

# 21 DAYS

OF PRAYER AND FASTING

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# 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

## Our Plan

This year we wanted to handle our 21 days of prayer and fasting a little different. We wanted to challenge everyone to find that one person to start reaching out to, preaching the good news to, and teaching them about how amazing God is (this is what we call personal evangelism). We are doing all of this because here at CCC we value *people* and *life change* and the best way to show how much we value those two things are to help others come to know Christ personally. In years past we have asked you to pray and fast for yourself and the direction God is taking you, we are not saying that you cannot do that this year but along with that we want you to start your year being intentionally involved in the great commission.

We have set out the next three weeks to help you with doing all of that.

Week 1: Reaching Out

Week 2: Preaching The Good News

Week 3: Teaching Them About God

Pastor Mark has started a series called “One” that will go along with these 21 day and we hope with all these things that God will stir inside you a new (or maybe an old forgotten) desire to help reach others with the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Our Purpose

We want to help you understand how important your role is in the Kingdom of God and to equip you to do the work God has for every believer. These next 21 days we hope that we can give you practical tools to live out a Christian life that helps others know God personally. We will challenge you to pray for people, live out a life of Christ likeness, tell others about what God has done for you, and help lead them to Christ personally. We know this all may seem like a lot, but we promise we are walking with you through all these things.

We have even given you a resource at the very back of this package to help walk someone through what salvation is and how to become saved. This is what we call “The Romans Road”. We as a staff are here for you as you do all these things and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Eddie at [eddie@ccchurchnc.org](mailto:eddie@ccchurchnc.org) for any other questions you may have.

Finally, if you have a testimony about the one you have chosen anytime this year, we would love to know about it and celebrate it with you.

We want to start off with a prayer for:

Dear God, we ask that today you drop into the hearts of everyone that is participating in these 21 days that one person they are meant to reach, preach, and teach. We ask that you give them wisdom, love, and boldness as they take this journey into being an active part of the great commission. We are trusting that we will see lives changed and people saved because of this. Holy Spirit go before us because it isn't by might, power, or even our words that lives are changed it is because you have taken what was once dead and made it alive in you. Thank you for the fruit we will see because of this and we believe that by doing all of this we will grow closer to you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



# Day 1: Freedom to Serve

(Galatians 5:13-14)

"For you have been called to live in **freedom**, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to **serve one another in love**. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

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## The Misuse of Freedom

Paul warns against using our freedom to "**satisfy your sinful nature**." This means not treating Christ's grace as a license to be selfish, lazy, or indulgent. When our freedom is focused only inward, it ceases to be true liberty and becomes a form of spiritual bondage to self.

- **Reflect:** When you hear the word "freedom," where does your mind go first? To the things you are now *allowed* to do, or to the good things you are now *empowered* to do for others?
  - **The Check:** If your Christian liberty primarily benefits *you* (your comfort, your schedule, your desires), you are missing the essential command of this freedom.
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## The Command to Reach Out

The ultimate goal of our freedom is outward: **to serve one another in love**. The love and freedom we have found aren't meant to be kept to ourselves; they are the tools we use to **reach the ones who are still bound** by sin, doubt, or loneliness. We reach them by our **words, actions, and love**.

- **The Whole Law:** The entire Old Testament Law is distilled into this one command: "**Love your neighbor as yourself**." Service and love are inseparable; you cannot claim to love your neighbor without actively serving them.
- **Your Mission:** As you begin this study, God is calling you to move from spiritual consumption (taking in truth) to spiritual contribution (pouring out love).

### Action Steps for Today:

Commit today to dedicating your freedom to serve, starting with one person.

1. **Pick One Person:** Intentionally choose one individual in your sphere of influence—a coworker, a family member, a neighbor, or an old friend—who needs to experience the love of Jesus.
2. **Pray for That Person:** Commit to praying for them by name every day, asking God to soften their heart and show you specific ways to serve them.
3. **Prepare to Reach That Person:** Brainstorm one concrete, practical act of service or kindness you will offer them this week. This is how you use your freedom to fulfill the Law of Love.

# Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the glorious **freedom** we have received through your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us for the times we have used this liberty selfishly, focusing inward instead of outward.

Today, we rededicate our freedom to your purpose. We ask for the spiritual vision to see the needs of those around us, and for the supernatural power to move beyond our comfort zones and serve.

We specifically lift up the person we have chosen, [**Name the person**], and ask that you would prepare their heart to receive your love. Guide our actions and words this week so that they may experience the unearned, extravagant grace we have been given. May our lives truly fulfill the command to love.

In Jesus's powerful name, Amen.

# Day 2: The Power of Deep Love

(1 Peter 4:8-9)

**"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other,** for love covers a multitude of sins. **Cheerfully share your home** with those who need a meal or a place to stay."

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## Love Covers Sin (Mercy Inward)

Peter's famous phrase, **"love covers a multitude of sins,"** has a dual meaning.

- **It covers *Your* Sins:** The love of Christ found you, saved you, and created a new life within you. This is the ultimate covering.
- **It Covers *Others'* Sins:** Deep love is not quick to point out faults, hold grudges, or rehearse failures. It chooses to absorb the minor offenses and hurts caused by others. This creates a healing, gracious environment where people can truly belong.

### The Challenge of Deep Love:

"Deep love" (or *fervent* love) requires intent. It's not a superficial feeling; it's a dedicated action, especially when it's inconvenient or costly.

- **Reflect:** Think about the person you chose yesterday. If they were to offend or disappoint you this week, would your immediate reaction be to pull away or to let your deep love cover their fault? Love means choosing to **listen** to them, even when their words are difficult, and prioritizing their heart over your pride.
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## Cheerfully Share Your Life (Service Outward)

Peter immediately pairs deep love with practical action: **"Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay."** This is the biblical concept of **hospitality** (*philoxenia*—the love of strangers).

This doesn't just mean opening your physical house; it means opening your **life, your time, and your resources** to others. Your freedom is the **power** that guides you in reaching the one God has laid on your heart.

- **The Power of Proximity:** When you share your life—a meal, a conversation, a quiet moment—you give God a physical channel through which His love can flow.
- **Cheerfulness is Key:** Service should not be done grudgingly. True hospitality comes from a grateful heart that recognizes everything it has is a gift from God.

## Action Steps for Today:

Yesterday, you **picked** a person. Today, you commit to reaching them through love, listening, and letting God work.

1. **Love Them:** Identify one way to practically serve the person you chose this week.
  2. **Listen to Them:** Plan time to genuinely engage with them—not just talking, but giving them your undivided attention to hear their heart and needs.
  3. **Let God Do Amazing Things:** Trust that the love that covered your sins is powerful enough to transform their life. Your job is simply to be the willing conduit.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for modeling **deep love** and covering the multitude of our sins.

We pray for the courage to love others as fervently as we have been loved. Empower us to lay aside our convenience and cheerfully share our lives, our time, and our resources.

We lift up **[Name the person]** and ask for opportunities this week to listen intently and love unconditionally. We surrender control, trusting that the love flowing through us will be the power that draws them closer to you.

Let your love be known to the one who needs it most. In Jesus's name, Amen.



# Day 3: Radical Acceptance

(Romans 15:7)

"Therefore, **accept each other just as Christ has accepted you** so that God will be given glory."

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## Acceptance vs. Approval

We must grasp the critical difference between **acceptance** and **approval**.

When God found us, most of us "did not have it together." We were spiritually sick, making mistakes, and living outside His will. Yet, God brought us into His family. His acceptance was **unconditional** (it didn't require us to be fixed first), but it was never permission for us to stay broken.

- **Acceptance** is meeting people where they are, recognizing they are loved and valued by God *right now*. This is the **starting line**.
- **Approval** is endorsing their current actions or choices. While we do not approve of what someone may be doing we are called to love the person, even while hating the sin that binds them.

We accept them because **sick people are the ones who need a doctor**. We cannot point them to the Healer if we refuse to sit with them in their suffering.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Examine the Mirror:** How did Christ's acceptance of *you* change your life? It likely wasn't because someone condemned you, but because someone loved you.
  2. **Challenge Your Barriers:** Who is the person you chose on Day 1? Is there a subtle barrier you've put up—a judgment or expectation—that prevents you from fully accepting them *as they are*?
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## Embrace When It Is Hard

The command to accept each other is most needed when it is most difficult. Acceptance gives glory to God because it proves that **His unifying love** is stronger than our human differences, discomforts, or disagreements.

- **Embracing is Active:** This involves moving toward people even when their life choices, struggles, or past mistakes make the relationship messy or inconvenient.
- **Embracing is Transformative:** This unconditional acceptance creates the safety and stability (the "foundation") necessary for a person to begin to imagine growth and change. No one is truly transformed in an environment of condemnation.

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Accept Them as They Are:** Intentionally look past one difficult or frustrating aspect of the person you are serving this week. See them as Christ sees them: valuable, loved, and a work in progress.
  2. **Embrace When It Is Hard:** If an opportunity arises today that tests your patience or forces you into a difficult conversation with that person, choose **empathy** over judgment.
  3. **Encourage Growth:** Look for one genuine, positive quality in this person and prepare a word of encouragement. Acceptance means believing they can still be **more**—and communicating that belief to them.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the radical and profound acceptance you have extended to us through Christ. We were lost, yet you brought us in.

We confess our tendency to judge, to build walls, and to set up conditions for love. Forgive us for failing to reflect your unconditional grace.

Today, we pray for the strength to **accept others just as Christ has accepted us**. Remove any barrier of pride or judgment in our hearts that keeps us from moving toward those who need a touch of your love. Help us to truly **embrace [Name the person]** and to speak words that **encourage them to grow** toward the wholeness you desire for them.

Let your unconditional acceptance shine through us, so that all the glory goes to you. Amen.

# Day 4: Living Worthy

(1 Thessalonians 2:12)

"We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to **live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy**. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory."

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## The Integrity Test

If someone tells you their favorite way to travel is by bike, but you only ever see them walking or driving. When you ask why you never see them riding a bike they tell you that they do not know how to ride one. At this point their words lose all credibility.

When we invite people to church or tell them that God can change everything, but our lives do not reflect that change, we create confusion at best and deep **resentment at worst**. Our lack of integrity becomes a stumbling block rather than a signpost.

- **Integrity is Alignment:** Living a life worthy of God means ensuring your **walk matches your talk**. Your private life should not contradict your public profession of faith.
- **The World is Watching:** People today are less interested in flawless theology and more interested in **authentic transformation**. They want to know: Does this faith actually *work*?

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Examine the Conflict:** In what area of your life (e.g., handling stress, money, gossip, or anger) would someone see a stark contrast between what you *say* you believe and how you *actually* live?
  2. **Invite Honesty:** If you were to honestly share your life with the person you are focusing on this week, what is one "messy" area you would need to confess or be transparent about to demonstrate that you are a **real** person relying on a real God?
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## Shine the Light of Christ

We are not called to be perfect; we are called to be **authentic**. Authenticity means owning your struggles while pointing to the hope that carries you through them.

As you reach out to the one God has laid on your heart, your life becomes a silent testimony. This worthiness that God calls us to is meant to illuminate the glory of His Kingdom to others.

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Show Authenticity:** Don't try to hide your weaknesses or pretend your life is perfect. Instead, be quick to share how Christ's strength is made perfect *in* your weakness.
  2. **Share Your Life:** Plan a genuine, unscripted moment with your person of focus. This could be a shared cup of coffee, helping with a task, or simply being present. **Sharing your life** creates the relational soil for sharing your faith.
  3. **Shine the Light of Christ:** Ask yourself: What is the primary characteristic of Christ (patience, kindness, peace) that I need to intentionally display today so that my life points to Him?
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for calling us to share in your **Kingdom and glory**. We recognize that our lives should reflect the immense value of that calling.

We confess where our lives are misaligned. Forgive us for the hypocrisy that confuses those around us. We ask for the **courage to be authentic**—to be transparent about our struggles while powerfully pointing to you, our source of strength.

As we reach out to **[Name the person]**, help our **words and our lives** to look the same. Give us the grace to live in a way that you would consider worthy, so that through our actions, your light shines brightly, leading others to your glory. Amen.

# Day 5: The Attitude of Christ

(Philippians 2:3-5)

"Don't be **selfish**; don't try to impress others. Be **humble**, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an **interest in others**, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."

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## Listen to Hear, Not to Respond

The text calls us to be humble and to **"take an interest in others, too."** This challenges the way we interact. Many of us think we are selfless because we do things *for* others, but do we do it because we **actually heard the need** or simply out of a sense of religious obligation?

- **The Difference:** The person who **listens to respond** is focused on their next comment, their advice, or their solution. They are listening for a pause to insert themselves.
- **The Christ-like Listener:** Christ listened to **actually hear** someone. He often had compassion because **He saw the people and felt the need of them.** He understood their pain before He offered a solution.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Examine Your Ears:** Think about the person you are serving this week. When you talk to them, do you focus more on preparing what you will say (your "spiritual response") or on understanding the emotion and depth of what they are sharing?
  2. **Practice Empathy:** Plan to spend time with your person of focus soon. Make a commitment to **hear them**—to listen without interrupting, correcting, or offering advice, unless they specifically ask. Your only goal is to feel the need they feel.
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## Humility Leads to Help

The mandate to **"think of others as better than yourselves"** does not mean degrading your own value. It means choosing to elevate their needs, feelings, and well-being above your own. This is the definition of **humility** that leads directly to **help**.

- **Selfless Service:** When your actions flow from a place of true empathy (you heard and felt their need), your service is genuine. When it comes from trying to impress others or just checking a box, it's merely self-serving maintenance.
- **The Attitude:** Having the **same attitude that Christ Jesus had** means:
  - **He didn't look out only for His own interests.** (He left glory.)
  - **He became a servant.** (He washed feet and served.)

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Hear Them:** Before offering advice or solution, try to name the feeling or need you perceive in the person you are serving (e.g., "It sounds like you feel overwhelmed," or "I hear a lot of exhaustion in your voice").
  2. **Help Them:** Once you have genuinely heard and understood, plan an act of service that **truly meets the need they expressed**, even if it's inconvenient for you. Move out of response mode and into **Christ-likeness**.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the perfect example of humility and selflessness found in Jesus Christ. We confess our tendency toward pride, selfishness, and trying to impress others. Forgive us for listening to respond instead of listening to understand.

We pray for your Spirit to grant us the **same attitude that Christ Jesus had**. Give us **humble hearts** that genuinely think of others' interests before our own. Teach us to **hear them**—to feel the needs of **[Name the person]** so deeply that our desire to help flows from true compassion.

Make our service this week genuine, selfless, and rooted in empathy, that we may glorify you by reflecting the image of our Servant King. Amen.

# Day 6: The Blessings of Generosity

(Proverbs 22:9)

"Blessed are those who are **generous**, because they feed the poor."

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## Generosity Flows from Hearing

Yesterday, we focused on the importance of listening to **truly hear** someone's need. Today, we understand the essential next step: **Reaching looks like giving**. When we listen and truly hear, we must be willing to help in all the ways we can—giving of our time, energy, and resources.

- **The James 2 Warning:** The Bible condemns empty sentimentality. As James wrote, it is useless to tell someone "stay warm and be full" without giving them the means to do so (James 2:15-16). Our words become hollow without corresponding action.
- **The Blessing:** The promise of blessing in this proverb is tied directly to the action: feeding the poor. Generosity is the tangible evidence that we have moved from simply acknowledging a problem to actively participating in its solution.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Examine Your Hands:** What resource (time, skill, money, connection) is God asking you to release to help the person you are serving this week?
  2. **Move to Action:** Identify the specific need you heard yesterday. How can you step in to meet that need with a tangible act of **giving** this week? (e.g., *If they are overwhelmed, give your time. If they are discouraged, give your energy and encouragement.*)
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## Consistency Creates Community

Reaching one person requires more than a single, grand gesture; it demands consistent, Christ-like living. This creates the environment necessary for transformation.

### Action Steps for Today:

1. **Create a Safe Place for Others:** Generosity means being emotionally and relationally available. A safe place is one free of judgment, condemnation, and conditional love (revisiting Day 3). It means providing an environment where they can be honest about their struggles.
2. **Consistently Live Like Christ:** This is the call to **authenticity** from Day 4. The biggest gift you can give is a life that is truly surrendered to God, demonstrating that the faith you preach is real and sustainable.
3. **Care About Them Personally:** Your giving must be motivated by **deep love** (Day 2), not duty. Your resources are powerful only when delivered with a genuine heart that sees their value, not their problem.

# Prayer

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all generosity, and you have blessed us beyond measure. We confess that we often cling tightly to the resources you have entrusted to us.

Give us the heart of the generous. Show us how to translate what we **hear** into what we **do**. We pray for the strength and discipline to consistently live like Christ, creating a safe place where others can encounter your unconditional love.

As we reach out to **[Name the person]**, help us to meet their needs tangibly and cheerfully. May our giving demonstrate the depth of our care, so that your blessing and your name are glorified through our hands. Amen.



# Day 7: We Cannot Stop Telling

(Acts 4:19-20)

"But Peter and John replied, 'Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? **We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.**'"

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## Prioritizing Obedience Over Comfort

Peter and John faced real consequences for their actions. Reaching out to others and sharing the Good News often requires us to **stand up even when it is hard** or unpopular.

- **The Conflict:** We frequently encounter a tension between following God (obedience) and seeking approval or comfort from the world (convenience). We fear rejection, awkwardness, or conflict more than we fear disobeying the clear command to share our faith.
- **Their Motivation:** Peter and John didn't say, "We *should* tell you about it." They said, "**We cannot stop telling.**" Their witness was an overflow—a genuine inability to keep silent about the miracle and transformation they had experienced.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Identify Your Barrier:** What is the primary thing that usually silences your Christian witness? (Is it fear of rejection, lack of confidence in your knowledge, or not wanting to appear judgmental?)
  2. **Challenge Your Obedience:** Peter and John were willing to disobey man to obey God. If you were commanded to stop praying for, serving, or speaking to the person you've been focusing on this week, would your immediate, gut reaction be the same as theirs?
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## The Three-Fold Mission

Peter and John didn't just perform a miracle; they reached the sick man, they preached to the crowds, and they taught with authority. As followers of Christ, we are called to continue this three-fold mission with the love and authenticity we've practiced this week.

We must adopt the attitude: **Do not stop reaching people... Do not stop preaching the Good News.**

### Action Steps for Today:

1. **Reach One:** Continue the work of **reaching** the one person God has laid on your heart through tangible acts of service and acceptance (Days 5 & 6). This builds the relational foundation.
2. **Preach to One:** Look for an authentic opportunity this week to **preach** (share the *why* behind your actions). This isn't formal sermonizing, but a genuine explanation of the hope that is within you. It could be as simple as saying, "I do this because of what Christ did for me."
3. **Teach One:** Be ready to **teach** the next step. If your person of focus asks a question about faith, be prepared to point them to a resource, a Scripture, or a next step toward God. This is discipleship in its simplest form.

# Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the powerful example of Peter and John. We confess that we often choose silence when we should choose courage.

Fill us with such an overflow of what we have seen and heard of your goodness that we **cannot stop telling** others about you. Give us the **boldness** to share the Gospel even when it is hard or unpopular.

As we continue to invest in **[Name the person]**, open the door for us to not only reach them with our hands but to **preach** to them with our lips and **teach** them with our lives. Help us to prioritize your will above all else.

May our lives be an unstoppable witness to your power and love. Amen.

# Day 8: Always Be Ready

(1 Peter 3:15-16)

"Instead, you must **worship Christ as Lord of your life**. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, **always be ready to explain it**. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ."

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## The Foundation of Worship

Peter's instructions for sharing the Gospel don't start with speaking; they start with **worship**: "Instead, you must **worship Christ as Lord of your life**."

Before you can effectively preach Christ to others, Christ must be truly the **Lord of your own life**. This means placing Him above your worries, your schedule, and your insecurities.

- **Your Life is the Proof:** The person you are reaching out to (the one you chose on Day 1) is watching how you handle stress, disappointment, and success. If Christ is truly Lord, your life demonstrates the security and power that you claim He offers.
- **The Goal of Preaching:** Preaching doesn't have to be heavy-handed or difficult. It's simply telling them how God **changed you, loves you, and is helping you every day**. Then, you live in a way that proves all of that to them.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Lordship Check:** Name one area of your life where you need to surrender control to Christ today so that your worship of Him becomes more authentic and visible.
  2. **Internal Story:** Formulate a single, concise sentence that explains the core of your "Christian hope." (e.g., *"My hope is that even though I fail, I am completely forgiven through Christ."*)
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## Gentleness and Integrity

When you are asked about your hope, Peter gives two critical instructions for *how* to deliver your message:

1. **Be Gentle and Respectful:** Your attitude should never be arrogant, condescending, or argumentative. Gentleness disarms; respect validates the person you are speaking to, even if they disagree with you.
2. **Keep Your Conscience Clear:** This is about **integrity**. When people speak against you, your clear conscience and good life become your strongest defense. Your behavior makes their accusations look absurd.

## Action Steps for Today

1. **Care About Them:** The **gentle and respectful way** is born from genuine care (a continuation of Day 6). Ask them questions about their life and genuinely listen before you share anything about yours.
  2. **Kindly Tell Them:** Look for a natural opening to share your story. This is the **preaching** part. Tell them how God changed you using a personal example (your "before and after")—not as proof of your perfection, but as proof of God's power.
  3. **Keep On Showing Them:** Commit to living with a clear conscience this week. Resolve any relational friction or make right any wrong so that when people look at your life, they see the stability and peace that comes from belonging to Christ.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we commit to **worshipping Christ as Lord of our lives** today. We recognize that our testimony is only as strong as the authenticity of our walk.

Give us wisdom and courage so that we are **always ready** to explain the hope that is within us. Guard our hearts against arrogance and pride, helping us to speak with **gentleness and respect**.

As we continue to focus on [Name the person], help us to **care about them** personally, **kindly tell them** our story of hope, and **keep on showing them** the goodness of a life lived for Christ. May our clear conscience shame the darkness and bring glory to your name. Amen.

# Day 9: Ambassadors of Reconciliation

(2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

"And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And **God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So **we are Christ's ambassadors**; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, 'Come back to God!'"

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## The Core Message Is Simple

The message we carry is a "wonderful message of reconciliation," and it isn't complicated, scary, or hard. It's the good news that God is **"no longer counting people's sins against them."**

- **Your Message:** You get to tell people of the great love of Christ, share a life full of love, introduce them to a God who cares, and talk about a Savior who has washed their sins away.
- **The Beauty of Participation:** The true beauty of this calling is that God is allowing **us to be a part of the redemptive story** of someone we care about (the person you chose on Day 1). An ambassador doesn't invent the message; they faithfully deliver the King's words.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Define Your Message:** If you had 30 seconds to explain the "message of reconciliation," what would you say? Practice simplifying the core truth: God isn't mad; He wants you back.
  2. **Examine Your Fear:** Does the thought of speaking the Good News bring fear? Remember, your job is not to convince them (that's the Holy Spirit's job) but merely to **deliver the message.**
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## The Three Roles of the Ambassador

As Christ's ambassadors, we represent Him completely—in our presence, our faith, and our words.

1. **Your Presence:** An ambassador is expected to be present and available in the country they represent. You must **be there** for the person you are serving (revisiting Day 6's call for consistency). Your reliable presence is the first evidence of Christ's reliability.
2. **Your Faith:** You must wholeheartedly **believe God will move in their life.** An ambassador never doubts the power or authority of their King. Pray with confidence, serve with conviction, and speak with assurance that the message you carry is the power of God for salvation.
3. **Your Words:** The purpose of your presence and your belief is to **bring the Good News.** This is the culmination of all the previous days' work (service, deep love, acceptance, integrity). Having earned the right to speak, you now speak for Christ and plead, "Come back to God!"

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Be There:** Commit to showing up for the person you are serving in a way that demonstrates consistent care and availability.
  2. **Believe:** Spend time praying specifically for the Holy Spirit to prepare the heart of **[Name the person]** to receive the message of reconciliation.
  3. **Bring the Good News:** Look for an opening today or tomorrow to share the simple message of reconciliation (God is not counting their sins against them; He wants them back) with gentleness and respect.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are overwhelmed by the gift of reconciliation and the incredible honor of being called your **ambassadors**. We thank you that you are not counting our sins against us, but have instead entrusted us with this wonderful message of peace.

Give us the courage and clarity to faithfully **deliver your message**. Help us to **be there** for **[Name the person]** and to truly **believe** that you are actively moving in their life.

Remove all fear, so that we may speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" May our lives and our words bring people home to you. Amen.

# Day 10: The Urgency of Today

(Hebrews 3:13)

"You must **warn each other every day**, while it is still 'today,' so that none of you will be **deceived by sin and hardened against God.**"

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## The Danger of Delay

Sharing the Good News doesn't have to be harsh or heavy-handed, but it **does need to be honest and urgent.**

The passage uses the word **"warn."** We warn not out of judgment, but out of genuine love (revisiting Day 2). We warn because we understand the consequence of a heart hardened against God.

- **"Tomorrow Never Comes":** The worst thing we can do in our mission to preach to others is to put it off until "tomorrow." Whether it's confessing a sin, seeking forgiveness, or sharing the hope of Christ, the opportunity to make a difference is always **now.**
- **The Opportunity:** You've spent nine days preparing the soil—praying, serving, accepting, and modeling integrity. Now is the time to speak.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **The "Tomorrow" Trap:** What is one specific thing related to your faith or your service to others that you have been repeatedly putting off until "tomorrow"?
  2. **Internalize the Urgency:** How does knowing the potential consequences of a "hardened heart" change the way you view your daily interactions with the person you are praying for? It should move you from passive preparation to active engagement.
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## The Time is Now

The call is to take the story of God's work in your life—which is not complicated, scary, or hard—and share it today.

### Action Steps for Today

1. **No Excuses:** Overcome the mental hurdles of awkwardness, fear, and inconvenience. The biblical command to share the Gospel and encourage one another is not an optional suggestion; it is a **"must."** You already have the message (reconciliation from Day 9) and the foundation (love and service from Days 1-7).
2. **Never Let Fear Stop You:** Fear is the primary tactic the enemy uses to create spiritual delay. Remind yourself that the person you are serving needs to hear how God changed you, loves you, and is helping you every day. Your story is unique and powerful precisely because it is personal.
3. **Now is the Best Time:** Take today to share what God has done for you and what He can do for the person you are praying for. This can be done simply and gently (Day 8). It could be a simple sentence of hope related to something they are struggling with, delivered with authenticity.

# Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for making the way of life clear. We recognize the urgency of this day and the danger of delay. Forgive us for allowing fear and spiritual laziness to deceive us and postpone our obedience.

We pray for the courage to live out the truth that **now is the best time**. Remove every **excuse** and every layer of fear that prevents us from speaking. Fill us with bold love and a compelling overflow of gratitude for our own salvation.

Empower us to speak to **[Name the person]** today, sharing honestly how you changed us and how you love them. May we obey you while it is still "today." Amen.



# Day 11: The Beautiful Feet

(Romans 10:14-15)

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless **someone tells them**? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!'"

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## You Are the Sent Messenger

The question "And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?" is answered directly: **YOU are the sent!** As believers, we are all commissioned to be the ones who tell others.

The chain breaks if the messenger refuses to move. Your job is to figure out the best, most loving, and most authentic way to tell the person you've been serving so that they will actually **hear** it.

- **The Unbreakable Chain:**
    - To be **Saved** requires calling on the Lord.
    - To **Call** requires believing in Him.
    - To **Believe** requires hearing about Him.
    - To **Hear** requires **YOU** to tell them.
  - **Reflect & Apply:** Knowing that you are the essential link in this chain for the person you are praying for, what must you overcome today—whether it's awkwardness, fear, or a lack of clarity in your message—to ensure the chain does not break?
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## The Strategy of the Sower

Our job is to deliver the message (the seed) and pray that it finds the **soil of faith** in their hearts and minds. We trust God will save them; our role is the delivery.

### Action Steps for Today

1. **Pray for them:** This is preparing the soil. **Pray** specifically and intensely today that the Holy Spirit would remove any hardness or deception in the heart of the person you are focusing on, making them receptive to the message of hope.
2. **Preach to them:** This is sowing the seed. **Preach** doesn't mean standing on a soapbox; it means speaking the truth of Christ with gentleness (Day 8). Look for an opportunity to share your story or the core message of reconciliation (Day 9). This is the day to **tell them** what God has done.
3. **Repeat:** Evangelism is rarely a one-time event; it is a process of serving, loving, planting, and watering. **Repeat** the process of reaching, loving, and sharing your hope consistently. If the first seed doesn't sprout, plant another.

# Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for making us a critical part of your plan of salvation. Thank you for making our feet **beautiful** by giving us the Good News to carry.

We humbly accept the task of being the **sent messenger**. Forgive us for the times we have been silent or afraid. We pray for the courage to obey your command to tell others.

We specifically lift up [**Name the person**]. We **pray** for the soil of their heart to be ready. We ask for the right words and the right time to **preach** your story of love. Give us the commitment to **repeat** the process until they find salvation in you.

May the message of Christ go forth today, through our obedient lives and our loving words. Amen.

# Day 12: The Tree of Life

(Proverbs 11:30)

"The seeds of **good deeds become a tree of life**; a wise person wins friends."

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## Deeds Are the Water

The famous quote, "Preach the Gospel at all times, use words when needed," is often misunderstood. We agree: the idea of making sure your life is always "preaching" is something we fully support! However, you cannot truly preach without eventually using words (Day 11 taught us this).

The connection lies here: **Your words are the seeds, and your actions are the essential water.**

- **The Question:** Are your deeds watering seeds? Do people know you serve God by the way you live?
- **The Result:** The water of good deeds naturally open doors and **"win friends."** If we are harsh, judgmental, or unreliable, we push people away. If we are genuinely serving, generous, and reliable (Days 1–10), we cultivate relationships that provide the **platform** for our words.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Assess Your Harvest:** Look at your interactions with the person you are serving this week. Have your deeds created a favorable environment (good soil) for them to hear your message, or have your actions been inconsistent (rocky soil)?
  2. **Examine the Cost:** Good deeds always cost you something (time, comfort, money). What is the one good deed you have sown this week that required a genuine sacrifice?
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## The Three A's of Influence

To effectively sow seeds that lead to the "tree of life" for others, we must focus on three qualities in our daily walk.

1. **Attitude Makes a Difference:** This is the internal component. If your good deeds are performed with a sigh, resentment, or a judgmental tone, the negativity cancels out the good. (Revisit Day 5: You must have the same humble attitude that Christ Jesus had). Your **attitude** is the visible filter through which your service is seen.
2. **Actions Matter:** This is the external component. Your deeds must be consistent. Don't just talk about generosity; practice it. Don't just talk about patience; demonstrate it when traffic is bad or when you're late. **Actions** prove the legitimacy of your faith.
3. **Authenticity Is Important:** This is the personal component. No one expects perfection, but they do expect **honesty**. (Revisit Day 4: Integrity). If you mess up, own it. Your authenticity makes your faith relatable and makes the possibility of change believable for others.

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Attitude Check:** Before you speak to or serve the person you are reaching out to today, take a moment to pray for the right **attitude**—joyful, humble, and gentle.
  2. **Water:** Perform one small, intentional **good deed** today for your person of focus. It should be unexpected and clearly motivated by love, not obligation.
  3. **Live the Message:** Commit to prioritizing **authenticity** this week. When you talk to your person, intentionally share a small, honest struggle and how God is helping you (i.e., proving your faith works).
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wisdom in your Word that connects our deeds to a "tree of life." Forgive us for the times our actions have been inconsistent or motivated by selfishness.

We pray for the wisdom to know what good deeds will help today. Help us to cultivate a life marked by the right **attitude**, intentional **actions**, and sincere **authenticity**. May our consistent lives build a trustworthy foundation with **[Name the person]**.

May the seeds we plant in love lead them to the eternal fruit found only in Christ. Amen.

# Day 13: Simple Words, Powerful God

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

"When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except **Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified**. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the **power of the Holy Spirit**. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the **power of God**."

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## Trusting Power, Not Persuasion

Too many times, we think we need to know all the right words, win a debate, or make the absolute best case for Christ. In reality, this passage reveals that relying on our own wisdom is a sign of **weakness**, and the opposite is true:

- **When we are weak (timid, trembling, relying on simple truth), God's power is revealed.**
- **When we try to be clever and impressive, we steal the glory from God.**

The church started—and will continue to grow—because of the demonstration of God's power through people who were honest, transparent, and loving.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Examine Your Reliance:** When you think about speaking to the person you are serving, do you rely more on finding the perfect **argument** (human wisdom) or the perfect **prayer** (God's power)?
  2. **Strip Down the Message:** What is one complex piece of Christian jargon or theology you can simplify today? Remember Paul's focus: the crucified Christ. Keep your message centered on God's love and sacrifice.
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## The Two Pillars of Witness

Our role as Christ's ambassadors (Day 9) is supported by two key pillars: **Plain Words** and the **Powerful God**.

### Action Steps for Today:

1. **Be Real (Plain Words):** Focus on being an **honest person**. Talk to them and listen to them without trying to solve their problems immediately or sound like a theologian. Simply tell your own story using **plain words**—how God changed you and how He is helping you every day (revisiting Day 8).
  - *The Focus:* **Be real, be transparent, and be loving.**
2. **Be Available (Powerful God):** Show the love and **power of God** to them through your actions (Day 6). God's power doesn't just show up in miracles; it shows up in unexpected kindness, unwavering forgiveness, and consistent presence.
  - *The Action:* **Talk to them, listen to them, and show the love and power of God to them.** This means moving out of your head and into hands-on service.

# Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the truth that your **power is made perfect in our weakness**. Forgive us for the times we have tried to use human wisdom and impressive speeches to do a work that only your Holy Spirit can accomplish.

We choose today to forget everything except **Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified**. We surrender our clever arguments and ask that you fill us with your power.

As we continue to reach out to **[Name the person]**, help us to be a real, authentic, and loving presence. May our **plain words** point directly to our **Powerful God**, so that their faith will rest not in us, but entirely in you. Amen.

# Day 14: Ready in Season and Out

(2 Timothy 4:2)

"Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching."

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## There Is No "Right Time"

One of the biggest excuses we give is that "**the time wasn't right.**" We postpone sharing our hope because we sense the person is stressed, uninterested, or because we feel unprepared or nervous ourselves.

- **The Apostolic Command:** Paul says explicitly to ignore whether the time is favorable or not. Why? Because the enemy often uses "unfavorable" circumstances—either stress in their life or fear in ours—to delay the sharing of the truth.
- **The Spiritual Reality:** The best time to share the Word of God is **now**. Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2). You've spent two weeks preparing the soil (reaching them) and articulating the message (preaching the change God made). Don't let your self-imposed timing break the chain (Day 11).

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Examine the Excuse:** Think about the last time you felt the nudge to share your faith with the person you're praying for, but hesitated. What was the exact "unfavorable" reason you gave yourself? (e.g., *I'll wait until they are less busy.*)
  2. **Challenge the Delay:** How can you turn that "unfavorable" situation into an advantage? (e.g., *If they are stressed, that is exactly when they need to hear about God's peace.*)
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## The Three-Fold Discipline

The command to preach is paired with the need for patient, comprehensive love: **correct, rebuke, and encourage**. This demonstrates that preaching is an act of care, not condemnation. It requires consistency in all three areas of our mission:

1. **Reach One (Encouragement):** You must continue to **reach** out through unconditional love and service (Day 1-7). **Encouragement** keeps the relationship warm and open. This is your foundation.
2. **Preach to One (Correct & Rebuke):** You must be ready to speak the truth. **Correcting** and **rebuking** aren't always negative; they mean speaking truth when necessary and calling the person toward wholeness. This must always be done with gentleness (Day 8) and a simple message (Day 13).
3. **Teach One (Good Teaching):** You must be ready to help them take the next step. **Teaching** is the patient process of discipling them after they've heard the Gospel. This gives them the practical tools to live a life worthy of their calling.

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Act On It:** If you have an opportunity to speak the word of God to your person today, do it, regardless of how "favorable" the moment seems. Tell them how God changed you.
  2. **Prepare the Next Step:** If your person were to ask, "What should I do next?" what is the single, simple, practical resource or Scripture you would **teach** them (e.g., *a Bible verse, a book, or an invitation to an event*)?
  3. **Be Patient:** Commit to the long game. You must be prepared to patiently **correct, rebuke, and encourage** over time, trusting God with the results.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the clarity of your command: to **preach your Word, ready in season and out of season**. We confess our fear, our tendency to procrastinate, and our desire to wait for the perfect, comfortable moment.

Shatter the lie that "the time wasn't right." Fill us with the urgency of love and the courage of your Spirit. Help us to consistently **reach**, patiently **teach**, and faithfully **preach** to [Name the person].

We commit our hearts to being ready today, trusting that your Word never returns void. Amen.



# Day 15: Better Together

(Hebrews 10:23-25)

"Let us **hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm**, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us **think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works**. And let us **not neglect our meeting together**, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

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## Motivating to Love and Works

We are called to be **helpful agitators** for each other—not in a negative way, but in a way that spurs us on toward goodness. This passage gives us a dual command:

1. **Hold Tightly (The Inward Anchor):** Our personal hope must be unshakeable because we know God keeps His promises.
  2. **Motivate One Another (The Outward Push):** We must actively "think of ways" to encourage and challenge our community to perform acts of love and good works.
- **Disciples Make Disciples:** You have spent two weeks intentionally reaching out and preaching to **one** person. This scripture reminds us that we are **better together**. Our individual mission is sustained by the community's mutual motivation.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Identify Your Motivator:** Who is one person in your life (a friend, mentor, small group leader) who consistently motivates *you* to acts of love and service? Commit to thanking them today.
  2. **Become the Motivator:** How can you strategically "think of ways" to motivate your **church community** this week? (e.g., *Share a small success story about your outreach to inspire others.*)
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## Don't Neglect Community

The core of motivation happens when we "**not neglect our meeting together.**" The Christian life is not a solitary journey. We need the regular encouragement, correction, and teaching that happens when we gather (revisiting Day 14's call for teaching and correction).

This brings the focus back to your mission for the person you have been reaching: If you are "better together," the greatest gift you can offer the one you are serving is a bridge into your life and the community that sustains it.

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Be: Be** the unwavering example of hope. By now, you have reached and preached to them. Let your consistent presence and unwavering hope (v. 23) be their primary reason to listen.
  2. **Bring: Bring** them into the community. Have you invited that one to church? Your strongest invitation is a personal one. Ask them to join you for the next gathering, life group, or church event. This is the moment to move them from hearing the message *from* you to experiencing the love of Christ *through* the body.
  3. **Bless: Bless** them with an act of prayer and service today. A physical blessing (a gift, a meaningful text, a specific spoken prayer).
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the hope we affirm and the trustworthiness of your promises. Thank you for the community that supports us and the mandate to be **better together**.

We confess our tendency to isolate ourselves and neglect the vital work of encouraging one another. Grant us the strategic wisdom to **think of ways to motivate** our brothers and sisters to love and good works.

We pray for **[Name the person]** as we conclude this season of intentional focus. Give us the courage to **bring** them into our community and the grace to **bless** them with unwavering love. May their faith be established, and may we never stop holding tightly to the hope found in you. Amen.

# Day 16: You Are the Teacher

(Colossians 3:16-17)

"Let the **message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives**. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And **whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks through him to God the Father."

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## Overcoming the Teaching Excuse

The idea of teaching someone about Christ can feel overwhelming. Many people believe teaching is only the job of a pastor or expert. Maybe this parable will help you:

There was once a masonry company that had just hired a new, young man and put him with one of their older and well-seasoned masons. When the young man started working with the older man, he started asking many questions. The older mason looked at him and said, "well son I know that I have been doing this for years but to be honest I am still just trying to figure it out myself. I don't know if I really have any thing, I can teach you." The young man, the next day, went to the boss and told him what the older man told him. The boss said, "that doesn't make sense he has been laying bricks longer than you have been alive. I will talk to him." Later that day the boss pulled the older man aside and had a talk with him. When questioned why the older man would say that he responded with, "To be honest I do not know how to teach." The boss looked at the older man and said, "Sir all you must do is show him what you have already learned and how you do what you do. By doing those two things you will teach that young man years of things that he will not have to struggle with."

You have wisdom. You have experience. You have something you can teach when it comes to following Christ simply because **you are further along on the journey**.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Identify Your Lesson:** Think about the person you are serving. What is one specific, practical victory Christ has given you that they are currently struggling with? (e.g., *How to forgive someone, how to manage anger, how to pray when discouraged.*) That victory is your lesson.
  2. **Shift Your Role:** Stop viewing yourself as a student only and start viewing yourself as a **representative of Christ** (v. 17). What does a representative need to clearly model today?
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## Discipleship is Modeling

Teaching is not lecturing; it is **modeling**. The three pillars of discipleship are built on relational consistency and lived example.

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Love:** **Love** is the foundation. Every lesson you teach must be delivered in the context of unconditional love (revisiting Day 2 and Day 3). They must know you care about them personally before they will listen to your counsel.
  2. **Listen:** **Listen** to their current struggle (revisiting Day 5). You cannot teach effectively until you know their need. Ask: "What are you wrestling with right now?" or "Where are you feeling stuck?" This informs what wisdom you share.
  3. **Lead:** **Lead** by example. The easiest way to teach is to simply invite them into your life and show them how you handle things.
    - *Instead of saying, "You should pray about that," say, "Let's pray about that right now."*
    - *Instead of saying, "You need to forgive," share, "I struggled with unforgiveness for years, and here is the step I took."*
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you that your message, in all its richness, is meant to fill our lives. Forgive us for hiding behind excuses of inadequacy, fearing that we have nothing to teach.

We acknowledge that we have **wisdom** and **experience** through your grace. We commit today to modeling the change you have made in us. Help us to **love** sincerely, to **listen** carefully, and to **lead** confidently by showing the next step on the journey.

We pray for **[Name the person]**, that they would see your truth lived out in our lives and be spurred toward growth. May everything we do or say be as a faithful representative of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

# Day 17: It's All About Who

(Acts 8:34-35)

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the **Good News about Jesus**.

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## Teaching the Who, Not the What

The key lesson from Philip is that the first thing we teach is not a **what** (a rule, a denomination, a system) but a **WHO—Jesus Christ**.

The person you are reaching out to doesn't need to know the entire Bible on the first day; they need to know the Savior you personally know.

- **The Clarity of Philip:** Philip didn't get sidetracked by the customs, politics, or religious background of the eunuch. He focused on the **Savior** who fulfilled the ancient promises.
- **Your Personal Message:** You are tasked with teaching the Jesus who was taught to you, the same Jesus who led you to reach out to them, and the one you preached to them. Now, your goal is to teach them to know Him like you know Him.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Simplify:** If you had to explain to your person of focus the single most important thing Jesus did for you, what would it be? Is your explanation about an action (e.g., *He saved me from sin*) or about a feeling (e.g., *He gave me peace*)?
  2. **Focus the Narrative:** Identify one piece of your personal testimony that you could naturally share today that directly points to **Jesus** as the central character, not your struggle.
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## The Three Dimensions of Jesus

To ensure your teaching is effective and compelling, you must teach Jesus in three essential dimensions:

1. **Teach Jesus as Powerful (His Authority):** He is the one who conquered death, forgave your sins, and provides the strength to change (Day 4: Live Worthy). Teach them that He has the authority to solve their problems.
2. **Teach Jesus as Personal (His Relationship):** He is the one who knows their name, sees their need, and cares about them personally (Day 5: Humility and Interest). Teach them that they can talk to Him right now, just as you do.
3. **Teach Jesus as Present (His Availability):** He is the one who promises to never leave them (Hebrews 13:5). Teach them that they don't have to wait for the pastor or a miracle; Jesus is available in their current situation (Day 10: Urgency of Today).

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Teach a Truth:** Find one specific area where the person you are serving is struggling (e.g., loneliness, lack of forgiveness). Choose one dimension of Jesus (Powerful, Personal, or Present) that addresses that struggle and share a brief story about it.
  2. **Model Availability: Teach** them something concrete about engaging with Jesus. Since teaching is modeling (Day 16), ask them if you can **pray with them right now** about their need, demonstrating His **Present** power.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the clarity of Philip's example. Forgive us for overcomplicating the Gospel and forgetting that the core of our message is always **Jesus**.

Fill us with the wisdom and simplicity to **teach Jesus** to **[Name the person]**. Help us to present Him as **Powerful** over their circumstances, **Personal** in their suffering, and **Present** in their need.

Give us the courage to model intimacy with you so that they may come to know and love the Savior who reached out to them through us. Amen.

# Day 18: The Abundant Life Defined

(Romans 1:16-17)

"For I am **not ashamed** of this Good News about Christ. It is the **power of God at work, saving everyone who believes**—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God **makes us right in his sight**. This is accomplished from start to finish by **faith**. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'"

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## The Abundant is the Necessary

Christ told us He came to give life, and life more **abundant** (John 10:10). The world often defines "abundant" as material prosperity, comfort, or ease. Romans 1:16-17 defines true abundance not as having more stuff, but as having everything necessary for eternal life:

- **Not Being Ashamed:** The abundant life gives us the courage to speak because we know the message is backed by God's power.
- **The Power of God:** It gives us access to unlimited, supernatural power, saving everyone who believes.
- **Made Right in His Sight (Justification):** It gives us peace with God—the greatest need a human soul has.
- **From Start to Finish by Faith:** It gives us a simple, accessible path (faith) that requires nothing of our own effort or merit.

The "what" we teach about the "Who" (Jesus, Day 17) is this **Abundant Life**. Teach it today!

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Define Your Abundance:** If you lost everything material tomorrow, would you still have the abundant life? Why or why not? Your answer should be rooted in the five truths listed above.
  2. **Examine Your Shame:** Is there any area where you have been ashamed of the Good News—hesitant to speak, quiet about your struggles, or trying to appear "cool" instead of "Christian"? That shame is a barrier to abundant living and abundant sharing.
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## The Three Characteristics of the Gospel

The Good News is a force that is active, transformative, and unending. These three characteristics should define how we live and share our faith.

1. **Abundant:** The Gospel is not a scarce resource; it is **overflowing**. It is enough for you, and it is more than enough for the person you are reaching. Share it liberally and without hesitation (Day 15).
2. **Overflowing:** Your life should be an **overflowing** demonstration of the peace and joy the Gospel provides. When your life is full of Christ's love, it naturally spills out onto others, making your message believable (Day 16).

3. **Always:** This salvation is **always** at work, saving everyone who believes. It's not a one-time event; it's a constant reality, accomplished from start to finish by faith. You are always saved, and you are always an ambassador (Day 9).

### Action Steps for Today:

1. **Confess Boldly:** Confess out loud: "I am **not ashamed** of this Good News about Christ, because it is the power of God at work, saving me!"
2. **Live the Overflow:** Demonstrate the **overflowing** joy and peace of the abundant life today through an act of generous service (Day 6) or genuine encouragement.
3. **Share the Power:** Find the opportunity today to share with the person you are focusing on the simplest definition of the Gospel: "**God makes us right in His sight simply by faith.**" This is the core message they need to hear.

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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we stand unashamed of the Good News about Christ. We thank you that your Gospel is the **power of God at work**, saving us and giving us life—life more than **abundant**.

We confess our tendency to chase fleeting earthly abundance and our fear in sharing your divine truth. Today, we choose to believe that your grace is **overflowing** and **always** sufficient.

Fill us with the boldness of Paul. Help us to share the message of justification with **[Name the person]** so that they too may discover the **power of God** through faith. May our lives be a testament to the glorious, unashamed, abundant life found only in you. Amen.



# Day 19: The Blessing of Restoration

(James 5:19-20)

"My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you **wanders away from the truth and is brought back**, you can be sure that **whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death** and bring about the forgiveness of many sins."

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## Navigating the Truth

We live in a world that tries to muddy up what truth is. This can make it incredibly hard to teach people. As ambassadors of reconciliation (Day 9), we must know that the truth we teach is **found only in Scripture**.

- **Truth as a Plea, Not a Weapon:** We must never use the truth of God's Word as a weapon toward others. Instead, we use it as a **loving plea**—an urgent invitation to the life, forgiveness, and light we have found in Christ (Day 10).
- **The Goal:** As we teach the one God has laid on our heart, our ultimate goal is to teach truth in love so that they continue to find forgiveness and the abundant life we have already shared (Day 18).

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Check Your Source:** When speaking to the person you are serving, do you rely on Christian clichés, personal opinions, or the direct **Truth** found in Scripture?
  2. **Check Your Tone:** James says restoration is about bringing about **forgiveness of many sins**. When you think about the choices or struggles of the one you are reaching, is your primary emotion **pity/judgment** (which wounds) or **love/mercy** (which restores)?
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## The Three Phases of Restoration

Bringing a wanderer back is a process that requires consistent integrity, courage, and unconditional acceptance. It combines all the lessons of the past weeks.

1. **The Example:** You must first **walk** in the light yourself (Day 4: Live Worthy). Your life of integrity is the most compelling evidence that the truth you teach actually works. If your faith is not consistent, why would they return to it?
2. **The Word:** You must **warn** them gently and respectfully (Day 8). This is the active, verbal part of teaching. It means pointing out (in love) where their current path diverges from the scriptural path, because the consequence of staying on the wrong path is spiritual death.
3. **The Community:** You must **welcome** them back unconditionally. When the wanderer turns, the first thing they need to find is acceptance (Day 3). They need the security of community (Day 15). The goal is to bring them back into the fold where they can continue to find forgiveness and growth.

## Action Steps for Today:

1. **Walk:** Commit to being deeply honest about one area of personal discipline (prayer, reading Scripture) today, knowing that your consistent walk is the first step in teaching.
  2. **Warn:** Pray for courage to speak a loving truth to that one this week, if necessary, even if it is uncomfortable.
  3. **Welcome:** Spend time reflecting on what specific action you will take to make them feel truly and immediately **welcome** the next time you see them, regardless of their current status or choices.
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## Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the profound truth that you desire the **restoration** of those who wander. Thank you for the incredible blessing of being used to bring a soul back to life.

We confess our hesitation to speak the truth, fearing rejection or conflict. Fill us with the courage and wisdom to **warn** those we love, always delivering your truth as a **loving plea**, not a weapon.

Give us the integrity to **walk** worthy of our calling and the grace to **welcome** back the wanderer with open arms and unconditional acceptance. We pray specifically for **[Name the person]**, asking that you would empower us to save them from death and bring them fully back into your forgiving light. Amen.

# Day 20: Proclaim His Glorious Deeds

(Psalm 96:1-3)

"Sing a **new song to the LORD!** Let the whole earth sing to the LORD! Sing to the LORD; praise his name. **Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.** Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does."

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## Worship That Becomes Teaching

We have spent weeks establishing that teaching is simply showing what you have learned (Day 16) and that the "what" we teach is the **Abundant Life** found in Jesus (Day 18). Now, we recognize that this teaching is ultimately a form of **worship**.

- **The Connection:** When you tell the person you are reaching about the amazing things God has done—in your life, in the Word, and in the lives of people you know—you are fulfilling the command to "Publish his glorious deeds."
- **The Overflow:** When you are filled with a "new song" of salvation and forgiveness, it's impossible to be silent. Your story of redemption becomes a natural, joyful offering of praise.

### Reflect & Apply:

1. **Identify Your New Song:** What is the most **amazing thing** God has done in your life *recently* (in the last 30 days)? Focus on the specifics of this new deed, not old victories. That is the new song you should be singing and telling.
  2. **Turn Story into Worship:** Think about the person you are serving. If you were to share that story with them, how would you phrase it so that the listener would be impressed by **God's power**, not just your experience?
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## The Ceaseless Cycle

The call in this Psalm is a mandate for continuous action, fueled by the joy of salvation. Our mission doesn't end when someone believes; it simply transforms into a new phase of sharing the joy.

### Action Steps for Today:

1. **Give (The Action):** Give your testimony, your time, and your resources. This is a call to **unrelenting generosity** (Day 6). Your testimony is the most powerful tool you have to proclaim the good news that God saves. Share it today with your person of focus.
2. **Grow (The Worship):** Grow deeper in worship so that your overflow never stops. Commit today to intentionally seeing God's glorious deeds in your daily life—in the answers to prayer, the grace for difficulty, and the peace in your heart. This ensures you always have a "new song" to sing and proclaim tomorrow.

# Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the command to **sing a new song** and to **proclaim the good news that you save** every day. We recognize that our witness is our greatest act of worship.

We confess that our hearts often grow dull, and we forget to look for your amazing deeds. Ignite our passion so that we cannot help but tell others about the transformation you have worked in us.

We lift up **[Name the person]**. Give us the opportunity today to **give** our testimony with boldness and joy. Help us to **grow** deeper in worship so that we are constantly fueled for the mission. May the whole earth sing to you because of the faithfulness you have shown through us. Amen.

# Day 21: The Enduring Mission

(Matthew 28:19-20)

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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## Pieces of Clay

The mission can feel overwhelming: "make disciples of all the nations." But remember the simple analogy: **We are just pieces of clay trying to tell other pieces of clay what the hands of the Potter feel like.**

- **Our Qualification:** We are qualified not by our perfection, but by our experience of the Potter's hands—His molding, His love, and His forgiveness.
- **The Mission Keeps Going:** As you end this focused season of outreach, know that the mission doesn't stop. Whether the person you focused on accepted the message yesterday or still resists it, your job is to keep going.

## The Great Exchange:

The central command is to **make disciples**. This means leading people through a continuous cycle of life with Christ:

- **Salvation:** Coming to know Christ and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **Life Change:** Teaching them to **obey all the commands I have given you**.

## Reflect & Apply:

1. **Examine Your Confidence:** Where does your confidence in this mission come from? (A) Your own persuasive skills, or (B) The promise, "I am with you always"?
  2. **Look Ahead:** If the person you were reaching accepted Christ today, what is the *very first command* you would teach them to obey?
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## The Enduring Cycle

The process we have followed over the last three weeks is not just a study plan; it is the **biblical cycle of discipleship** established in the Great Commission. This cycle must be repeated for the rest of your life.

The Mission Mandate	The Discipleship Action
Go and make disciples	<b>Reach:</b> You went out, built a relationship, and served them in love (Days 1–7).
Baptizing them	<b>Preach:</b> You shared your personal hope and the message of reconciliation (Days 8–14).
Teach them to obey	<b>Teach:</b> You showed them Jesus and modeled how to live a life worthy of the calling (Days 15–20).

### Action Steps for Today:

1. **Reach:** Commit today to **reaching** out to the next "one." Choose a new person to intentionally begin praying for, serving, and showing Christ's love to.
2. **Preach:** Practice articulating the **Good News** (Romans 1:16) in a simple, clear, 60-second summary. This keeps you ready in season and out (Day 14).
3. **Teach:** Commit to finding someone (in your current community or the new person you choose) and intentionally **teaching** them one practical command of Christ this week, leading by example (Day 16).

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## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the clarity and power of the Great Commission. We are humbled that you chose us, mere **pieces of clay**, to tell others about the hands of the **Potter**.

As we conclude this focus, we receive your ultimate assurance: **"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."** Remove all doubt and fear, and fill us with the obedient courage to **reach, preach, and teach** until your return.

We pray for [**Name the person**], asking that your Spirit would complete the good work started in their lives. And we commit ourselves to finding the next "one," trusting that your presence is our power. Amen.

## Stop #1 | Romans 3:23

*“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”*

The word “gospel” literally means good news! The reason it’s good news is that there is bad news. Why would anyone ever believe they need to hear the gospel or believe the gospel unless they understood their need for the gospel? That’s where this passage comes in. Romans 3:23 is a foundational reminder that we are all sinners. No one is righteous (Romans 3:10-12), no one is good, and no one keeps the Ten Commandments perfectly. God is holy, and every single human being who has ever lived does not perfectly live up to God’s standard. Whether you’ve sinned once, or are serving a life sentence in prison for murder, whoever fails to keep the whole law in one point is accountable for all of it according to God’s standard (James 2:10).

Sin is a reality that needs to be presented if we are going to understand the gospel. Everybody is a sinner. Being a sinner separates us from having a relationship with a holy God. We need a solution.

## Stop #2 | Romans 5:8

*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

The second stop on the **Romans Road** emphasizes the unconditional love of God towards the sinner whom He is willing to save. We were unlovable, but He loved us. We were hopeless, but He gives hope. We couldn’t save ourselves, but Christ could. In our spiritually dead and sinful condition (Ephesians 2:1), God chose to show mercy, love, and kindness to us.

This passage brings Christ into the forefront and provides an opportunity to integrate Him into the good news. If it wasn’t for God sending His Son to deal with sin, we couldn’t be saved from the penalty of sin. That is where this stop on our journey comes in.

## Stop #3 | Romans 6:23

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

After stops 1 and 2, a person might readily accept that everyone is a sinner, that God loves us, and that Jesus died for us. But stop number 3 takes us deeper into the bad news, before highlighting more of the good news. Upon hearing that “the wages of sin is death,” someone might ask, what does that mean? This stop provides you with the opportunity to highlight God’s wrath towards sin, His dealings with the unrighteous, and the reality of a literal heaven and a literal hell (Romans 1:18-32; Matthew 13:42; Revelation 21:8). The earned payment for sin — all sin — is death. Much like a human court system has a standard of law that if not kept leads to punishment, God has a law and there is punishment for not keeping it. More than that, as human beings who readily admit that we are sinners, we must also admit that we cannot keep God’s law faithfully. Therefore, we all are condemned in God’s court and deserve the wages for our sin: death.

But Romans 6:23 also includes good news! In contrast to our inability to keep the law of God and our wages earned by sin, God gives the gracious gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. This aspect of the gospel provides you with the opportunity to know and share what Jesus did on the cross. He died in the sinner’s place. He paid the penalty for sin so the sinner wouldn’t have to. He gave His life so you could live. By “eternal life,” the Bible means that you don’t need to die and end up in hell forever. You don’t have to experience the judgment of God upon sin for all eternity. You can live in heaven with Him for all eternity after this life ends. The Bible teaches that everyone will die (everyone knows this is true) and that after death in this life comes a moment of judgment (Hebrews 9:27). That moment of judgment does not need to end badly. God has given us a gift. His name is Jesus Christ.

## Stop #4 | Romans 8:1

*“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ...”*

This is really good news! If you are “in Christ,” that means you’ve put your faith in Him, believing that He died for you and rose again from the dead on the third day (1 Corinthians 15:4). Anyone in Christ is not going to be condemned for their sin and will not go to hell. If that’s you, then you don’t need to walk around feeling guilty or shameful over your sin once you’ve believed in Christ because your sin is washed away (1 John 1:7).

## Stop #5 | Romans 10:9

*“...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...”*

The final stop is where the rubber meets the road. Do you believe that Jesus is Lord (the one we willfully give our life over to so that He can take control)? Do you believe He was the Son of God who died for your sin and rose from the dead? Are you willing to confess your sin (not in detail but in a general sense of knowing that you are a sinner), accepting the bad news that you are spiritually bankrupt without God’s help? Are you willing to accept the good news that God has made a way for you to have a relationship with Him and be saved from the penalty of sin?

**You can ask the person you have been reaching, preaching, and teaching these questions to lead them to a personal relationship with Christ. It can be in prayer form, in just normal conversation, or any way the Holy Spirit leads you. (Yes, it is as simple as that) Now it’s time to help walk with them further on this journey and you can do that by explaining to them the following:**

Through faith in Jesus Christ, God’s power can change you. You don’t have to live a life of brokenness and bondage; you don’t have to be hopeless. Jesus can set you free. Jesus can give you hope.

The question is often asked, *how do I know if I’m saved?* The simple answer is that if you have truly believed in Jesus Christ and put your faith in Him, God will transform you. The old ways of sin that you used to relish are going to fade, and the new life you live in Christ will dominate your passions (2 Corinthians 5:17). In a world looking for solutions to the brokenness of human sin, the gospel declares that Jesus is the answer.



