

### Day 1: Encountering God's Love

Reading: Luke 2:25-35

Devotional: Simeon's encounter with the Christ child reminds us that God's love is not confined to a single moment or experience, but is found in a person - Jesus Christ. As you read this passage, reflect on how God has revealed His love to you. Have you, like Simeon, been waiting for a particular consolation or answer from God? Remember that God's timing is perfect, and His love is constant. Today, practice being present and attentive to God's voice in your everyday life, just as Simeon was "guided by the Spirit" into the temple. Ask God to help you recognize His presence in the ordinary moments of your day.

### Day 2: Living a Life of Devotion

Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: Simeon was described as "righteous and devout," qualities that enabled him to hear God's voice clearly. Paul's words in Romans echo this call to devotion, urging us to offer our lives as "living sacrifices." Consider areas of your life where you might be holding back from full surrender to God. What would it look like to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" in these areas? Remember, consecration is not about earning God's favor, but about responding to the love He has already shown us. Today, choose one aspect of your life to consciously dedicate to God, asking Him to use it for His glory.

### Day 3: The Light of Salvation

Reading: John 8:12-20

Devotional: Simeon recognized Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." Jesus later declared Himself to be the "light of the world." This light brings salvation, but it also exposes darkness - both in the world and in our own hearts. As you read Jesus' words, reflect on areas in your life where you might be resisting His light. Are there attitudes, behaviors, or beliefs that you're reluctant to bring into the open? Remember that Jesus' light is not meant to condemn, but to heal and transform. Invite the Holy Spirit to shine His light into every corner of your heart, trusting in God's grace and love as He reveals areas for growth.

### Day 4: Hope in the Midst of Opposition

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Devotional: Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be "a sign that will be opposed." Peter's words remind us that faith often faces trials, but these challenges can refine and strengthen our hope. Consider the opposition or difficulties you're currently facing in your faith journey. How might God be using these challenges to deepen your trust in Him? Remember that our hope is not in earthly circumstances, but in the "living hope" we have through Christ's resurrection. Today, choose to focus on this eternal perspective, asking God to renew your hope and joy in the midst of any trials you're experiencing.

### Day 5: God's Presence in Suffering

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-6

Devotional: Simeon's words to Mary about a sword piercing her soul foreshadowed the suffering that would come through Jesus' mission. Isaiah's prophecy vividly describes the suffering

Servant who would bear our griefs and carry our sorrows. As you read, reflect on the depth of God's love demonstrated through Christ's willingness to suffer on our behalf. Consider how this truth can comfort and strengthen you in your own times of suffering. Remember that Jesus not only suffered for us, but He suffers with us. Today, if you're going through a difficult time, invite Jesus into your pain. If you're not, pray for someone you know who is struggling, asking God to make His comforting presence known to them.