education professionals tell us there are 3 kinds of learners:

1. Visual – those of us who have to *see* it
2. Auditory – those of us who need to *hear* it
3. Tactile/kinesthetic – those of us who are hands-on, who learn by *doing*

This is important because it explains why some of us do better than others in formal learning situations:

- *Auditory learners* tend to do very well in the average church or classroom, which relies heavily on the spoken word.
- *Visual learners* do somewhat less well, unless the pastor or teacher makes heavy use of visual aids.
- Unless they take notes, *tactile/kinesthetic* learners do not do as well in the typical church or classroom.

Of course, God created all three kinds of learners! So it's not surprising that the plan He designed for writing out the Word suits us all:

1. If you are an auditory learner, you will *hear* the Word as you speak it.
2. If you are a visual learner, you will *see* the Word as you write it.

3. If you are a tactile/kinesthetic learner, you will come alive as you actually *form God's Word with your hands*.

So whether you're a CEO, a salesman, a homemaker or a mechanic, writing out the Word is perfectly suited for you. Of course, while each of us has a primary learning style, most of us are aided by the other two styles as well.

For maximum impact on each person, therefore, educators tell us the ideal learning environment is one that simultaneously employs all three learning styles.

And that is exactly what will begin happening for you on Day 8 in your *Signature Bible*.™

## *Day 4*

**Key Verse:** *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."* —Romans 12:6

**Key Thought:**

God has made me who I am to fulfill the assignment  
He has given me.

**Key Questions:**

What is my primary learning style? When I communicate with others, do I take into consideration that their learning styles may be very different from mine?

Day

# A Total Sensory Experience

*“There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.”*

–1 Samuel 2:2

*“You haven’t really thought about them unless you have written them down.”*

–Rick Warren

**W**hen you write the Word, it will enhance your experience if you read each phrase *aloud*, as you write. But your sense of hearing is not all that will be involved. Writing out the Word has the potential to captivate *all five* of your senses, creating a total sensory experience.

Of course, you will be *seeing* the Word as you write. In addition, you will be *feeling* the Word as it flows through your fingertips onto paper. You will even be *tasting* the word as you speak it, perhaps for the first time identifying with the exuberance of the Psalmist:

*How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

–Psalm 119:103

Nor will your sense of *smell* be untouched. As your understanding of Christ through His Word increases by leaps and bounds, your nostrils will become filled with

*“...the fragrance of the knowledge of him.”*

–2 Corinthians 2:14

If you are like others who have begun writing out the Word, the cumulative impact of this simple plan will leave you in awe. You will feel connected to Almighty God in a way that you have never known before. In fact, the level of intimacy and closeness you will share with God may overwhelm you.

Why all of this from merely writing words on paper? Perhaps this is the reason:

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

–John 1:1

God doesn't just speak words. He *is* the Word. And of course, that changes everything. You are no longer writing mere words. You are writing...the *Word*. It won't be “words” flowing through you as you write. It will be *The Word*...God Himself.

As a result, if you are one of those who has always had to force himself to read the Bible out of a sense of duty, you're in for a rare spiritual treat. You may discover that you no longer want to hurry through your daily time

in the Word. Instead, you may be increasingly reluctant to stop – and eager for tomorrow to arrive so you can experience your Heavenly Father in this intimate way again.

There is at least one additional principle God may have had in mind when He commanded His kings to read their handwritten copy of the Bible each day: *When you read something in your handwriting, you are less likely to resist it and more likely to accept it as your own.*

The thing that may shock you the most is how much you have been missing by merely *reading* your Bible.

With such powerful incentives as these working for you, you may find yourself unable to stop writing out the Word at the close of these first 40 Days. That’s why we’ve included an additional 140 days of Scripture in Part 2 of your *Signature Bible*.<sup>™</sup>

## **Don’t Miss Your Miracle**

Nearly 3,000 years ago, a man named Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. The king highly regarded him as a valiant soldier and a great man. But Naaman was plagued by a terrible disease known as “leprosy.”

In 2 Kings 5, the Bible tells us that a young Jewish servant girl felt compassion for her master and told Naaman’s wife:

*“...If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”*

Desperate, Naaman journeyed to Samaria, to ask the prophet Elisha to appeal to God on his behalf. But he was stunned when Elisha sent a messenger to him with these instructions:

*“...Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”*

Naaman was furious.

*“...I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not...the rivers of Damascus better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?...”*

So Naaman turned and went off in a rage. But his servants approached him with extraordinary tact:

*“...My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed!’ ”*

With no other hope in sight to be healed of his leprosy, Naaman swallowed his pride and heeded his servants' advice.

*“So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.”*

## *40 Days of Promise!*<sup>™</sup>

Naaman came *that close* to missing his miracle.

God's way was too simple. It didn't make sense. It offended the great man's intellect. Instead of requiring some magnificent deed that few men could perform, God asked of him something that anyone could do.

The parallel to Naaman's experience is striking, isn't it? At first glance, God's plan of writing out the Word may seem too simple. It may not make sense. It may offend your intellect. Instead of requiring some magnificent deed that few people could perform, God has given you something that anyone can do.

But consider this: God seldom puts His choicest gifts on the top shelf, where few can reach. He almost always places them on the bottom shelf, where everyone can reach.

God is seldom interested in how high we can climb. He's far more interested in our willingness to bow.

Are you willing to bow as you lift this simple gift from the bottom shelf?

Don't miss *your* miracle.

# Day 5

**Key Verse:** *"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."* –Isaiah 55:9

### **Key Thought:**

God gave me 5 senses to experience His Word in 5 completely different ways to help me achieve His 5 purposes for me on this earth.

### **Key Questions:**

How hard is it for me to obey God when His command doesn't make sense to me? Am I willing to trust God at such times, believing He will bless me in countless ways that go beyond my comprehension?

Day

# Empowered by God's Promises

*“It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.”*

–Deuteronomy 17:19-20

“We remember what we record.”

–Rick Warren

**H**ere are the five promises God made to every king of Israel who dared to write out His Word each day:

1. He would learn to revere the LORD.
2. He would learn to follow carefully all the words he had written.
3. He would learn to not consider himself better than his brothers.
4. He would not turn from God's Word.
5. He and his descendants would reign a long time.

## *40 Days of Promise!*™

To get at their essence, each of these promises can be summed up in a single word:

1. REVERENCE
2. OBEDIENCE
3. HUMILITY
4. CONSISTENCY
5. SUCCESS

What man or woman of God *wouldn't* want these five amazing promises operating in his or her life? Isn't God good? Isn't He generous? Yes, He is.

But God is also *strategic*. He never does anything by accident. Whatever God does...He does *on purpose*.

Now comes the exciting part:

## **Each of God's 5 promises equips you to fulfill your 5 purposes**

Let's take a revealing look at how writing out God's Word each day will equip you to fulfill God's purposes for your life to a greater degree than ever before.

### **Purpose #1 – WORSHIP**

God's Promise: REVERENCE

As writing out the Word teaches you to *revere* God, you will find yourself able to *worship* Him with a purity of spirit you never thought possible:

*“You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!”*

–Psalm 22:23

## **Purpose #2 – FELLOWSHIP**

God's Promise: OBEDIENCE

The *obedience* you learn from writing out God's Word will enable you to *love* God and His people as never before:

*“The entire law is summed up in a single command: Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

–Galatians 5:14

## **Purpose #3 – DISCIPLESHIP**

God's Promise: CONSISTENCY

Few things will speed you along on your journey of *Christian discipleship* quite like staying *consistent* in your day-by-day walk with God:

*“...If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*

–Luke 9:23

## **Purpose #4 – MINISTRY**

God's Promise: HUMILITY

Writing out the Word will equip you to *minister* to others in a spirit of Christ-like *humility*:

*“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.”*

–John 13:14

## **Purpose #5 – EVANGELISM**

God's Promise: SUCCESS

Some people equate the word, “success” with things like wealth and fame. But although these can be blessings from God, not everyone who is wealthy and famous is successful at life. The kind of *success* God gives is uniquely designed to provide you with a platform from which to tell others about Jesus who has done such wonderful things for you:

*“...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...”*

–1 Peter 3:15

So...are you ready to experience all of this for yourself?

On Day 8 you will begin to write out God's Word as you immerse yourself in your first purpose: “Worship.”

## **Day 6**

**Key Verse:** *“...O great and powerful God...great are your purposes and mighty are your deeds. Your eyes are open to all the ways of men; you reward everyone according to his conduct and as his deeds deserve.”* –Jeremiah 32:18-19

**Key Thought:**

God pours out His promises on people who are devoted to His purposes.

**Key Question:**

What am I doing with my life that qualifies for God's reward?

Day

# Becoming a Writer of the Light™

*“The commands of the LORD are radiant,  
giving light to the eyes.”*

–Psalm 19:8

*“They are not just idle words for you –  
they are your life.”*

–Deuteronomy 32:47

**I**t is vital that you understand what you are about to do. You are not about to carve out five precious minutes of your day to copy down a collection of helpful thoughts. Rather, you are about to take pen in hand and form the very words that come directly from the mouth of God.

You are about to become a *Writer of the Light*.™

The words of God are like no other words in the universe. They have indescribable power:

*“...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

–Isaiah 55:11

If you thoughtlessly scrawl out these Scriptures in a breathless race to finish quickly so you can get on with your day...your life will *still* be immeasurably enriched. The Word of God is that powerful.

*Day 7 – Becoming a Writer of the Light*™

## *40 Days of Promise!*<sup>™</sup>

But if you approach writing out the Word each day with reverence and awe...with open heart and surrendered spirit...God will unearth for you hidden treasures of which you have only dreamed.

What does it mean to become a *Writer of the Light?*<sup>™</sup> It begins with the Author of the Bible Himself:

*“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.”*

–1 John 1:5

Jesus boldly declared:

*“...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*

–John 8:12

Because God Himself is Light, Light is the *language* He speaks:

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”*

–Psalm 119:105

When you write the words that come from the mouth of God, you are writing the *language of Light*:

*“ For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light...”*

–Proverbs 6:23

Why is it such a joy for you as a Christian to *Write the Light*?™ Because you are writing your native language! Jesus calls those who have placed their trust in Him:

- “People of the light”<sup>1</sup>
- “Sons of the light”<sup>2</sup>
- “Light in the Lord”<sup>3</sup>
- “Children of the light”<sup>4</sup>
- “Saints in the kingdom of light”<sup>5</sup>

Nor is that all. Our God Who lives in “unapproachable light”<sup>6</sup> lovingly commands us to:

- “walk in the light”<sup>7</sup>
- “live in the fruit of the light”<sup>8</sup>
- “walk in the light of your presence”<sup>9</sup>
- and commends the person who loves his brother as one who, “lives in the light”<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Luke 16:8...<sup>2</sup>John 12:35-36...<sup>1</sup>Thessalonians 5:5...<sup>3</sup>Ephesians 5:8

<sup>4</sup>Ephesians 5:8...<sup>5</sup>Colossians 1:12...<sup>6</sup>1 Timothy 6:16...<sup>7</sup>1 John 1:7

<sup>8</sup>Ephesians 5:9...<sup>9</sup>Psalm 89:15...<sup>10</sup>1 John 2:10

Would it surprise you to learn that, in the power of His light, God is able to provide you with spiritual protection? It’s true:

*“...let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”*

—Romans 13:12

As you write the words of Holy Scripture, imagine that a brilliant shaft of light from heaven is bathing the page before you, illuminating every letter...every word...every thought.

## *40 Days of Promise!*<sup>TM</sup>

Then by faith realize that *this is not your imagination*. In the invisible realm of the Spirit, this is precisely what is happening:

*“The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us...The unfolding of your words gives light...in your light we see light.”*

– Psalm 118:27; Psalm 119:130; Psalm 36:9

Now, hold on to your seat and get ready for some exquisite confirmation. Remember that verse in 1 Peter that gave you the right as a member of God’s “royal priesthood” to appropriate for yourself this gift God gave to His kings? Please note the last three words of that verse:

*“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”*

–1 Peter 2:9

Wow.

*“...Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.”*

–Psalm 4:6

Unlike the gifted Thomas Kinkade, we can’t all be *Painters of Light*.<sup>®</sup> But beginning tomorrow, by the grace of God...you can become a *Writer of the Light*.<sup>TM</sup>

# Day 7

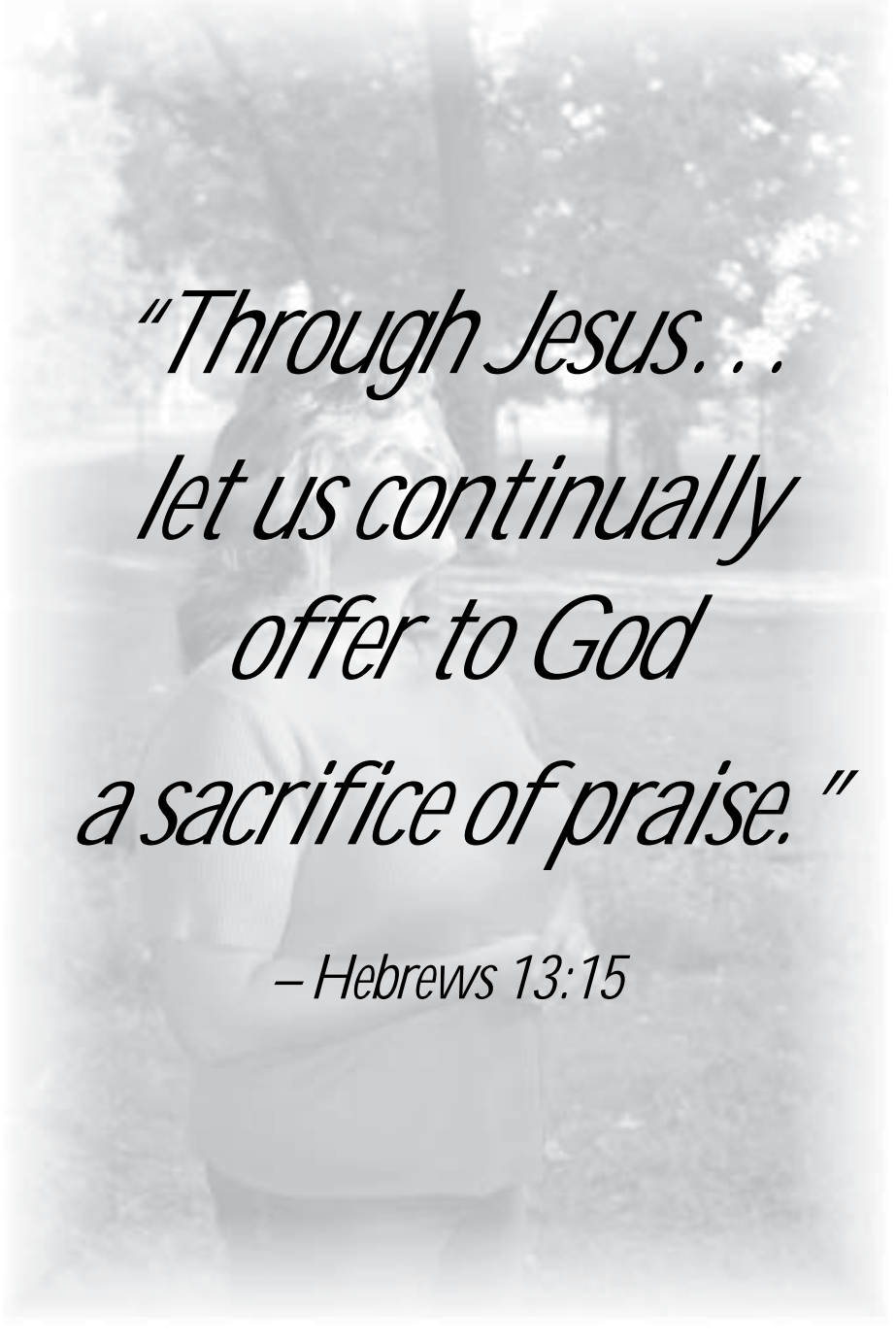
**Key Verse:** *“My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king; my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.”* —Psalm 45:1

**Key Thought:**

I’m never too old to experience something new for Christ.

**Key Question:**

Am I willing to approach writing out the Word each day with reverence and awe...with open heart and surrendered spirit?



*“Through Jesus . . .  
let us continually  
offer to God  
a sacrifice of praise.”*

*– Hebrews 13:15*



Purpose #1:  
**Worship**  
**Praising God**

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*Week 2 Memory Verse*

*“Through Jesus...let us continually offer to  
God a sacrifice of praise...”*

– Hebrews 13:15

Day

# Worshiping God for His Mighty Acts

*“...Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”*

– Revelation 7:12

*“Bringing enjoyment to God, living for His pleasure, is the first purpose of your life.”*

–Rick Warren

**T**his is the day. You’re about to begin. But first, here are three tried and true tips from the Bible that will help you get the most out of this one-of-a-kind experience:

## *#1 – Pray*

**E**ach day before you write, ask God to show you the truths in His Word that until now you may have overlooked. Here’s a prayer taken directly from Scripture that you may choose to pray:

*“Father, open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things in your law.<sup>1</sup> Jesus, open my mind so that I can understand the Scriptures.<sup>2</sup> Holy Spirit, teach me all things and remind me of everything I now receive from You.<sup>3</sup>”*

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<sup>1</sup>Psalm 119:18...<sup>2</sup>Luke 24:45...<sup>3</sup>John 14:26

## #2 – Speak

**K**eeP in mind that one of your goals is to build your faith a little more each day. Therefore, be sure to say each phrase out loud, as you write. As we said earlier, God’s Word declares:

*“...faith comes from **hearing** the message...”*

–Romans 10:17

## #3 – Act

**A**t the close of each session, ask God to show you how to make the truths you have just written become part of your very life...so that you will honor Him in all you think, say and do.

*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”*

–James 1:22

Are you ready for God to do something very special in your life?

- Take a moment to pray.
- Get ready to speak God’s Word.
- Prepare your heart to act on what God is about to show you.

Now you’re ready to turn the page...and begin.

**Psalm 150:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD.  
Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. <sup>3</sup>Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, <sup>4</sup>praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, <sup>5</sup>praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup>Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

**Romans 15:7**

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

**Psalm 150:1-6**

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**Romans 15:7**

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# Day 8

**Key Verse:** “*Let everything that has breath  
praise the LORD...*” –Psalm 150:6

**Key Thought:**  
God has given me breath to enable me to praise Him.

**Key Questions:**  
Why is it so important to God to receive praise from my lips?  
Do I *have* to praise Him out loud...or will praising Him  
silently in my mind suffice?  
(Psalms 26:6-7; 34:1-2; 43:4; 51:15; 63:5; 66:17; 103:1)

Day

# Worshiping God for His Mercy

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”*

—1 Peter 1:3

*“...Mercy triumphs over judgment!”*

—James 2:13

## Psalm 28:6-8

<sup>6</sup>Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy. <sup>7</sup>The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

## Psalm 28:6-8

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**Psalm 28:9**

<sup>9</sup>Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

**Psalm 30:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

<sup>5</sup>For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**Psalm 28:9**

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**Psalm 30:4-5**

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## Day 9

**Key Verse:** “*The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped...*” —Psalm 28:7

**Key Thought:**

When I take God at His Word, He takes care of me.

**Key Questions:**

What does it mean to trust in God? Do I need to be totally yielded to God to receive His help? Where in my life do I especially need God to be my shield?

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## Worshiping God for His Deliverance Day

*“The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion  
and the paw of the bear  
will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine...”*

—1 Samuel 17:37

### Psalm 34:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Glorify the LORD  
with me; let us exalt his  
name together. <sup>4</sup>I  
sought the LORD, and  
he answered me; he  
delivered me from all  
my fears. <sup>5</sup>Those who  
look to him are radiant;  
their faces are never  
covered with shame.

<sup>6</sup>This poor man  
called, and the LORD  
heard him; he saved  
him out of all his  
troubles.

### Psalm 34:3-6

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**Psalm 34:7-10**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. <sup>10</sup>The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

**Psalm 34:7-10**

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# Day 10

**Key Verse:** “The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.” –Psalm 34:7

**Key Thought:**

No matter how great the crisis, God can deliver me.

**Key Questions:**

If God desires to deliver me from all my fears, why does He tell me to fear Him? Does God promise to deliver me from *all* my troubles? What does it mean to have the angel of the LORD encamped around me?

Day

# Worshiping God for His Wonders

*“Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?  
Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory,  
working wonders?”*

–Exodus 15:11

**Psalm 40:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

<sup>3</sup>He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

**Psalm 40:1-3**

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**Psalm 40:4-5**

<sup>4</sup>Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.

<sup>5</sup>Many, O LORD my God, are the wonders you have done. The things you planned for us no one can recount to you; were I to speak and tell of them, they would be too many to declare.

**Psalm 40:4-5**

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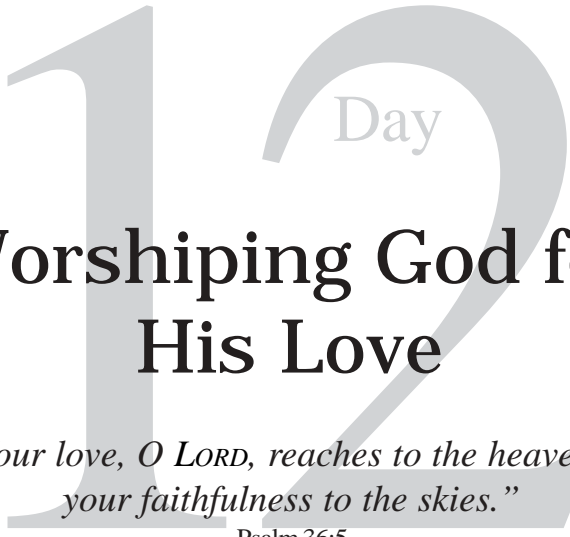
**Key Verse:** *“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.”* –Psalm 40:1

**Key Thought:**

God is always on time – His, not mine.

**Key Questions:**

What does it mean to wait patiently for the Lord? Is He offended when I ask, “How much longer till we get there?”



Day

# Worshiping God for His Love

*“Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.”*

–Psalm 36:5

*“And so we know and rely on the love  
God has for us. God is love...”*

–1 John 4:16

### Psalm 63:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

<sup>4</sup>I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. <sup>5</sup>My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

<sup>6</sup>On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.

### Psalm 63:3-6

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**Psalm 63:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

**Psalm 66:20**

Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

**Psalm 146:2**

I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**Psalm 63:7-8**

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**Psalm 66:20**

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**Psalm 146:2**

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# Day 12

**Key Verse:** *“Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!”* –Psalm 66:20

**Key Thought:**

To raise my praise I can cultivate an attitude of gratitude.

**Key Questions:**

Of the seven behaviors of praise I wrote in today’s Scripture, which of them do I most need to do right now? Later today? Tonight?

Day  
**Worshiping God for  
His Forgiveness**

*“You are forgiving and good, O LORD, abounding in love to all who call to you.”*

–Psalm 86:5

*“If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness...”*

–Psalm 130:3-4

**Psalm 103:1, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup>he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

**Psalm 103:1, 8-10**

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**Psalm 103:11-14**

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; <sup>14</sup>for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

**Psalm 103:11-14**

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# Day 13

**Key Verse:** “...he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.” –Psalm 103:10

**Key Thought:**

It is in God’s very nature to forgive me.

**Key Questions:**

What is God waiting for me to do so that He can completely forgive me? Even when I’m forgiven, are there still consequences for my sins? How does my fear of Him increase His love for me?

# Day 14

## Worshiping God Forever

*“Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.”*

—Isaiah 51:6

*“I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.”*

—Psalm 145:1-2

### Revelation 5:11

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

### Revelation 5:11

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**Revelation 5:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>In a loud voice they sang: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

**Revelation 5:12-13**

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# Day 14


**Key Verse:** “Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing...” –Revelation 5:13

**Key Thought:**

Praising God will be one of the most important things I do in heaven.

**Key Question:**

Can I even begin to imagine what it will sound like when all of us in God’s creation sing our praises to Him at the same time?



*"Do everything  
in love."*

*—1 Corinthians 16:14*



Purpose #2:  
**Fellowship**  
Loving Others  
as Jesus Loved Me

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*Week 3 Memory Verse*

*“Do everything in love.”*

–1 Corinthians 16:14

# 15 Day

## Loving My Enemies

*“The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.”*

–Psalm 145:17

“Always do right –  
this will gratify some and astonish the rest.”

–Mark Twain

### Matthew 5:43-45

<sup>43</sup>You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”

<sup>44</sup>But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

### Matthew 5:43-45

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**Matthew 5:46-48**

<sup>46</sup>If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

<sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

<sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

**1 Corinthians 16:14**

Do everything in love.

**Matthew 5:46-48**

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**1 Corinthians 16:14**

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# Day 15

**Key Verse:** *“But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”* –Matthew 5:44

**Key Thought:**

If Jesus commands me to love my enemies, it must be possible.

**Key Questions:**

Why does God tell me to do something that goes completely against what I feel like doing? Is there something about praying for my enemies that God will honor... and transform into genuine love?

# 16 Day

## Loving One Another

*“Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.”*

–1 Peter 1:22

**“Love is friendship set on fire.”**

–Jeremy Taylor

### **John 13:34-35**

<sup>34</sup>A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

<sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

### **John 14:15**

If you love me, you will obey what I command.

### **John 13:34-35**

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### **John 14:15**

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**John 14:21**

Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.

**John 14:21**

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**Galatians 5:6**

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

**Galatians 5:6**

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# Day 16

**Key Verse:** *“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”* –John 13:35

**Key Thought:**

I am to love others with the love that Jesus has loved me.

**Key Question:**

Can my friends tell I’m a Christian solely because of the love they receive from me?











**1 Corinthians 13:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**1 Corinthians 13:12-13**

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# Day 19

**Key Verse:** “...But the greatest of these is love.”

–1 Corinthians 13:13

**Key Thought:**

True love lasts forever.

**Key Questions:**

Since love is God’s highest priority, is it mine?  
Compared to love, what percentage of my time and energy are going into things that “will cease...be stilled...pass away”?

Day  
**Living in Love**

# 20

*“And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.”*

—2 John 1:6

**“It’s not about you.”**

—Rick Warren

**Galatians 5:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

<sup>14</sup>The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

**Galatians 5:13-14**

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**Galatians 5:22-23**

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Ephesians 4:2**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

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**Ephesians 4:2**

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# Day 20

**Key Verse:** “...serve one another in love.” –Galatians 5:13

**Key Thought:**

In spite of my feelings, I can choose to love.

**Key Questions:**

Am I currently serving in any area of my life...without love?  
If so, what can I do during the service I render to others that would make it more loving?



**Ephesians 3:19-21**

<sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**Ephesians 3:19-21**

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# Day 21

**Key Verse:** *“I pray that you...may have power...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”*

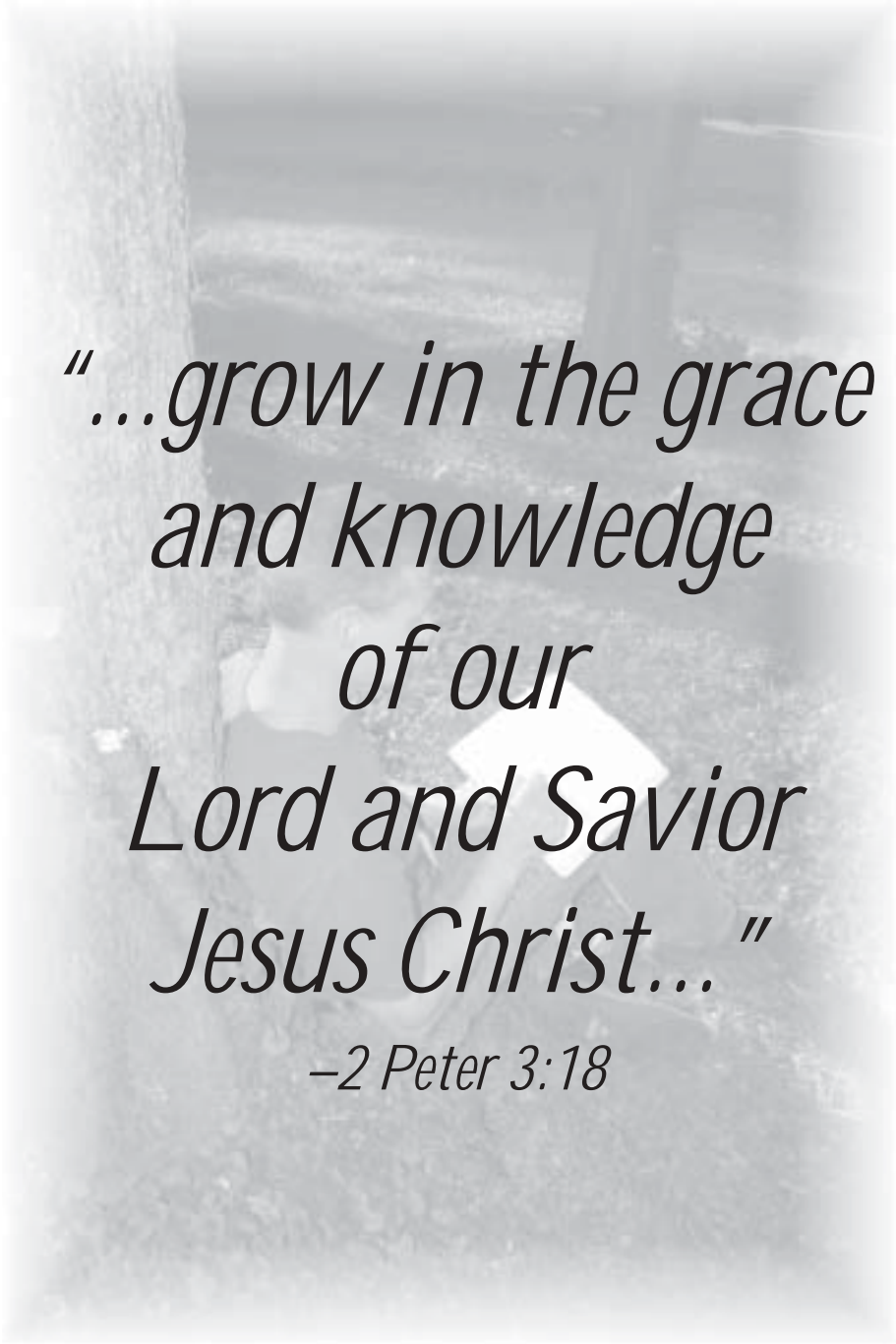
—Ephesians 3:17-18

**Key Thought:**

I need God’s power to grasp His awesome love.

**Key Questions:**

How long has it been since I paused to recognize God’s “power that is at work within us”? When is the last time I can clearly identify the hand of God at work in my life?



*"...grow in the grace  
and knowledge  
of our  
Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ..."*

*—2 Peter 3:18*



Purpose #3:  
**Discipleship**  
**Growing Strong**  
**in My Faith**

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*Week 4 Memory Verse*

*“...grow in the grace and knowledge of our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...”*

–2 Peter 3:18

Day

# Knowing Christ

*“Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.’ ”*

–John 14:6-7

“The closer you live to God  
the smaller everything else appears.”

–Rick Warren

## **Philippians 3:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.

I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

## **Philippians 3:7-8**

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**Philippians 3:9-11**

**Philippians 3:9-11**  
<sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

<sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,  
<sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

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# Day 22

**Key Verse:** *“...I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...”*

—Philippians 3:8

**Key Thought:**

If I truly want to know Jesus, I have some choices to make.

**Key Questions:**

Of the ten attitudes Paul described in today’s passage, which one is most like me? Which one is least like me? How would my life change if I determined to make the one that describes me least...into the one that describes me most?

Day

# Pressing On

*“Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.”*

—Hosea 6:3

## **Philippians 3:12-13**

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

<sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

## **Philippians 3:12-13**

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**Philippians 3:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

<sup>16</sup>Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

**Philippians 3:14-16**

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# Day 23

**Key Verse:** “...*Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead...*” –Philippians 3:13

**Key Thought:**

I must learn from my past, but I cannot allow it to remain my focus.

**Key Questions:**

Is there something in my past that I cannot seem to put out of my mind? Have I given it over completely to God and shifted my focus to “straining toward what is ahead” as God reveals His purpose for me?





Day

# Inner Renewal

*“I pray...that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe...”*

—Ephesians 1:18-19

“Many a man’s reputation would not know his character if they met on the street.”

—Elbert Hubbard

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

<sup>8</sup>We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

## 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

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**Hebrews 12:3**

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**2 Peter 3:18**

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

**Hebrews 12:3**

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**2 Peter 3:18**

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## Day 26

**Key Verse:** *“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus...who for the joy set before him endured the cross...”* –Hebrews 12:2

**Key Thought:**

God’s witnesses are looking on...and cheering me on.

**Key Questions:**

How do I single-mindedly focus on Jesus...and at the same time fulfill my everyday responsibilities? Am I living in such a way that the people in heaven and on earth who are watching me can tell I am more interested in Heavenly treasure than the treasures of this earth?





Day

# Developing Perseverance

*“You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”*

–Hebrews 10:36

“In any contest between power and patience,  
bet on patience.”

–W.B. Prescott

## **James 1:2-4**

<sup>2</sup>Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, <sup>3</sup>because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

<sup>4</sup>Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

## **James 1:2-4**

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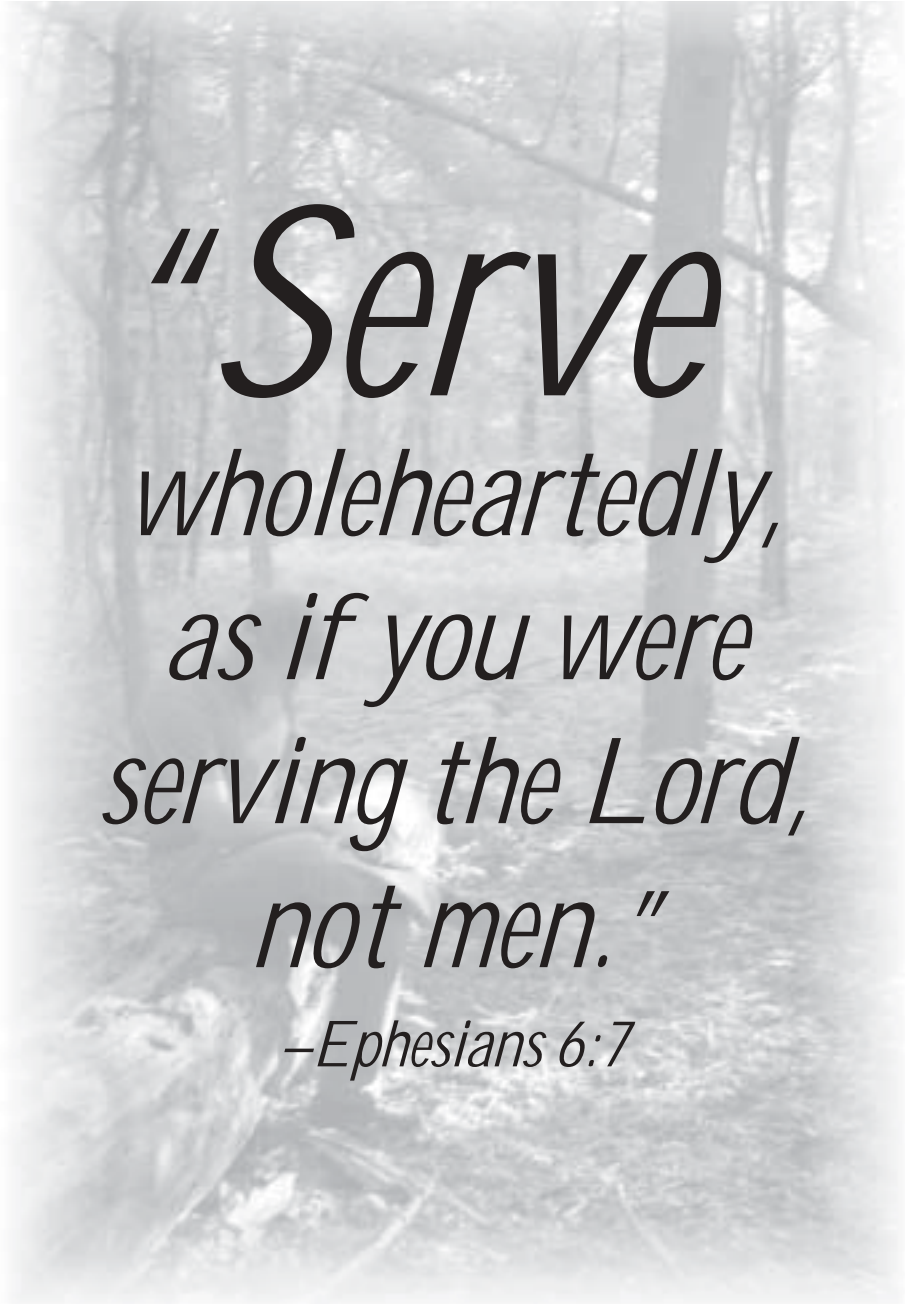
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*“Serve  
wholeheartedly,  
as if you were  
serving the Lord,  
not men.”*

*—Ephesians 6:7*



Purpose #4:  
**Ministry**  
Serving With My  
Whole Heart

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*Week 5 Memory Verse*

*“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were  
serving the Lord, not men.”*

–Ephesians 6:7

Day

# The Cost of Service

*“You are not your own; you were bought at a price.”*

–1 Corinthians 6:19-20

“Show me two things: your calendar  
and your checkbook. That’s all I need to know.”

–John Maxwell

## Matthew 6:24

No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

## John 15:20

Remember the words I spoke to you: “No servant is greater than his master.” If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

## Matthew 6:24

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## John 15:20

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**John 15:21**

They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

**John 15:21**

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**Luke 9:62**

Jesus replied, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

**Luke 9:62**

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# Day 29

**Key Verse:** “No one can serve two masters...” –Matthew 6:24

**Key Thought:**

Because of the price Jesus paid for me, He will not tolerate anything less than first place in my life.

**Key Questions:**

If someone studied my calendar and checkbook for the past 30 days, what would they identify as the top ten priorities in my life? Where would God be on that list?



**Galatians 1:10**

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

**Galatians 1:10**

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**John 17:4**

I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

**John 17:4**

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# Day 30

**Key Verse:** “...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.” –Matthew 20:26

**Key Thought:**  
Greatness is found in serving, not in being served.

**Key Question:**  
Do I find my greatest joy in serving others – or am I constantly irritated by the poor service I’m receiving?



**John 13:13-15**

<sup>13</sup>“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup>I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

**John 13:13-15**

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# Day 31

**Key Verse:** *“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”* –John 13:15

**Key Thought:**

The quality of my service reveals the identity of my master.

**Key Questions:**

In what ways has Jesus served me in the past?  
How is Jesus currently serving me? Can I come up with a plan to serve those around me in these same ways?

Day

# The Attitude of Service

*“So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’ ”*

–Luke 17:10

*“Life is about letting God use you for His purposes, not your using Him for your own purpose.”*

–Rick Warren

## **1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

<sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

## **1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

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**Philippians 2:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

**Philippians 2:5-7**

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# Day 32

**Key Verse:** “...but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant...” –Philippians 2:7

**Key Thought:**

Be humble or be humbled.

**Key Questions:**

Am I quick to give honor to others instead of bringing attention to myself? Do my actions show that I know who I am – a sinner saved only by the grace of God?

Day

# The Generosity of Service

*“A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others  
will himself be refreshed.”*

—Proverbs 11:25

## 2 Corinthians 9:13-15

<sup>13</sup>Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

<sup>14</sup>And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

<sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## 2 Corinthians 9:13-15

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**2 Timothy 2:23-24**

<sup>23</sup>Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

<sup>24</sup>And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

**2 Timothy 2:23-24**

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# Day 33

**Key Verse:** “...the Lord's servant must not quarrel...”

–2 Timothy 2:24

**Key Thought:**

An argumentative spirit pollutes the generosity of my service.

**Key Questions:**

How do “foolish and stupid arguments” hinder my service?

Knowing how God feels about quarreling, am I willing to bite my tongue the next time I'm tempted to argue?

# The Reward of Service

## Day

*“...he who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward.”*

—Proverbs 11:18

*“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep  
to gain what he cannot lose.”*

—Jim Elliot

### **Ephesians 6:7-8**

<sup>7</sup>Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, <sup>8</sup>because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

### **1 Peter 2:16**

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.

### **Ephesians 6:7-8**

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### **1 Peter 2:16**

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**Matthew 4:10**

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

**Hebrews 9:14**

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

**Matthew 4:10**

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**Hebrews 9:14**

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# Day 34

**Key Verse:** “...the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does...” –Ephesians 6:8

**Key Thought:**

God will not overlook a single good deed I have ever done.

**Key Questions:**

How will it change my perspective if, from this moment forward, I devote everything I do to Jesus? What impact will that decision have on my rewards in heaven?

# The Strength of Service

*“I thank Christ Jesus our LORD, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service.”*

—1 Timothy 1:12

**1 Corinthians 16:15-16**

<sup>15</sup>You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, <sup>16</sup>to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work, and labors at it.

**1 Corinthians 16:15-16**

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**1 Peter 4:10**

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

**1 Peter 4:10**

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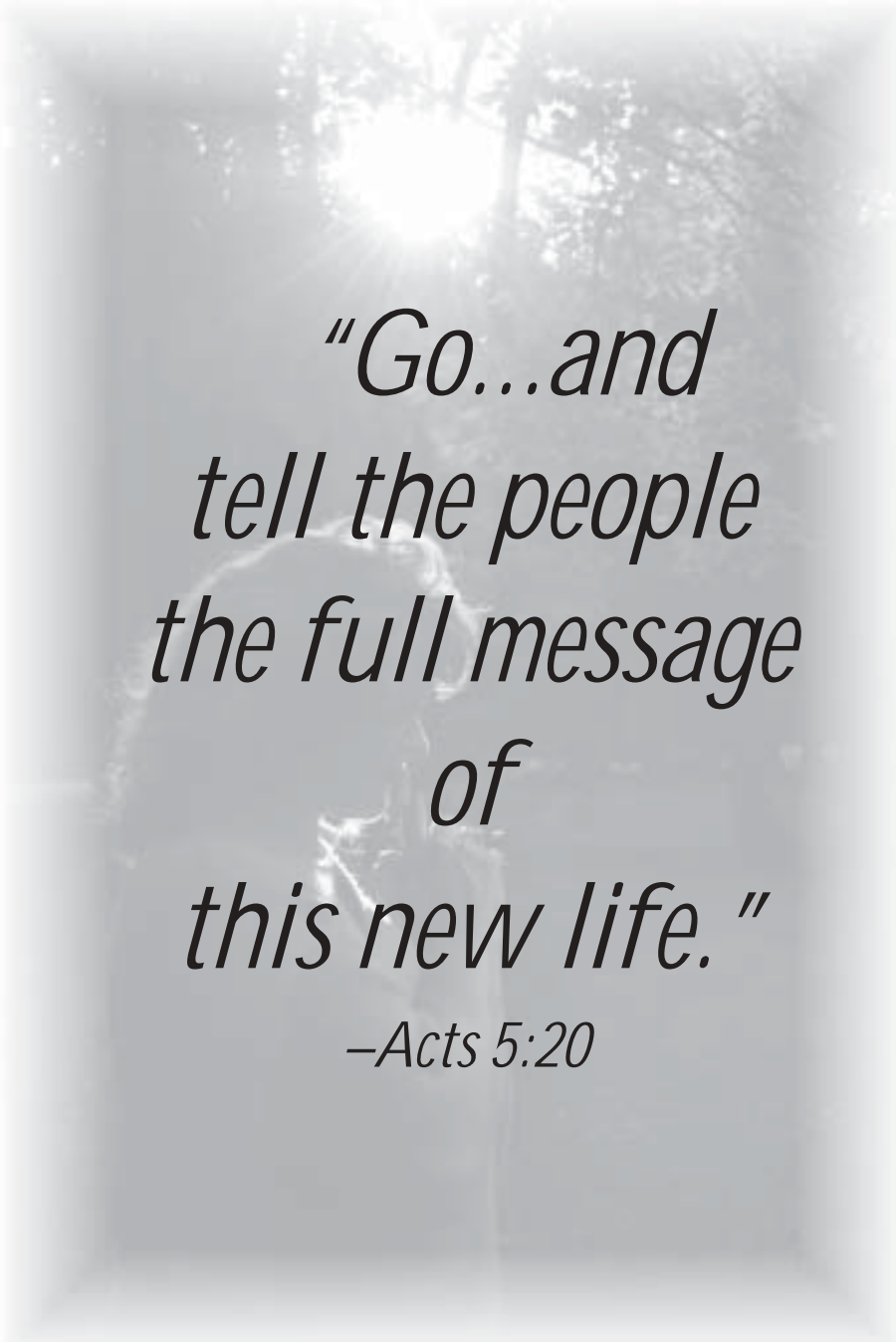
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*“Go...and  
tell the people  
the full message  
of  
this new life.”*

*—Acts 5:20*



Purpose #5:  
**Evangelism**  
Sharing the Good News

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*Week 6 Memory Verse*

*“Go...and tell the people the full message  
of this new life.”*

– Acts 5:20

# The Great Commission

## Day

*“...we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”*

—Acts 4:20

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

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**Matthew 10:16**

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

**John 20:21**

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

**Matthew 10:16**

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**John 20:21**

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# Day 36

**Key Verse:** *“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”* –John 20:21

**Key Thought:**

I am personally commissioned by Jesus to share His good news.

**Key Questions:**

When was the last time I invited an unchurched person to go to church with me? How long has it been since I told someone how to put their trust in Jesus for eternal life?

Day

# 37 Welcoming Sinners

*“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”*

–Matthew 9:13

## Luke 15:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him.

<sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>4</sup>“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

## Luke 15:1-4

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**Luke 15:5-7**

<sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’

<sup>7</sup>I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

**Luke 15:5-7**

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# Day 37

**Key Verse:** “*This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.*” –Luke 15:2

**Key Thought:**  
It’s hard to win somebody to Christ if I’m never around anyone who doesn’t know Him.

**Key Question:**  
How much of my time do I spend welcoming and befriending sinners?

# Gentleness and Respect

*“So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you...”*

—Matthew 7:12

*“The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good.”*

—Samuel Johnson

## **1 Peter 3:15-16**

<sup>15</sup>But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup>keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

## **1 Peter 3:15-16**

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**2 Timothy 2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup>And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

**2 Timothy 2:1-2**

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# Day 38

**Key Verse:** “...give the reason for the hope that you have...with gentleness and respect.” –1 Peter 3:15

**Key Thought:**

The way I share Christ matters almost as much as the words with which I share Christ.

**Key Question:**

Have I thoroughly prepared myself to give a warm, compelling answer to anyone who asks me about Jesus?





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# Shining Like Stars

*“He told them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the LORD of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’ ”*

—Luke 10:2

**Matthew 10:32-33**

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.<sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”

**Acts 1:8**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Matthew 10:32-33**

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**Acts 1:8**

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**Proverbs 11:30**

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

**Daniel 12:3**

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

**Proverbs 11:30**

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**Daniel 12:3**

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**W**hat an accomplishment! With these verses, you are drawing to the close of *40 Days of Promise™*. But what if you aren't quite ready for this unique experience to end? Tomorrow, we have something for you to prayerfully consider.

## Day 40

**Key Verse:** *“Those...who lead many to righteousness [will shine] like the stars for ever and ever.”* –Daniel 12:3

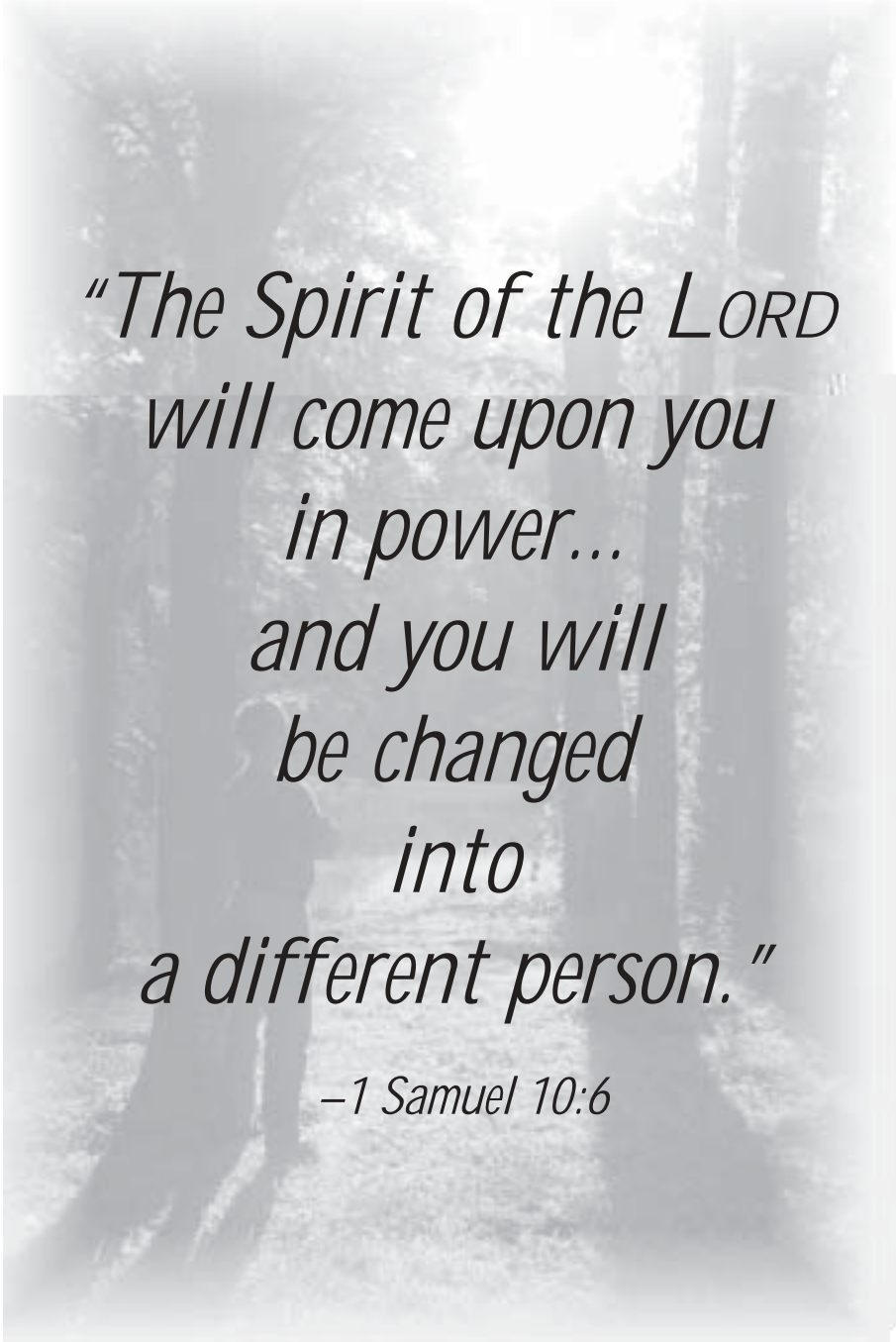
**Key Thought:**

God makes spectacular promises to those who unashamedly tell others about Him.

**Key Questions:**

Do I really believe God has fully empowered me to win others to Christ?

How often would I like to experience His power?

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*"The Spirit of the LORD  
will come upon you  
in power...  
and you will  
be changed  
into  
a different person."*

*-1 Samuel 10:6*

## PART 2

Do A  
180

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# A New Challenge

*“The Spirit of the LORD will come upon you  
in power...and you will be changed  
into a different person.”*

–1 Samuel 10:6

**C**ongratulations! You’ve just completed *40 Days of Promise™*. You have to feel very good about what you’ve accomplished – you finished what you set out to do.

Of course, you may also feel disappointed that it’s over. Perhaps writing out God’s Word has become so precious to you that you don’t want to stop.

The good news is, you don’t have to.

We have added a second section in *The Signature Bible™* for you, because we thought you would love to keep writing out God’s Word. But that’s not all. We’ve built in something extra that we hope will capture your imagination.

As you continue this exciting method of daily devotions designed by God, you may choose to accept a new challenge:

*Life-change.*

Everybody has at least one weakness. It doesn't matter if we're brand-new believers or if we've been walking with God for 50 years. We have imperfections, shortcomings, flaws in our character. Even if we don't recognize them, God says they're there:

*“We all stumble in many ways...”*

–James 3:2

So what are *your* weaknesses? Where do you fall short of God's ideal? Are there areas of your life that you would love to see God transform?

If you could change just one thing about yourself, what would it be? You may want to think about that for a bit...even pray about it:

*Lord, if You could change one thing about me...what would it be?*

If you pray that short prayer, He'll answer it. He'll show you the very area in your life He would most love to transform, in order to help you become everything He created you to be.

He can do it, you know. That's His specialty. He's in the *life transformation* business.

But how?

That's up to Him, of course. God can use anything to accomplish His purposes – and has! But perhaps His favorite way to bring about true, lasting change in the lives of His people is through His Word:

*“...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

–Isaiah 55:11

Here’s the plan:

### **Step 1:**

**Identify the one area in your life God wants to change.**

It may be impatience, fear or anger. It may be selfishness, overweight, or drug addiction. Perhaps He wants you to become more loving, more tender, more thoughtful, more considerate. He may want you to become a better witness for Him.

God knows. And He’ll let *you* know.

### **Step 2:**

**As you write each day, ask God to use His Word to give you a *total turnaround* in that area.**

With the Psalmist, you can pray:

*“May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.”*

–Psalm 119:173

### **Step 3:**

**Beginning today, keep writing out God's Word for the next *140 days*.**

Why 140 days? Because that's how long it will take you to write the life-changing books of Romans, Colossians and James.

Because coupled with the 40 days you've just completed, that will immerse you in God's Word for a total of six months

Because after that many days, you will have made writing out God's Word a habit. You will have built daily time for God into the very fabric of your life.

But there's one more reason.

You've already devoted 40 days to this journey. If you make it your goal to add 140 more, that will give you a total of 180 days. You will, in effect, be asking God to help you –

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***A 180° Turnaround  
In the Area of Your Life God Most Wants to Change***

What do you think? Is God able to give you that kind of life transformation?

*“I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”*

–Jeremiah 32:27

That’s the challenge. Are you ready to take it? What do you have to lose?

Better yet, what do you have to *gain*?

While you’re praying about it, why not go ahead and write out God’s Word again today?

To give you extra incentive, here’s a taste of what’s in store for you in the incomparable Book of Romans:

*This letter is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian’s while not only to memorize it word for word but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.*

–Martin Luther



**Romans 1:5-6**

<sup>5</sup>Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. <sup>6</sup>And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

**Romans 1:5-6**

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# Day 41

**Key Verse:** “...who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead...” –Romans 1:4

**Key Thought:**

The power of God that raised Jesus from the dead is able to transform anything in my life that needs to be changed.

**Key Questions:**

What is the area of my life I believe God most wants to change?

Am I willing to submit myself to the life-changing power of His Word for the next 139 days?<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>If you have not yet begun your *personal* journey with Jesus, this would be a great time to do so by praying the prayer found on page 384 – the last page of your *Signature Bible*™.



# Day 42

**Key Verse:** “...Your faith is being reported all over the world.” –Romans 1:8

**Key Thought:**  
When I consistently act in faith, word gets out.

**Key Question:**  
How many people are talking about *my* faith?

## 43 Day Mutual Encouragement

*“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*  
–Hebrews 10:25

### Romans 1:11-12

<sup>11</sup> / long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—  
<sup>12</sup>that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.

### Romans 1:11-12

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# Day 44

Write the Light™

**Key Verse:** *“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God...”* –Romans 1:16

**Key Thought:**  
Never apologize for my faith in Christ.

**Key Question:**  
Do I need to ask God to help me overcome my timidity in telling others about Him?

# 45 Day Seeing the Invisible

*“The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”*  
–Psalm 19:1

**Romans 1:20**

<sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

**Romans 1:20**

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# Exchanging the Truth

*“...They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”*

–2 Thessalonians 2:10

**Romans 1:24-26**

<sup>24</sup>Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

<sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

<sup>26</sup>Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

**Romans 1:24-26**

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# Day 46

**Key Verse:** *“They exchanged the truth of God for a lie...”*

–Romans 1:25

**Key Thought:**

The alternative to God’s way is always a counterfeit.

**Key Question:**

What is one truth of God that I am standing for, in spite of strong opposition from popular culture?

## Day A Depraved Mind

*“Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.”*

–Leviticus 18:22

**Romans 1:27**

<sup>27</sup> /n the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

**Romans 1:27**

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**Romans 2:1**

<sup>1</sup>You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things.

**Romans 2:1**

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# Day 48

**Key Verse:** “...for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself...” –Romans 2:1

**Key Thought:**

The more upset I am by someone else’s sin, the more likely I am to be vulnerable to that same sin myself.

**Key Questions:**

What sin am I most likely to commit in the next seven days?  
What steps can I take to avoid that pitfall?



Romans 2:5-6

<sup>5</sup>But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. <sup>6</sup>God "will give to each person according to what he has done."

Romans 2:5-6

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## Day 49

**Key Verse:** *"...God's kindness leads you toward repentance..."* –Romans 2:4

**Key Thought:**

I would be wise to stop sinning on my own...  
before God Himself has to stop me.

**Key Questions:**

In what area is God being patient with me right now?  
How can I keep from showing  
"contempt for the riches of his kindness?"





