

Day 1: Embracing Your Story

Reading: John 9:1-12

Devotional: Just as the blind man in John 9 experienced a life-changing encounter with Jesus, each of us has a unique story of how God has worked in our lives. Today, reflect on your own journey with Christ. How has He opened your eyes to His truth and love? Remember, your story is powerful – it's a testament to God's transformative grace. Consider writing down your testimony using the three-step model: life before Jesus, how you met Jesus, and life since knowing Him. Pray for opportunities to share this story with others who need to hear about God's love.

Day 2: The Power of Prayer

Reading: Matthew 7:7-11

Devotional: The sermon emphasized beginning with prayer, reminding us of its vital role in our spiritual lives and in blessing others. As you read today's passage, notice how Jesus encourages us to approach God with confidence. He assures us that our Heavenly Father delights in giving good gifts to His children. Today, commit to deepening your prayer life. Start by praying for your neighbors, colleagues, or friends who don't know Christ. Ask God to open doors for meaningful conversations and to give you the courage to share your faith when the opportunity arises.

Day 3: Listening with Love

Reading: James 1:19-25

Devotional: One of the key aspects of blessing others is learning to listen well. James instructs us to be "quick to listen, slow to speak." This echoes the "L" in the BLESS acronym – Listen. When we truly listen to others, we demonstrate Christ's love and create space for authentic relationships. Today, practice intentional listening. In your conversations, focus on understanding the other person rather than formulating your response. Ask God to help you hear not just with your ears, but with your heart, discerning ways you can show His love through your attentiveness.

Day 4: Serving in Humility

Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Devotional: Christ's example of humble service is our model for blessing others. The sermon highlighted the importance of serving our neighbors as a way to demonstrate God's love. As you read about Christ's selfless attitude, consider how you can emulate His servant heart. What needs do you see around you? How can you meet those needs in practical ways? Remember, as D.T. Niles said, we're simply "one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread." Serve others not from a position of superiority, but from a place of gratitude for God's grace in your own life.

Day 5: Hope in Suffering

Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Devotional: The testimony of Robbie and Rusty powerfully illustrated how God can work through our suffering to bring about transformation and hope. Today's passage reminds us that even in

our trials, we can rejoice because of the hope we have in Christ. Reflect on times when God has used difficult circumstances in your life to draw you closer to Him or to impact others. How can you use these experiences to encourage someone who is struggling? Pray for those you know who are facing challenges, asking God to reveal His presence and love to them in tangible ways.