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## INTRODUCTION

This devotional will not only help you develop a daily discipline of centering your life around Jesus, but it will also remind you that you are loved, you are redeemed, and you are His.

It's important for all of us to develop good habits as we walk with Jesus day by day. The one thing I know about myself is that I'm still under construction. Therefore, each day I need a reminder of the One who is helping me become all that I can be.

I encourage you to start each day by reading the devotional and then spend time reflecting on how the message relates to you and others.

Jesus wants a personal relationship with you for sure, but also wants you to think about others and how you can serve your neighbor. This devotional will focus on your personal relationship with Christ, but also help you see the bigger picture of serving God and others as you grow in your faith.

All of us at Life Without Limbs Ministry have prayed about this devotional and want you to know it was created with YOU in mind. I am so excited that you're taking the time each day to read, learn, and pray. I am honored to be your "half" brother in Christ!!!

May God bless you and continue to guide you into all truth.

Nick



## DAY 1

### GO TELL MY BROTHERS!

Several years ago, I visited a prison in Bogota, Columbia in South America. I was given permission to speak to some of the inmates who had life sentences.

At one point, I got close to the bars, and an inmate reached through and pulled me close. Everyone freaked out! I could see he had something important to share so I asked him what he wanted to say.

*“Go tell my brothers, Nick! Go tell my brothers and sisters around the world who are in prison that Jesus can set them free on the inside. Nick, do you see these guards and these other staff people who get to go home every night? They claim they are free, but if they don’t know Jesus, they’re not free. I am never getting released from here, but since I found Jesus, I know that I am completely free forever. This is my mission field! Go! Go and tell my brothers around the world they have value and that Jesus can set them free!”*

Freedom starts on the inside of your heart. The only path to this type of freedom begins by saying “Yes!” to Jesus and then following Him each day.

When you realize Jesus is the answer to life, you will want to share His hope, freedom, and love with everyone around you!

If you have never asked Jesus to set you free from the inside out, don’t wait any longer. Do it today.

Following Jesus is a decision you will never regret.

*“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!”*

Isaiah 52:7 (NLT)

*“Phillip went to look for Nathanael and told him, ‘We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.’”*

John 1:45 (NLT)

**DAY 2**  
**ANY WILLING HEART**

I am so glad the Lord doesn't see things the way you and I see them. Sometimes, I'm just as guilty as the next person for judging people and circumstances by what I see on the outside.

When we judge others based on what we see, we put limits on them that God doesn't see. The funny thing is, we never like it when people judge us in this way, and we usually end up saying something like "*You don't know my heart. You don't know what I've been through.*"

**But God does know your heart and knows what you've been through!**

God is more interested in your willingness to love Him and stay faithful than trying to prove yourself to others.

You might think you're unqualified or not good enough to serve God. Perhaps you've been told that you have nothing to offer.

**NOT TRUE!**

God sees your heart. Therefore, it doesn't matter who you are, where you came from, or what you've done. You have *value* and *purpose* to God, and He's ready to use any willing heart.

Don't believe me? If God can use a man without arms and legs to be His hands and feet, then He will certainly use any willing heart! Are you willing?



*“The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”* 1 Samuel 16:7b  
(NIV)

**Memory Verse**

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”* Matthew 5:8 (NIV)

### **DAY 3**

#### **NOBODY SINNED**

We live in a world that seeks an explanation for everything. If something good happens to someone, we want to know why so we can do the same thing. If something bad happens to someone, we may assume they did something to deserve it. But, if something bad happens to us, and we don't understand why, we want answers!

At a very young age, I questioned my value and purpose because I had no arms and legs. I often wondered what I had done to deserve being born this way. How about you? You may have arms and legs, but maybe you think God is punishing you or is mad at you. It's easy to think that way...if you believe you have no value.

As I was truly seeking God's plan for my life and questioning my value, I read John 9:1-3. It hit me like a lightning bolt! God isn't punishing me or my parents by allowing me to be born with no arms and legs. He is ready to use my circumstance to reveal His goodness and love to others!

The truth is, we live in a world that is compromised by sin. Until Jesus comes back, things won't be perfect, but the good news is God wants to use our flaws for good! Whatever you think is a flaw, He wants to use to reveal His goodness. Don't look at your circumstance or weakness as a limitation. Put it in God's hands and it will instantly become an opportunity for good.

Ask God today to take all your brokenness and use it for His glory! You'll be amazed at the changes that come once you surrender all to Him.

*“As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? Neither this man nor his parents sinned,’ said Jesus, ‘but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.’”*

John 9:1-3 (NIV)

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”*

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

**DAY 4**  
**FAITH UNLOCKS HOPE**

When I was a young boy, trying to read Scripture was frustrating for me. I wanted to know what the future held for someone like me. What was my purpose? I struggled and honestly couldn't see it anywhere in sight. I simply felt I had no hope.

Then, by the grace of God, I had a moment of clarity. Through God's great mercy I realized I did have hope, but what I was lacking was faith to believe it!

Our faith in God is what unlocks our greatest love for each other, conquers our greatest fears, and gives us the hope beyond all hope. The hope I began to see was found in Christ alone. Jesus is not only my hope, He is the hope of the world. God sent Jesus to rescue all of us from our sin and our hopeless state of being. By trusting in the promises of God and the work of Jesus on the cross, we have a hope and a future in Him and with Him forever.

Struggles will come, and so will all the ups and downs of life, but our hope in Christ will never disappoint us.

Have faith today that the unmovable hope of Jesus remains firmly planted in your heart! He will never leave you.

*"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul; firm and secure."*  
Hebrews 6:19a (NIV)

**Memory Verse**

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*  
Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

## DAY 5

### YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL JUST THE WAY YOU ARE

Why is it so hard to see and accept our own unique beauty? As a schoolboy, I was desperate to fit in. I think it's normal when you're young to try and fit in or find your identity. The danger is forgetting God created us all to be unique.

In the struggle to fit in, individuals often lose their individuality. God created us and gave us gifts to share with others. Believe it or not, there are purposes that God has given you that were designed long before you were even born.

Every single person on the planet is different in some way. Yes, we obviously have some things in common, but each of us has a uniqueness that could only have come from God. Instead of spending time trying to be like everyone else, or struggling to fit in, God desires that our lives be used by Christ for the good. In other words, instead of working to fit in or trying to measure up, we are to surrender to Christ and then be used by Him in a way that God thought of long before we were even born.

You are unique and you are God's creation. Celebrate it and surrender to the One who knows how to bless you and use you to bless others!

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well."*  
Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

## DAY 6 BEING POSITIVE ISN'T ENOUGH

When I search the Bible looking for the words *positivity* or *optimism*, they're not there. However, when I search for the word *faith*, it appears more than 300 times in certain translations.

I absolutely believe our attitudes have a huge impact on our lives. If we have a positive attitude, that can help us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The question becomes, is being positive enough?

What happens when being positive isn't enough? I need something more to get me through tough times than being positive. I NEED FAITH!

God desires for us to remain faithful in good times and in bad. It's faith in Jesus that carries us through the struggles of life when a positive attitude falls short.

Think about it; you wouldn't tell a victim of child abuse to just be positive. You wouldn't tell a sex-traffic victim to be optimistic... that everything will work out. It makes no sense!

The answer for tough circumstances is the hope found in Christ.

When positivity falls flat, and you're feeling defeated, remember it's the power of faith that leads to the Hope who has a name: Jesus the Son of God.

*"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will not be shaken."* Psalm 62:5-6 (NIV)

**DAY 7**  
**WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME?**

Did you know that 99% of all our fears are irrational? In other words, 99% of what causes you and I to become fearful or anxious is all in our head.

The first thing to remember is that you're not alone. Everyone struggles with "what if's" in their life, and they lead to fears that end up controlling us. The enemy is good at suggesting that we should fear others, fear failure, and fear that God doesn't love us. I remember as a young boy fearing that I would never find a job, never find a wife, and would be of no use to God.

Wow, was I wrong! I wish someone would have come along and told me that God has the final say in all things. My life changed when I started listening to God through reading the Bible and surrounding myself with other believers. I suddenly realized that anything was possible with God. You can see now that I'm living proof.

What about you? Do you let others determine what you think about yourself? Do you believe what others say about you, more than what God has to say? I pray that you will begin to let Jesus have the final say in your life each day. Don't allow irrational thoughts and fears to take hold in your mind. Turn to God, read His Word, and believe!

**Memory Verse** *"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise—in God I trust, I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"*  
Psalm 56:3-4 (NIV)

## **DAY 8** **UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

I love talking about what God has done in my life and how I've become a new creation in Christ Jesus. The Bible tells us that when we put our faith in Christ, our old "self" is gone, and the "new life" has arrived. This all sounds incredible, and I believe it to be true, but what about old habits, hang-ups, and hurts?

My friend, YOU are a work in progress. You are still under construction, and Jesus is the Master Carpenter! Faith is a lifelong journey with Jesus. Parts of our new self may appear quickly, but some of it takes time. Don't get frustrated. Try not to force anything. Enjoy the journey and spend time with Jesus, and you will soon find out the journey is worth the effort.

So, take it one day at a time and ask God to help you in the journey of becoming more like Jesus. I promise God will transform your life as you trust in Him each new day.

P.S. I know it's easy to look at others and get frustrated because they appear to be a finished product and have it all together. Trust me, they are still a work in progress! We all are!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone; the new is here!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

### **Memory Verse**

*"...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)



**DAY 9**  
**NEW MERCIES EVERYDAY**

How many times have you heard the phrase, “God is always at work”? If you’re like me, I imagine God at work in the world, and in others. However, I struggle to believe He’s working in my life.

I can remember a time when I thought God was working in everyone else’s life but mine. This type of thinking leads to isolation, depression, and acting out in anger. It’s also the number one weapon of the enemy, and I still fight the mindset thinking that God is far away, and cares about everyone else but me.

The truth is, God is always near. God is always working in your life and is for you, not against you. It is up to each one of us to seek Him and trust Him. Even when it doesn’t seem as if anything new is happening, stay faithful.

Remember: The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy everything, so encourage each other, and remind each other all the time that God is working for good in each other’s lives.

Never forget, God’s new mercies each day are an opportunity for new growth, new life, and new peace!

*“Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NIV)

## **DAY 10**

### **MY TRUE IDENTITY**

So many people are looking for fulfillment in things that will never satisfy. Since the beginning of time, human beings have searched high and low for their value in temporary things. That's why we continue to bounce from one thing to the next in hopes that our identity, worth, and significance can be found in the latest fads or popular trends.

We seek our identity in work, sex, drugs, alcohol, fame, fortune and “stuff.” Like I always say,

*“If you put your hope in temporary things, your hope will be temporary.”*

God did not create us to wander aimlessly in search of meaning all our life as if it's a scavenger hunt!

Not only does God want you to know your true identity is found in Jesus, He wants you to trust in this identity to attain the best future possible. Start each day by embracing your true identity in Christ Jesus and be confident it will be enough to satisfy.

#### **Memory Verse**

*“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.”*

Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)

## **DAY 11**

### **INSPIRATION COMES FROM GOD**

What inspires you? Where do your most inspirational moments happen? Are you most inspired watching a movie, listening to a great speaker, or maybe while you listen to music? Some people are inspired by painting, or sculpting, or even looking at art. I know people who get inspired by simply looking out the window and seeing the beauty of nature. I also know people who get inspired while mowing the lawn or simply taking a walk.

You are created in the image of God, and God's creativity is beyond comprehension. Of course, human beings have much in common with each other, but God wired you to be unique in some areas.

Inspiration can come from several places, and everyone gets inspiration in different ways. God wants to inspire you and use you in a creative way.

Today, pray to God and ask for a fresh revelation of the things that truly inspire you and can be used for His kingdom.

#### **Memory Verse**

*"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. I know that full well."*  
Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

## DAY 12

### WHAT DO YOU WANT?

When you think of God or church, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? If you're like me, my first thought was about rules and all the things I would have to "do" to be accepted by God. How about you?

It's interesting, however, that the very first words Jesus says in the Gospel of John were,

*"What do you want?"* John 1:38 (NIV)

So often we spend our time thinking about what we're supposed to do for God, and we miss the fact that He loves us and wants to bless us.

When Jesus asked two disciples what they wanted, they responded,

*"Where are you staying?"* John 1:38 (NIV)

Jesus knew they were curious and wanted to just hang out and see what happened next. Jesus replied,

*"Come and see."* John 1:39 (NIV)

Let's never forget the simplicity that God loves us and sent his Son to rescue us. Jesus may be asking you today what you want. If you are willing to answer and begin a relationship, He will respond. He will never lead you astray and will always be your hope.

*"The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples*

*heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want? They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' 'Come,' he replied, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon."*

John 1:35-39 (NIV)

**DAY 13**  
**COME, AND YOU WILL SEE**

Faith requires you and I not only to believe, but also to act on our belief. When Jesus asked the two disciples who were following Him what they wanted, they replied,

“Where are you staying?” *Jesus then replied, “Come and you will see.”* John 1:37 (NIV)

The disciples had two options: They could have believed Jesus but decided not to follow, or they could have started following Jesus, which means they believed and acted on their belief.

It’s nice to think about Jesus’ promises for a more fulfilling life, but it’s often difficult to take that first step of faith. Jesus always wants us to “see” for ourselves, and that’s why faith is so important in our walk with Him.

Today, think and pray about one thing you can do that not only shows you believe that Jesus is Lord, but that you are willing to act on that belief. Pray for your enemies, write a letter to someone asking for forgiveness, or maybe even ask someone if you can pray for them! All of these are simple ways to start the process of “seeing” what it’s like to follow Jesus.

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”* John 11:25-26 (NIV)

## DAY 14 FOLLOW ME

The journey of faith truly begins after we have accepted God's invitation into a relationship through Jesus. God calls us to be redeemed or "reborn" by trusting in Jesus as our personal Lord and Savior. When we answer, "Yes" to this relationship, the journey begins.

In John 1:35-43 we see how this journey works. As we have already reviewed, Jesus offers the two disciples to come and see, and they did. Then, Jesus spends time with them and develops the relationship further.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Phillip and said to him,

*"Come, follow me."* John 1:43 (NIV).

If Phillip is anything like me, he probably wondered, "Why can't we just stay here? I'm comfortable here and not sure what's going to happen if we go somewhere else!"

Jesus knows that in order to grow in our faith, we must all continue to trust Him even when we don't know where He's leading us.

I've learned over the years that just when I'm feeling the most comfortable in my walk with Jesus, He's about ready to say, "Nick, it's time to grow, so it's time to go! Follow me!"

Be encouraged that we serve a God who accepts us as we are but doesn't leave us the way we were. Jesus wants more for me and more for you. Keep following Him and trust that He is

leading you to more life, more purpose, and more fulfillment as a child of God.

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)



**DAY 15**  
**GO TO NINEVEH**

Few of us like to be told what to do, even people who love God.

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God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and “preach against” it. In other words, God wanted to send Jonah to a hostile place and proclaim God’s willingness to spare them if they would turn from their wicked ways. Jonah decided he wanted no part of this and went in the opposite direction to a place called Tarshish.

Jonah tried to avoid doing what he was told to do by God because he didn’t believe the people of Nineveh deserved the chance to experience God’s grace and love.

Sometimes, well-intentioned people believe they know better than God when it comes to who is worthy of forgiveness and redemption. Just like Jonah, we try to avoid talking to certain people about the love of God simply because we think they don’t deserve a second chance.

Always remember, God loves all people, and we are His servants. Instead of avoiding God’s promptings to “go” to wherever He tells us, we are to empty ourselves and go tell of

God's great love to all. If God wants to use you for something, don't make the same mistake as Jonah. Just trust Him!

*“The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai,  
‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it,  
because its wickedness has come up before me.’”*

Jonah 1:1-2 (NIV)

## DAY 16 OWN YOUR MESS

Jonah tried everything to avoid doing what God wanted him to do. Jonah ran from God, tried to hide from God on a boat, and eventually had to be awakened by a fierce storm that was threatening to kill him and everyone else around him.

When you run from God (and everybody runs), it creates unnecessary problems. Jonah was on board a ship with sailors who feared for their lives when they found out Jonah was a prophet who was running from God.

Jonah fessed up and said,

*“‘Throw me into the sea,’ Jonah said, ‘and it will become calm again. I know that this terrible storm is all my fault.’”*

Jonah 1:12 (NIV)

Reluctantly, the sailors threw Jonah overboard and the storm died down. All the sailors became believers that day!

When Jonah found himself in the belly of the great fish, he remembered that God was on his side and wasn't trying to hurt him. God was trying to get his attention. The moment Jonah confessed his mess, the Lord had the fish spit Jonah out onto dry land.

Confession is hard but necessary. Trust God to hear your heart as you confess your sins to Him. He will forgive you, deliver you, and I promise, you will end up on dry land.

King David penned Psalm 32, and it still serves to remind us of the power of owning up.

*“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the summer heat. Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And You forgave the guilt of my sin.”* Psalm 32: 3-5 (NIV)

Always remember it is better to own your mess and allow God the pleasure of setting you free!

*“When my life was ebbing away, I remembered You, Lord, and my prayer rose to You, to Your holy temple.”* Jonah 2:7 (NIV)

## **DAY 17**

### **LEARNING TO FORGIVE YOURSELF**

It's very difficult to comprehend just how much God loves you. It's also very difficult to understand how the same God who loves you wants you to forget about your mistakes from the past. Jesus took care of all your sin. Jesus has given you hope and a future. It's time to stop dwelling on past mistakes and move forward with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Forgetting past mistakes completely may never happen, but dwelling on them doesn't help anything. If there is someone you need to apologize to or ask forgiveness from, pray about how and when, whether it is on paper or in person. Once you've done this, move on. Allowing yourself to be haunted by things in the past is exactly what the enemy wants you to focus on, because it prevents you from realizing your true identity in Christ! Focus on your future. God is in your future and He is calling you forward. Let go of the past, forgive yourself, and learn from your mistakes. The future, which is filled with peace, love, and purpose, is waiting on you.

*“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, 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, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 3:12-14 (NIV)

## **DAY 18**

### **TEACH ME THREE THINGS**

When I started my faith journey at age 15, I knew I would need strength to remain faithful. I truly wanted to know Jesus, live for Jesus and trust Him for the rest of my life.

But how do I start that process? I asked God to teach me three things right at the beginning.

*“Teach me how to pray, teach me how to be grateful, and teach me how to trust You.”*

Praying to God is having a two-way conversation. I can talk with God, but I also need to be quiet and listen. Being grateful is the key to maintaining the proper perspective while walking by faith. Trust in God is the key for all three because our trust is how God develops our overall faith. Trust leads to more prayer, and the more we pray the more grateful our perspective.

Let the journey begin! I encourage you today, no matter where you are in your faith journey, to stop and revisit these three things: 1) Prayer, 2) Thankfulness, and 3) Trust.

Go back to basics if needed, and I promise God will meet you there.

### **Memory Verse**

*“Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

**DAY 19**  
**THE CHURCH IS A BODY, NOT A BUILDING**

Jesus began the New Testament church by instructing Peter.

*“Feed My lambs. ...Take care of My sheep. ...Feed My sheep.”*  
John 21:15-17 (NIV)

All three of these instructions are action-based commands. The Body of Christ is made up of people willing to feed one another by speaking life and truth to each other, praying for each other, and caring for each other. We don't need a building for any of those actions!

Sometimes, we think the building is where God lives. Scripture, however, tells us that the Holy Spirit lives in every believer. What this means to you is that everywhere you go, you are part of the living Body of Christ. You can change the environment for the good through the power of God that resides in your heart.

Don't' misunderstand, I love church buildings. And I love going to church because gathering together serves a wonderful purpose in offering a place for all to come and hear the Good News. But don't forget the most important part: **You** are the church and **You** can influence the people and places where God sends **You**.

**DAY 20**  
**EVERYONE MATTERS; EVERYONE HAS GIFTS:**  
**BUT DON'T GET A BIG HEAD!**

The world will always try to convince you that your value and purpose are directly linked to your job, your income, and how you look.

God's kingdom is the exact opposite. Your value and worth to God are based on nothing other than His love for you. We are all created in God's image, which is the same as saying we are His reflection. God says you have tremendous value and worth, but it can only be found in Christ.

I've spoken to so many people who are miserable with life because for years they have tried to create their own worth by chasing after the world. They end up miserable because it's a never-ending search that doesn't satisfy.

The Bible teaches that everyone finds their identity, worth, and purpose in Jesus. The decision to accept Christ results in becoming a part of the Body of Christ. God assigns you and I with certain gifts and reveals our purpose as we continue to follow.

You have a God-given gift that was designed especially for YOU! But before you get a big head; remember we are to use our gifts for others and to reach the lost.

*"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."*

Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)



*“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”*

Romans 12:3 (NIV)

*“Just as a body, though one, has many parts; but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”*

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV)

## DAY 21

### FIRST THINGS FIRST; CLEAR YOUR MIND

When I was a younger man, I spent a lot of time trying to figure out where I fit in and how to get what I wanted out this world. I would base all my decisions on what I saw others doing and what was working for them. Sounds logical right?

Caution: Logic can be misleading when it comes to the Kingdom of God.

Each day, you and I have the choice to set our minds on what God says about us, or what the world says. By allowing God to transform and renew our minds, the more our lives will begin to reflect what it looks like to follow Him.

The very first step I needed to take so that God could renew my mind was to clear out all the junk that was taking up space between my ears! Try waking up each morning and asking God to renew your mind in accordance with His truth.

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

You are a child of God. You are a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”*

Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)

Meditate on these truths, and your mind will have the same perspective God has about YOU!

**DAY 22**  
**GOD IS LOVE AND LOVE NEVER FAILS**

Let's face it...you and I will fail sometimes. Even when we're trying our very best to love God and others, we will fail. We are broken vessels and no matter how many times we patch up our brokenness, we still have some leaks. And guess what, trying harder doesn't work!

1 Corinthians 13, verses 4-8, give us a much bigger picture of what love is all about.

*“Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **Love never fails.**”*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)

Wow! How am I supposed to live up to God's definition of love? The truth is none of us can.

Don't get discouraged, because the Bible also says, in 1 John 4:16 that God is love. Surrendering to His will within us makes the impossible possible.

If God is love and love never fails, then you and I can read the above Scripture like this:

God is patient—

God is kind—

God does not envy—

God does not boast—

God is not proud—

God does not dishonor—

God is not self-seeking—

God is not easily angered—

God keeps no record of wrongs (for those in Christ)—

God does not delight in evil—

God rejoices in the truth—

God always protects—

God always trusts—

God always hopes—

God always perseveres—

***God never fails.***

## DAY 23

### YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT GOD CAN DO WITH YOUR BROKEN PIECES UNTIL YOU GIVE YOUR BROKEN PIECES TO GOD

If you believe what the Bible says about sin and brokenness, then you know everyone falls short. It does no good to compare our brokenness and pain with others, because nobody wins, and more importantly nobody gets healed.

Sin is universal and affects everything. Our brokenness, however, shows up in several different forms. Some of us deal with addiction. Some of us deal with bad relationships. Others are broken because they grew up in a home with no love. Some, like me, deal with not having a “normal” physical appearance.

Sometimes brokenness on the outside reveals what sin has corrupted on the inside. The wonderful news is that Jesus wants to meet you in your brokenness and make you whole. Our problem is sometimes we want to hang onto our brokenness as an “excuse” for not living our best life.

I encourage you to run to Jesus today with all your brokenness and let Him turn it into something beautiful. Jesus came to not only rescue you from the bondage of sin, but also to make you a bright light shining in a dark world.

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*  
Romans 3:23 (NIV)

*“For God, who said, ‘Let the light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give*

*the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Jesus Christ.*" 2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)

Here's a simple prayer for today. "Lord, I come to you just as I am. You know all things, and you know my heart. You also know my brokenness and how I struggle. I am thankful for Jesus and my salvation, and I ask that you continue to redeem my life and transform all my broken pieces into something good so the whole world will know Jesus and that You will be glorified. Amen!"

## DAY 24

### BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Have you ever been a peacemaker? Have you ever tried to stand in the middle of a conflict and try to bring a positive solution? It is a noble thing to step in and help others find peace in a difficult situation, but what if the conflict is about you? Being a peacemaker gets tougher when your own emotions are involved.

Peacemaking has nothing to do with being right or defending your honor. Being a peacemaker doesn't mean you are weak. Peacemaking is a way to show your trust in God by allowing Him to sort things out.

You and I live in a world of rules that don't always line up with God's ways. Even when you are being wronged, God wants us to remain a peacemaker. So, what does that look like?

I can remember a time when I thought peacemaking was simply "not fighting" or "agreeing to disagree." God sees peacemaking as an act of faith and an act of love. It's not just avoiding conflict; it's seeking a deeper understanding in all relationships. It's about showing compassion and mercy and allowing God to give you a different perspective.

God knows the situation better than you, and He is also working in the other person or persons' lives. Never forget, God calls you BLESSED if you pursue peacemaking to the best of your ability. Trust God. Pray. Seek peace. YOU ARE A CREATED CHILD OF GOD!

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."*

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)



**DAY 25**  
**THE ABUNDANT LOVE OF GOD**

I hear people say, “God loves you!” all the time, but I wonder if anyone truly understands what that means.

I remember growing up always asking the question, “If God loves me, then why did He make me like this?”

I could understand how God might love other people because they seemed to have it all together, but when I thought about God loving me, it just didn’t connect.

How about you? Are you ready to be reminded once again just how much God loves you?

Ephesians 3 points to the importance of being rooted and established. This means you must first decide to open your heart to the love of God. In other words, God’s love can be experienced in a life-changing way.

Be vulnerable and ask God to show you His abundant love for you.

God’s love is wide, removing sins as far as the east is from the west.

God’s love is long. There is no distance you can go to be out of the reach of God’s love.

God’s love is high. His ways are higher, and His thoughts are higher.

God’s love is deep. The love that goes into the depths of the grave to rescue all from sin is a deep love.

*“...And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”*

Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)

### **Memory Verse**

*“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”*

1 John 4:9 (NIV)

## DAY 26 THE GARDEN

There are times in my life when I need to be alone in prayer. When I get overwhelmed or my mind is racing, I need to get alone and pray. Like Jesus, however, I still want my brothers to be close by in support. Praying alone doesn't mean to isolate ourselves from the support of those God has placed around us.

Jesus knew that His fate of the cross was upon Him. Prayer was the only thing that would strengthen Him. I've never faced anything like Jesus did, but I have experienced times of extreme fear and doubt with the things going on in my own life. It is in these moments that I need the support of others' prayers.

If you have never identified at least two or three others that you trust and can ask to support you in times of struggle, I encourage you to find them soon! In turn, you also should provide support for them in their times of prayer and struggle.

Prayer is great. Praying to your Heavenly Father is even better knowing that you have other believers who are close by and supporting you.

*“Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’”*                      Matthew 26:36 (NIV)

**Memory Challenge: The Lord's Prayer**

*“...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.                      Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)*

**DAY 27**  
**JESUS UNDERSTANDS INJUSTICE**

I learned at an early age that life isn't fair. At a very young age, I was bullied by people at my school. Being born without arms and legs, you would think people would show compassion. Too often, however, I was bullied, picked on, and I realized life is not fair.

There's a big difference, however, between my story and Jesus. Yes, I was bullied for something I couldn't control, but Jesus was someone who never sinned! Therefore, Jesus faced the most incredible injustice known to man. Jesus was crucified for living a perfect life and telling the truth.

You and I may suffer through injustices, but you and I aren't perfect. It's easy to pick out the times of injustice when life has not been fair. The flip side, however, is realizing that each one of us, at some point, have probably treated others unfairly as well.

Jesus is the only one able to claim a true understanding of injustice. Therefore, He is the one who understands the parts of your life that have been an injustice.

Are you willing to trust Jesus to handle the injustices of your life? He knows what to do. He knows how to make something good out of your pain. He knows how to work all things together for your good.

Trust Jesus with everything, including the injustices and unfairness we all experience. I promise he will make it right in the best way possible.

*“When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, ‘Don’t you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?’ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.”* Matthew 27:12-14 (NIV)

*“Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.”* Romans 12:19 (NIV)

## **DAY 28**

### **THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

The Cross of Christ is one of the most recognizable symbols in the world. When you see a cross, it immediately brings several things to mind including the Christian faith, Jesus, crucifixion, and even salvation.

When you see a cross, what comes to your mind?

When I see the cross, I think of Jesus. I think of all the times I avoided Him when I was younger. I think of times even now that I still have doubt and fear. When I see the cross, I think about the times I didn't stand up for what's right. When I see the cross, I wonder why Jesus would die for someone like me.

Have you ever thought about what Jesus saw when facing the cross?

- Jesus saw you trying to find a way to Him.
- Jesus saw a mustard seed of faith within your doubt.
- Jesus saw your heart and desire to stand up for good.

Jesus saw the only way to set you free and become a child of the King was to die on that cross.

The next time you see the cross, I challenge you to see something different. I pray that you see this life is only temporary, and Jesus has given you a future and a hope that the world doesn't offer. The next time you see a cross, I pray you see Jesus' love for you.

Love him, love others, and believe.

*“With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how He died, he said, ‘Surely this man was the Son of God!’”*

Mark 15:37-39 (NIV)

### **Memory Verse Challenge**

*“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*

John 15:13 (NIV)



## **DAY 29** **THE ROLLING STONE**

The most infamous rolling stone in the universe was only moved twice. Once, to seal the crucified Son of God in the tomb, and once to allow the risen Savior of the world to walk out and leave the tomb empty forever.

When they placed Jesus' lifeless body in the tomb and rolled the stone into place, reality set in for his disciples. All who had put their hope in Jesus were now faced with the awful truth that he was dead and buried. Now what?

I've experienced disappointment on many occasions. Even when my hopes and dreams are born out of my love for God, there have been times that nothing seems to work, and I end up at a dead end.

I have learned, however, that when something dies, something new is born. Jesus went into the tomb lifeless and at the mercy of those who carried him. When the stone was rolled away, Jesus came out more alive than ever, and in the process gave us an invitation.

The invitation is to die to "self" every day and walk with Him to experience life in the fullest.

Whatever obstacle you're facing or whatever hurdle you can't seem to overcome, Jesus has already defeated it. Whatever the stone is that you see rolled in front of you blocking your way, Jesus has already rolled it away. You just need to walk by faith knowing Jesus has made a way.

The key is to willingly let die whatever it is that is causing you to stumble and allow Jesus to bring it back to life the way that He knows is best.

*“So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then He rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where He was laid.”*

Mark 15:46-47 (NIV)

### **Memory Verse Challenge**

*“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 (NIV)

**DAY 30**  
**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KINGDOM**

Have you ever wondered what is most important in our journey with God? Is it obedience? Is it trying our best to be holy? Is it all about going to church and singing songs? Are we all just supposed to sit quietly and wait for Jesus to return?

This Scripture gives us a clue.

*“After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the Kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3 (NIV)*

Of course, we are surrounding ourselves with others who also believe and sing praises to our God. Of course, we are to surrender to God’s plan to love others as we love ourselves. By doing so, we are being obedient to God. Of course, we can’t just sit around and wait on Jesus to return because He told us to live our life to the fullest!

When Jesus appeared to His followers after His resurrection, the Bible says He told them many things about the Kingdom of God. I’m a firm believer that one of the most important things I can do as I walk by faith is to ask God to teach me more about His kingdom. This requires a mindset of openness, humility, and a desire to grow.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I'm so proud of you for making it through these 30 days of devotionals!

Now, I'm praying that you will be a true disciple of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and seek Him daily.

Be open to what God wants to reveal to you about yourself and others. Be humble enough to know there's always more to learn.

Become the person who never tires of growing in your faith, and I promise that God's kingdom will become more and more clear with every passing day.

You are a big part of the family of God, and I'm your half-brother!

Love you,

Nick

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