**DAY 22: LIFE**

**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

**John 10:10**

There could not be two more polar opposite missions than those outlined by Jesus in this Scripture. First is Satan, the thief. His mission is not only to ruin, but to completely destroy. Then Jesus states His mission. He is not only here to bring life, He wants to bring life to the full. Who is the focus of this mission? It’s you.

**Today, take up the side of the one you want to see win the battle in your life.**

*God,*

*I know that Satan is out to steal, kill and destroy my life. I specifically see the battle playing out in these areas of my life:*

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*Lord, Satan is a defeated foe. I proclaim life through Christ. And Jesus, may this not just be “getting by” type of life. I boldly ask that you bring life to the full in every area mentioned above.*

*I pray this in the name and authority of Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*

**DAY 23: FUTURE**

**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

You have plans and aspirations for your life. What are they (be gut-level honest)?

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There are things you are afraid may harm you. What are they (again, gut-level honest)?

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You have plans and concerns for your life, but in the end they pale in comparison to the plans and concerns Almighty God has for you.

**Submit these plans and concerns to God as you pray this Scripture.**

*Creator of the Universe,*

*I know you have plans for me. I trust your promise that those plans are to prosper and not to harm me. Therefore, I submit my plans and concerns to you. I believe in return, you have plans to give me a hope and a future.*

*Amen.*

**DAY 24: CLOTHES**

**Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

**Colossians 3:12-14**

Every morning, you wake up and get ready for the day. A big part of that preparation is picking out an outfit to wear. Maybe for you it includes a lot of drama and 5-25 outfit changes, or maybe it involves a quick “smell test” (sniff the arm pits) and out the door. Paul paints a picture in Colossians of the Christian spiritually clothing him/herself.

**As you pray this Scripture, picture yourself putting on and outfit with these virtues.**

*God,*

*As your chosen person, holy and dearly loved, this morning I clothe myself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. I pray that as I interact with others, I would bear with others and forgive anyone I have a grievance against. Help me forgive as you have forgiven me. And God, over this entire spiritual wardrobe, I pray love, which binds everything together in perfect unity.*

*Amen.*

Which virtues especially strike you for your teen today and why? ­­­­­­­­­

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**DAY 25: CONQUERORS**

**What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Romans 8:31, 37-39**

Have you ever had to pick teams for kickball? Ugh. There are two major fears. The first is getting picked last (what a great mode of confidence building, right?) The second is getting stuck on the losing team. When it comes to our faith, we are not being selected last and we have the invitation to be a part of the winning team. The reason we are selected to that team… LOVE. And it’s not some kind of conditional love. It’s an unbreakable, unshakable love from the Almighty Creator of the universe!

**Pray for confidence and awareness of God’s unbreakable love today.**

*Lord,*

*As I pray today, I think about the following things I am facing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*And, here is what I say in response to these things: If you are for me, God, who can be against me? In all these things I proclaim I am more than a conqueror for you who loved me. And Lord, I am convinced and proclaim that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate me from Your love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

 *Amen.*

**DAY 26: LISTEN**

**My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.**

**James 1:19**

There is a lot of noise in this world. Actually, our culture seems to do everything they can to avoid silence. There is also a rising sense that everyone needs to share their thoughts on everything. A quick look at your social media feed will confirm this. Silence and listening is becoming a lost art. Don’t let it be lost in your life.

**Pray this simple but significant truth over your life today.**

*Lord,*

*Today, may I be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.*

*Amen.*

**Now, pray this truth over your friends and family members today.**

*Lord,*

*May (your friends’ and family members’ names) be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.*

*Amen.*

As you have prayed this truth over yourself, your friends, and your entire family, now take some time to evaluate how you can better display this truth. What needs to happen to make James 1:19 more evident? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**DAY 27: IMMEASURABLY MORE**

**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, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

**Ephesians 3:20**

As you read this verse, don’t the words *immeasurably more* jump out at you? Allow those two combined words to really settle in. There’s more… which is an increased amount. Then, there’s immeasurably more… which is pretty much where God operates. Pastor, theologian, and author A.B. Simpson once said, “Our God has boundless resources. The only limit is in us. Our asking, our thinking, our praying are too small. Our expectations are too limited.”

As we consider this potential we must remember that although He is able to do immeasurably more, He is the One who will determine what and when to do it. However, we are welcome to ask.

**Pray today asking for immeasurably more and submitting to Him to provide.**

*Lord,*

*I believe you are able to do IMMEASURABLY MORE than anything I can ask or imagine. So, I ask for immeasurably more in the following areas: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*I ask these things to be done according to your power that is at work within me. And no matter the outcome, to you be glory in the church, in Christ Jesus and in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for ever and ever!*

*Amen.*

**DAY 28 - BENEDICTION & BLESSING**

**The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.**

**Numbers 6:24-26**

This priestly prayer was given to Aaron (and his sons) by God for the people of Israel. It was to serve as a benediction, or a closing blessing. In it we are reminded that we can be…

…recipients of divine blessing.

… protected by the Almighty God.

… exposed to His radiant presence.

… encounter His amazing grace.

… capture His attention.

… walk in His full peace.

As you finish up this devotional, this does not need to be the end of praying Scripture. In fact, in the page to follow there are references to an additional 32 verses or passages of Scripture to pray… allowing a total of 60 days of praying Scripture.

**For today, allow this priestly benediction to be your prayer today.**

*Lord,*

*Bless me and keep me. Lord, make your face shine on me and be gracious to me. Lord, turn your face toward me and give me peace.*

*Amen.*

What have been your biggest takeaways on this devotional/prayer journey?

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