

#### Day 1: Treasuring God's Presence Reading: Luke 2:15-19

Devotional: Mary's response to the miraculous events surrounding Jesus' birth offers us a powerful example of spiritual reflection. She "treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). In our fast-paced world, we often rush past the profound moments where God reveals Himself. Today, take time to reflect on the ways God has been present in your life. What experiences, answered prayers, or unexpected blessings can you treasure? How might intentionally pondering these things deepen your faith and gratitude? Ask God to open your eyes to His constant presence and work in your life.

#### Day 2: The Providence of God Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Devotional: The Christmas story demonstrates God's intricate providence, orchestrating events to fulfill His perfect plan. This same God is at work in our lives today. Reflect on the past year – can you identify moments where God's hand was clearly guiding you? Perhaps through an unexpected opportunity, a timely word of encouragement, or even a challenge that led to growth. Remember, God's providence doesn't mean an absence of difficulties, but rather His faithful presence and purpose through all circumstances. How might this understanding of God's providence change your perspective on current situations in your life?

#### Day 3: Making Room for Jesus Reading: Matthew 11:28-30

Devotional: Just as there was no room for Jesus in the inn, we often struggle to make room for Him in our busy lives and crowded hearts. Jesus invites us: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." What burdens are you carrying that you need to surrender to Jesus? What distractions or misplaced priorities might be crowding Him out? Consider practical ways you can create more space for Jesus in your daily life – perhaps through dedicated prayer time, Scripture meditation, or intentional acts of service. As you make room for Him, trust in His promise of rest and renewal.

#### Day 4: Embracing God's Love and Joy Reading: Zephaniah 3:17

Devotional: The image of God rejoicing over us with singing is a powerful reminder of His deep, personal love. Often, we allow past hurts, failures, or misbeliefs to overshadow this truth. Meditate on the reality that the God of the universe delights in you. How does this change your self-perception? Your approach to challenges? Ask God to help you release any negative thoughts or experiences that you've been treasuring, replacing them with the truth of His unfailing love and joy. Let this be the foundation for how you view yourself and interact with others today.

#### Day 5: Living with Expectant Faith Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

Devotional: As we look towards a new year, we're reminded that our God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." This calls us to live with expectant faith, not

limited by our own understanding or past experiences. Reflect on areas in your life where you may have settled for less than God's best. What dreams or callings have you hesitated to pursue? Today, bring these before God in prayer. Ask Him to expand your vision and strengthen your faith. Remember, our limitless God delights in working through those who trust Him fully. Step into this new season with confidence in His power and purposes for your life.