



EVOLUTION



**40 DAYS OF
INTENTION,
CONNECTION AND
DEVOTION**

PART 2 OF 2

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DAY 21: A NEW METHOD

The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah'" "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Jeremiah 31:31, 33

If you are committed to evolution, you must be willing to marry the message but date the method. What does this mean? Practically speaking, you should never allow HOW you do something to cause you to forget WHY you do something. Many people are stuck in ritualistic traditions that aren't profitable for life, health, or spirituality because they are more in love with the method than they are the message. But Jesus was the prototype for new methods. He entered into the world to fulfil the law. The law was a method that helped the children of Israel to conduct themselves in a safe manner in the wilderness. But when Jesus came to earth, many people were so

legalistically bound to the method, that they couldn't recognize the Messiah. Jesus was in their midst, but they were so concerned about the letter of the law that they were missing the spirit of the law.

In your life, have you found yourself stuck to old systems? Are you still perseverating about how things used to be? When you do that, you put a "do not disturb" sign on your future and you disallow God from being able to intervene in your present. But the prophet Jeremiah has a word for us all! God is going to make a new covenant with his people. And this covenant will shift from a law that they hear from others' lips, to a law that God will put on their minds. God will brand his law on our hearts so that we cannot say "we didn't know" and we weren't aware. This will cause us to forever chase after him, and even when we go astray, we will never become so far that we can't hear him when he calls. In our life today, ask God to open your eyes and help you to see him in new methods.

Prayer: Father, you are the God of new things. Help me not to be so in love with what you said, that I ignore what you are saying. Help me not to be so in love with old methods, that I miss new messages. I want to be where you are. I want to be open to all new things, including what you do and how you do it. I pray for flexibility and ingenuity. I trust that you will shift me according to your will, in Jesus' name. Amen.

DAY 22: A NEW EARTH

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.”

2 Peter 3:10-13

Our viewpoint is informed by the certainty that resurrection awaits the people of God. This means the best is yet to come! Mankind was designed to live on the Earth to God’s glory. That’s exactly what Christ’s incarnation, death and resurrection secured—a renewed humanity upon a renewed Earth. Knowing we’ll live forever as resurrected people on a New Earth helps us realize that the choices we make today, including choices of

personal holiness—and how we act toward others—will make an indelible mark on eternity. God is watching. He’s keeping track.

God has never given up on His original creation. God always sees us in light of what He intended us to be, and He always seeks to restore us to that design. The Bible is full of words that makes this fact clear. Regenerate. Redeem. Restore. Recover. Return. Renew. Resurrect. These words start with the re-prefix, which suggests a return to a new or an original condition. The destruction by fire was a means of purifying and refining the universe, transforming it into a new heaven and a new earth, making all things new.

God uses difficulties to produce growth in us. God will allow pressures to come. The word tribulation literally means “pressure.” It is a word that was used to describe crushing grapes in the vat for wine or crushing olives for oil. God wants the oil of gladness and the wine of joy in your character. He wants that which will sustain and give strength, but the only way that God will get it out of you is to press it out. The adventures awaiting us in the New Heavens and on the New Earth will far exceed the greatest thrills of this life. Right when we think “it can’t get any better than this”...it will. “God always sees us in light of what He intended us to be, and He always seeks to restore us to that design.

Dear God, when I am faced with trouble, heartache, pressure, pain, misunderstanding, or bewilderment help me to realize that I am being renewed and transformed into the original design that you always intended for me. Lord, help me to mature and grow in You. Renew my thoughts, desires, and affections. In Jesus' name, Amen

DAY 23: A NEW VICTORY

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God” hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel.

Psalm 98:1-3

Our race is not over. We must run until Jesus comes. Every time we go through pressures, tribulations, and afflictions and come out on the other side, we have experienced victory. We also learn that God is faithful. God sees us through new victories and new mercies every day. The victorious life is a life of peace and joy in the Lord. It is a life of constant fellowship with the Lord. It is a life of victory over sins—even the so called “little sins,” such as temper, fault-finding, irritability, complaining, lack of love, envy, jealousy, unkind words, wrong thoughts,

worry, anxiety. God has made provision for every Christian to live this kind of life.

The victorious life is a life that glorifies the Lord Jesus—the only kind of life that glorifies Him. The new life we have by the blood of Christ is ultimately how we must measure victory. True success, as God measures things, is the only path to true joy. Our joy, our victory, and our success are not measured by the things that seem powerful according to our culture’s standards. They are measured by the cross. Any success we have is only because of the work of Christ done on the cross on our behalf. Christ’s victory is seen in us as we are conformed to the image of Christ. Our future victory is secure. Our success is a present reality awaiting for us. Let us have this mind, which was also in Christ Jesus, so we might run this race with joy. This is the victorious

Dear God, thank You for giving me victory through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help me Lord to seek rest in You. I commit myself completely to You, for you Lord are able to keep what I have committed to You. I turn over my past with all my sins and failures. I commit the future to You with all its unknowns. I commit my loved ones to You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

DAY 24: A NEW CONNECTION

Of course I will go with you,” Deborah answered, “but you will not get credit for the victory. The Lord will let a woman defeat Sisera.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh.

Judges 4:9

Have you ever had connections that got you special treatment? Barak had a special connection to Deborah, the Judge of Israel. When he asked her to go into battle, she made no hesitation about it, but agreed at once to go with him for his encouragement. God orchestrates and honors relationships and brings increase to us through them. These are called divine connections that God has pre-ordained that are tied to our destinies and God-given assignments. Many times you’ll experience a deeper sense of friendship and trust within a mere few months than you have with people you’ve known for decades through new connections. These are priceless relationships that God connects to your to accelerate your growth and activate the plans and purposes of God in your life. Things that may have ordinarily taken

you ten years to accomplish take five years because of the exponential power of divine relationship. What a precious gift!

Just as God has divine connections in mind for you, you are also the divine connection that someone else is waiting for. It's important to recognize and embrace these relationship gifts He places in our lives. God wants to position you today and give you divine opportunities to influence the culture for His glory. Now is the time to embrace the fullness of your purpose!

Considering that above all else our heavenly Father desires a relationship with us, it makes sense that He places so much value on our relationships with each other. The Bible tells us that our heart and soul are transformed when we put our trust in Jesus. This decision to trust Christ launches you into a new relationship with God that's available through Jesus' work on the cross!

“Dear God, I know that my sins have broken my relationship with you and that nothing I could do could ever change that. But right now, I believe that Jesus died in my place and rose again from the dead. I trust in Him to forgive me for my sins. Through faith in Him, I am entering new connections and an eternal relationship with You. Thank You for this free gift! In Jesus' name, Amen.”

DAY 25: A NEW OPENING

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.”

Isaiah 41:17-19

There is a thirst that comes with evolution that falls on God’s ears and unlocks rivers, fountains, and valleys. There is also a creative element to bring water to areas where there is usually no water. In the wilderness and dry land, God promises to replenish us by opening new ways of understanding, satisfaction, and abundance. In this season, God is saying to you, “look for a new opening.”

Have you ever been thirsty and drank something else besides water to quench your thirst and found that you were still thirsty? Your body is telling you I need something else. You will never need a drink if you don't, first, have a thirst. That's just like adding substance to what you already have. Why would God offer to provide to you that which you already have?

You see, often we have quenched our thirst with things of this world. A new item of clothing. A new relationship. A new city. Only to find ourselves still thirsty. But this time, our thirst creates a voice, that creates a key which unlocks more than we could imagine. Not only does God take care of the thirst, he plants us in places that were desolate and gives us the ability to thrive. Now when people look at us they scratch their head and wonder. There is no denying to ourselves or others that God's hand is on us and this evolution has transplanted us. We didn't imagine that our thirst, when it's the will of God, would create more than just a glass of water. But God has the ability to create rivers in high places, fountains in the midst of valleys, a pool in the wilderness and springs of water in dry lands. He makes sure we are never thirsty again no matter where we go. These are the benefits of a new life in Christ.

*Prayer: Lord, thank you for creating a thirst in me that only you can quench. Thank you for your provision both seen and unseen. As I drink from your fountain of love, let it remind me of your ability to create just what I need. In Jesus' name.
Amen.*

DAY 26: A NEW PROCESS

And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.”

Luke 5:37-39

As a child I remember shopping for new furniture with my mom. We would first “window shop”. She didn’t make the purchase at that time but she would consider the color and how many pieces could fit in our home, because we had a small apartment. After much consideration a decision was made but there was one issue, the old furniture had to be removed before the new furniture arrived. Why? If the furniture was delivered while the old furniture was there, the apartment wouldn’t be able to hold everything!

Just like this scripture, when we get something new from our relationship with God, we have to get rid of our “old furniture” thoughts, ways, and yes

sometimes individuals! There must be room for the new. If not, we may damage a wall or decrease the space in the room so much that we can't see the floor which is a metaphor for those places where we need to walk in our created purpose. A surrendered will creates a new wineskin so that God can fill it. What if God is giving you a new process for an old problem? What if this process requires you to let go of old mindsets and unnecessary baggage. No matter what, obey God's voice. This new process will lead you down a path of new promises—and the best is always yet to come!

*Prayer: God help me to discard those old things that inhibit me from receiving all of the new things that you desire to give me. In this created space, I will intentionally fill it with worship and your word so that I may experience an evolution.
In Jesus' name. Amen.*

DAY 27: A NEW WORK

“I am convinced and confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will [continue to] perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus [the time of His return].”

Philippians 1:6-7

The Apostle Paul reminds the Christian citizens of Philippi of the power of prayer and partnership just a few verses earlier. Then he brings us to these words “being confident”. How does prayer, partnership and confidence begin our evolution to the life God intended for us? Here’s the short answer: it gives you new confidence for a new work!

Imagine wanting to get a house built. You discuss the plans with an architect who draws up the blueprint. However, the blueprint only gives you a glimpse of what’s to come. Every so often you stop by the site to see how the construction is going. As the walls go up, you get excited! You don’t think that the builders are going to stop there. You are confident that they are going to complete the work so that you may occupy it. This is the same thing that Paul is telling the

church in Philippi, and I am telling you. God began this “good work” in you. He has the blueprint and He will make sure that the work is completed. Don’t be discouraged when the work seems incomplete. If God promised that all things will work together for the good, then trust in his promise. And if it’s not good yet, just know, God is still working! But this new work is going to lift you to a new place of worship. This new work will remove worry. This new work will prepare you for the new things that God has already designed for you. Embrace it! Enjoy it! NEW is here!

Prayer: Father on today, let us be confident that you have the blueprint of our lives in your hand. We trust you that you will see this evolution of your intended purpose for our lives through to the end. Grant us peace through this journey. In Jesus’ name. Amen

DAY 28: A NEW RIGHTEOUSNESS

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

2 Corinthians 5:21

Every one of us can think back to that friend that would give up everything for us. I recall my best friend who would stand in front of me and fight my battles. How many of us had that big brother or that friend that would fight for us so that we would not be hurt? The friend that stood by us even when we were wrong? The friend that stood and said even though you deserve to be punished, I’m going to cover you and help you through this situation?

Like that friend who stood in front of us to fight our battles, God sent His son Jesus to take a stand for us! In Romans 5:6 the word declares for when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Jesus gave His life for us for our sins. 2 Corinthians 5:21 declares: for he hath made him to be sin for us. Now think about every sin. Every sin He took upon His shoulders and answered yes to carrying and dying for it. He stood and died for us, so that we may have the opportunity to

become righteous. Jesus stood and died for the sin of pride, the sin of envy, the sin of adultery and greed and as we reflect on our life, we can honestly say that there were some situations in which we made a conscious decision to become a part of. However, because He is a loving God and a righteous God, He forgave us and made the decision to carry it for us.

We have a God that loves us so much. He loves us even in our undeserving nature and He has and still today stands for us. 1 John 1: 19 says if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us for our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness, and in 2 Corinthians He affirms that He desires us to live a life of righteousness. God's desire is that we acknowledge Him, and that we understand the sacrifice and the desire that He has for us. In Him all things are new and you are a new creature, and you have a new righteousness through His sacrifice for you.

Prayer: God, we acknowledge you and thank you for your sacrifice. You gave your son for us. Jesus we thank you for standing in front of us and for dying on the cross for us. Your love has given us a second chance and a new righteousness. Your love has given us a chance at life more abundantly. Today and every day we make a declaration to honor you for your sacrifice and to live the life that you've sacrificed for us, a life brand new. A life that is righteous. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 29: A NEW TRUST

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

How many of us can recall a time when there was no “On star,” no “GPS” and no cell phones? We were left to the trusted hands of a map prepared by man. I can recall a time as a child, my mom driving us to a family reunion in another state. The excitement was so overwhelming that my siblings could hardly sleep as we ventured through the hills of Pennsylvania. Imagine a lot of children in a car, packed to capacity with backpacks and home cooked meals perfect for traveling. We were set and ready for fun in the sun, with our travel map which was going to direct us to our destination.

However, our instructions lead us in circles. Unfortunately, because of road construction our map did not prepare us for the unknown so we made a decision on our own. How many of us at some time in our lives, have made a decision on our own? Whether to relocate, begin a business or even leave a church home. Did

you consult God? Did you make the decision based on reaction or emotion? The bible talks about the heart and the level of deceit in Matthew 15:18. However, God reacts when we trust Him fully. He says in Proverbs 3:6; In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. When we have a full heart, we have a full house and, when we have a full heart—it is because we have given God our full trust. How many of us want the fullness of Jesus' promise. How many of us truly desire for God to take the wheel and direct our paths?

Although, we arrived at our destination, we arrived hours behind schedule. We eventually had to seek wisdom by asking for directions from a state police officer. My mother had to humble herself and move away from her frustrations of being lost to seek wise counsel. In this season, God is calling us to His wisdom, our total trust in Him and total dependence of our heart. Like my mom who at first simply trusted in a man-made map, learn to seek wise counsel and the rest of the trip will be in peace. When we trust in God, with the fullness of our heart, our path in life will become a path of peace.

Prayer: Father God it is my prayer that we will humble ourselves from our own ways and our own desires. Reroute us back to your loving hands, a place of rest and peace. We acknowledge that we need you for direction, so move on our hearts and guide us to a place of full trust in your love for us. Amen.

DAY 30: A NEW FREEDOM

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 but whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

When we come into relationship with our heavenly Father we come into a freedom, a place where our past no longer has the power to control us. We come into a place of liberty and the chains that we were linked to, no longer reside in our hearts. This is a new freedom; where God lifts the veil and we see the possibility! We see the hope and the revelation of this, and as we move closer to God through his word, he gives us a light for our footsteps.

Wow! A veil, a place of darkness or obscured vision. Imagine walking into a dark house, filled with everything you need. However, you are unable to see it because you cannot see. This is the same thing that happens to us when we make a decision in our own strength and we walk blindly. In 2 Corinthians 3:17 the word says The Lord

is the Spirit and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So the question I ask is, “Do you want to be free?” Because to be honest there are some chains in life that we have become so comfortable with, the cold metal of the chain now feels like a warm blanket.

Also let me ask this: do you want joy? Do you want to be healed? Do you want the peace that you cannot comprehend? In John 5, Jesus asked the man with an infirmity do you want to be made whole? In our lives today, Jesus is simply asking do you want the new freedom that I have already paid for? Do you want what I have for you in the house? If you answered yes, then He will step in and like in Corinthians 3:18, he will remove the veil and begin to walk, talk and teach you His ways. He will give you everything in the house because you have turned and allowed Him to come into relationship with your heart. God desires for us to be more like Him, and to ultimately become the beneficiaries of this beautiful thing called freedom.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, on today, we turn to you and make a declaration to you. We ask that you remove the veil, that you search our heart's dark places and fill us with your light. The light of faith and wisdom, the light of joy and peace. We declare on today, that we want to be more like you and we are open to you. We desire to be more like you. God, remove the veil so that we may walk in freedom and become a witness to all that you have for us. Amen

DAY 31: A NEW OIL

Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16: 11-13

The anointing of oil has significant meaning in our faith. The oil can showcase God's authority on one's life, it can symbolize the coming of the Holy Spirit and it can be used for the objective of healing. It holds powerful and symbolic value. In this particular passage we are confronted with a time in David's life where he was destined to be anointed as the future king of Israel, but before this new chapter in his life could take place, Samuel had to confront Jesse on

the matter of David's absence. David was neither absent due to a lack of interest in the proceedings, or due to an unwillingness to accept the calling placed on his life by God. He was absent seemingly because of someone's belief of his unworthiness. Have you ever felt that God desired to bless you with the oil of favor, only to have the disbelief of others, result in delaying your anointing?

Thankfully, God cares not about the opinions of others when it comes to his will and calling on our lives. It matters not if others feel that you are unworthy or unqualified for the calling placed on your life, because God qualifies the unqualified. God appreciates those that remain strong in faith no matter their perceived weaknesses in experience or understanding. God's will does not bend to the negative desires of others. God's favor moves to those that are faithful and steadfast.

David was a man after God's own heart, whom God could trust to always remain faithful to him no matter his inadequacies. This is reason he was anointed with oil, to authenticate the purpose and destiny that God desired for his life. David's father could not prevent this authentication from taking place and the same can be said for you. Whatever the task, whatever the objective, whatever the calling, God's will shall be done. As you enter this next season, understand that God is ready to do a new thing in your life, which will result in a new authority. So, prepare yourself for God to anoint your head and your life, with new purpose, new focus and new oil.

Prayer: Oh, good and gracious God, I thank you for believing in me, even when I did not believe in myself. I thank you for your favor in my life. May you forever guide me toward the purpose that you have designed and destined for my existence. When I am weak, you are strong, when I am strong, you are stronger. I can do all things through you. May you only bring those in my inner circle that accept and appreciate the calling and purpose you have given me. May you forever assist me in being a supporter of the gifts you have given others. Prohibit the spirit of jealousy to enter my heart or the hearts of those around me. Anoint me and those close to me with a new oil, for a new season. Give me the focus and the spirit to take this new oil and exceed the expectations of my own mind. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

DAY 32: A NEW IDEA

Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Leave an 18-inch opening below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

Genesis 6:14-16

There are seasons in our lives, where God will place an idea in our minds with instructions to bring that idea into reality. Sometimes the idea is so radical that those around us may think we are no longer in our sane (right) mind. To others, our idea is beyond the realm of rationality and it is, simply, a waste of time and energy. Yet, you can't seem to shake the idea. You gain a healthy level of fascination and dedication to the idea in which God has given you. Your belief in God's plan drives you to new levels of dedication, regardless of the number of naysayers speaking death to your idea. This is one of the many lessons we can draw from the story of Noah and the Ark.

Noah listened to God's instruction and warned many around him that he was building his ark because God alerted him that it would rain. Not only would it rain but it would do so for 40 days and nights. God therefore gave Noah an idea and instructions that would allow him and those closest to him to survive this coming judgement. This new idea was for he and those that would listen to the warning's wellbeing. Although many around Noah scoffed at his new idea, it would be to their detriment. When you know that you have been given a new idea from God, it is imperative that you follow through with the instructions you have been given. Often, the idea given to you, will be for the wellbeing of yourself and those closest to you.

Had Noah listened to those who had no belief in his idea, he and his family would have perished alongside everyone else. We must have the patience and dedication that Noah exhibits in his story. Not only must we follow through with ideas that we are given, we must also follow the instructions that illustrate how to execute the idea. In this next season, God will give you new insight that others are not privy to know. An idea that will blow your mind, protect you from harm while also blessing those you care for the most. If the new idea comes from God that will always be for the betterment of your life. Do not disregard the blessing that is a new viewpoint. That new insight and new idea that you are given, will reap unimaginable fruit.

Prayer: My God in Heaven, may you shower me with fresh ideas that will not only bless me, but will bless my family and friends. May you guide my thoughts and increase my discipline, to not only hear the ideas that you give me but to follow-through with the instructions I am given. I am not perfect Lord, but I desire to be more like you daily. I ask that no matter how difficult or how long it may take for the idea you have placed in my mind and heart to become reality, keep me focused on the fact that any idea from you, will always be better than an idea I come up with on my own. Your vantage point is Holy, and I magnify you for it and much more. If I stumble in any area, that may harm me, pick me up, dust me off, and walk with me during each step forward. I pray this prayer in the name of our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

DAY 33: A NEW NAME

What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them!

Genesis 17:5-6

Many of us, during our adolescence were presented with the idea that we have two things of vast importance in this life. That being our word and our names. This way of thinking stressed the importance of what we say and who we are. Another important life lesson that many have learned is that “it is not what people call you, but what you answer to.” So, you may question as Shakespeare once did, “what is in a name?” Well the answer is, everything! Your name is your legacy, your name symbolizes your birthright, your name can designate a purpose or objective, your name can even speak to your character and personality (ex. Isaac = Laughter).

The name you are given by man can be a blessing to your existence (ex. David = Beloved)

or can be a shameful expression (ex. Ichabod = The Glory Has Departed). But these are names given by man. When God gives you a name, it is because he wants to showcase his approval of you. In this passage we see God giving Abram an entirely new name. One that expresses the desire and purpose God has anointed on his life. In the story of Abraham, we are presented with a man that was called to leave behind his old life and follow God's purpose and his destiny. God created a covenant with Abraham and informed him that his name would be great and his descendants as numerous as the stars. By giving Abram a new name, he realigned his name to his purpose and ensured that whomever spoke his name would also speak to his destiny. God desires to do the same for you. Your name may have been given to you by your parents, but God has a purpose for you and the name you were given.

To fully accept your new name, it requires you to forgo things that are contrary to it. No longer will you answer to anything that is outside of God's desire for your life. No longer will others address you by anything less than God's best and the destiny of your existence. Life and death are in the power of the tongue and in this new season you will only answer to those that speak life upon you. No longer will you give attention to anything that calls you outside of the name and objectives that God has for you. This is a new season and God has given you a new name. A name of life, purpose, destiny, greatness, admiration,

blessing, respect, honor, and holiness. This new name will be between you and the Father, but it will resonate without you ever needing to express it. It will not only be what you are called, but an internal and external expression of who you are.

Prayer: Father, I exalt your name. I bless you for the blessing of a new purpose, life and destiny in which you have called me. Your name is above all names and I simply adore you for the desire you have for the betterment of my life. I thank you for the name you have given me, and I vow that I will only answer to the name which you have given me, the destiny you have given me and the purpose you have given me. I understand that this new name is a new mission and calling. I will put all effort into the purpose you have given me and will walk humbly in your glory. May you never allow me to forget or to disregard who you call me to be. In the amazing and Holy name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

DAY 34: A NEW ROUTINE

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”

2 Corinthians 4:16

Have you ever found yourself feeling faint? Ready to give up? Ready to throw in the towel? Let’s be honest: at some point in our lives, we all have felt like hope was lost. And if you haven’t yet, I will tell you like my grandma told me... “Keep living”.

Life happens to all of us and we are faced with challenges in our relationships, health, finances, and even our career. As a child of God our hope is restored, refueled, refreshed by the mere fact that He, the living and loving God, sees exactly where you are. God’s mercies are new every day, and with a new day, we have the choice to live our best lives. In his presence is where we discover and for some are reminded that God has a great plan for you. God is calling us to evolve, to level up, to not just be hearers of the word, but doers of the word. Our willingness to partner with

God and apply His truth leads to renewal; and causes us to walk in confidence that He can, He will, and in the end, we have victory. God's word is a mirror and allows us to replace every lie with the truth, the truth of His holy word.

In this particular scripture, the Apostle Paul is talking to the church in Corinth. The people of Corinth knew that Christ was raised from the dead and this provided hope in the midst of trouble, in the midst of broken relationships, and disappointments that life brings. The Corinthians believed the evolution that was taking place in their lives outweighed the temporary expression of feeling depleted; these people knew that what is eternal is not just good, but it is better. We can learn a great deal from the Corinthian people; they activated their faith, they evolved as a people which enabled them to discern the difference between unseen and seen power; seen power is eternal and unseen power is temporary. As we choose a new routine, a life lived on purpose and with passion; let us seek the power of a risen Savior.

Prayer: Father, I believe that you are alive and that you have an eternal plan that is far greater than what I am experiencing at the moment. I put my trust, and hope in your truth. I believe that you conquered the grave and I can live a full life. I am redeemed and renewed day by day because you live. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

DAY 35: A NEW WELL

She [Hagar] gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.” That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi [the “well of the Living One who sees me”].

Genesis 16:13–14

Have you ever had a promise in your old age? So much so that it is laughable at the thought that the promise would come to pass? Just thinking about the promise that seems impossible, so impossible that you employ your own vices to make this promise come to pass. This is exactly what happens with Abraham, Sara, and Hagar. Sara was promised children, but her age did not match the promise, so she decided that her maidservant Hagar would be the answer. You may be thinking, a great solution...NOT. Hagar finds herself feeling mistreated and runs off into the wilderness.

The wilderness is a place of wandering, a place of feeling forsaken, and a place where you may question if God knows your condition. The wilderness is a place of feeling abandoned, neglected—this is also

a place where you no longer feel the favor, nor the grace of God. On top of feeling abandoned, forgotten, and neglected we can imagine Hagar being reminded of how she was born a slave. It is possible that Hagar may have thought the wilderness was her destiny, but the God that sees, hears, knows, and cares...had other plans. Hagar CRIES OUT and God hears her.

Just when Hagar thought she was down for the last count, God stepped in. Hagar says God is Beer Lahai Roi (the “well of the Living One who sees me”). God did not view Hagar as she saw herself. God did not see her as a slave. God had not forgotten her, in fact, God restored her hope and faith. Have you been feeling neglected, forgotten, abandoned? Do you feel like God doesn’t hear or see you? Cry out! El Roi, the God who sees you is ready to respond. Ask God to open your eyes to see that He is at work in your life. He is the one that increases your faith.

Prayer: Father, during this season I am reminded that you are the God that sees. You are the God that hears. So on this day, I cry out believing that you will not only hear me, but you will respond to me. Lord God, forgive me for wandering off into the wilderness. Father lead me to the well that never runs dry. I thank you in advance for restoring my joy and my peace. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

DAY 36: A NEW GRACE

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

John 8:9-11

The world condemns you. You condemn yourself. There may have been times when you have done something that caused people to shame you, or you shame yourself. Brene Brown, a research professor defines shame as, “the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore unworthy of love and belonging – something we’ve experienced, done, or failed to do makes us unworthy of connection.”

There is the voice of the outsider, the critic, there is your own voice, and then there is the voice of Jesus. What happens when you are placed at Jesus’ feet? You find NEW GRACE!

The voice of the critic comes to mock, demoralize, and oftentimes to humiliate you. But Jesus comes to bring hope, joy, peace, and a life worth living; He brings NEW GRACE. Grace is the place every believer finds themselves; it is the place you go to experience forgiveness and regeneration. The question is “Whose voice will you listen to?” The answer is Jesus. In this life, we will find ourselves with competing voices. Jesus wants us to realize that the approval we may be seeking from culture leads to destruction, but He came that we may have life; the John 10:10 life “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” We have all been called to live the King’s Way!

Prayer: Father your love is unfailing and I am in awe of your grace. Each morning grace meets me and invites me to live my best life. Lord thank you for forgiving my sins. I am grateful that I have access to your son Jesus Christ who freely forgives and shows me how to live YOUR way. In Jesus Name, Amen

DAY 37: A NEW BELIEF

“And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”

John 6:35

At one time or another, some of us may have been concerned about our food, clothes, shelter or money. In this verse, we are gently reminded that we never have to worry about these things because our heavenly father knows what we need. Jesus commanded us to seek first God’s kingdom and his righteousness and ALL these things (food, clothes, shelter) will be given to us. The challenge for us is how do we trust and believe God for our sustenance during difficult times? First, we must realize that God always honors his words. He will watch over his Word to make sure it accomplishes its intended purposes.

If he is telling us that we do not have to worry about these things, then we do not have to worry! At the same time, we have to live a life that is godly and within our means. For example, if we need to purchase a car. Should a Bentley be our first choice? Only if it’s within our budget and it’s a bill we can afford to pay

each month. Here's another example. Let's say you need a home. Must it be a four-bedroom house or will a smaller home or apartment work? Are we making choices that lead to peace and stability or are we living to impress others and going into unnecessary debt? Are we putting money away for rainy days; saving for our future or are making frivolous purchases?

When we choose to do God's will, we also commit to serving him honestly and with all our hearts. And when we do that, God will bless us with everything that we need to fulfill his purposes for our lives. This is the new mindset and the new belief system that God gives us. He gives us contentment in a world filled with insatiability. He gives us joy in a world filled with anxiety. Our mindset becomes the belief system that governs our entire world and perspective. Ask God today to give you the kind of belief (and faith) that is consistent with faith like Jesus.

Dear Abba Father, I know that I cannot live on bread alone. I need you God. Help me to make time in my schedule to honor you with my heart, body, and mind. Lord, I believe that I am who you say I am and I can do all that you say I can do. Help me today to actualize this faith and belief in you, as I trust you to take care of my family, my finances, my education, my employment and even my church. Give me deeper understanding of what it means to live a Godly and righteous life. This is the bread of heaven from which I will live. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

DAY 38: A NEW PARADIGM

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:1-2.

Every now and then, non-Christians will make comments that they do not understand how we can sacrifice so much of our free time in church and studying the Word of God. It is a challenge for them to comprehend the value in making such sacrifices. Sadly, there are some Christians who hold the same set of beliefs and don’t understand the value of scheduling intentional time with God; whether it’s through weekly church service attendance, enrolling in discipleship classes or by making lifestyle choices that benefit their walk with Christ. These types of sacrifices are not in vain.

True and proper worship of God is often done by sacrificing the things you may want to do, but may

not need to do if honoring God with your life is your goal. Life in God is a paradigm shift. When we say yes to God, we honor God by giving him the first day of the week, the first of our income, and the first of our day. In so doing, we are choosing to conform our minds to God's ways and not to the pattern of this world. By making these choices, we are renewing our minds and allowing God to work through us in a way that blesses not only our lives, but also the lives of our families and communities.

If you have ever struggled with the idea of giving up the excesses of life that lead to wicked or ungodly behavior, then remember that when you open the door to God, he will come in and fill you with his righteousness, his peace and his joy.

Dear Abba Father, I am asking you to teach me how to sacrifice all that I am (my body and mind) to do your will here on earth. Help me to make you first every week in my finances and with the first part of my day. Lord, reveal to me all that is good and prudent, as I read your scriptures, attend biblically based classes and spend time with godly friends, Thank you in advance for honoring me physically, mentally and emotionally. I commit to doing life the King's Way. Amen.

DAY 39: A NEW YES

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Isaiah 6:8

Has God ever told you to do something that made you feel uncomfortable? If you are like me, your first thought was often all the reasons why you cannot or should not do what has been asked of you. Ladies and Gentleman, those are what we call “excuses.” Has God told you to go back to school/college, but you make the excuse that you do not have the money, time, or energy? Has he told you to randomly walk up to a stranger and give them some encouragement, a compliment, or even money? If God asks you to do something, then he wants you to do it. He wants you to do it, because he needs it done! And all he really wants from you...is a new YES!

Has it occurred to you that someone is having a bad day and they're attempting to hide it from everyone? A word of encouragement may do more for them than you will ever know. What about the

financial need God is asking you to meet? You may later learn they had prayed to God for the exact amount you have given. We do not always know what people need, but when he asks us to do something, we must trust him and let go of our fears, concerns, and worries and just do it! When God puts it on our hearts to meet the needs of his children, our response should simply be...“Here I am Lord, send me.”

Dear Abba Father, I thank you for providing for all of my needs according to your riches in glory. As I call out to you, I also ask that you use me to be a blessing to someone else that might be in need. Lord open my spiritual ears, eyes, lips and hands to be a blessing to this world for you. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAY 40: A NEW EVERYTHING

‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

Revelation 21:4-5

I love new things. New clothes, new shoes, new ideas and new projects. I love to learn new strategies, a new way to get to a familiar place, and the smell of a new car. There’s just something about “newness” that makes me happy. But when that new thing comes from God, it far exceeds anything that I could have asked for (Eph. 3:20). So imagine my reaction when I read Revelations 21:4-5. He is going to wipe my tears, take away sadness, and make everything new. Everything (Revelations 21:4-5)! Nothing I can buy can compare to the new thing God will give me!

So, are you open to something new? Clarification, are you open to something new from

God? A new life? A new spirit? A new heart? A new love? A new attitude? Or something tangible, a new house? No matter what new thing you are expecting from God, know that he can do it. Our all-knowing, all-seeing, all-powerful God, wants to give you more than new things, he wants to give you a new life. He wants to give you the abundant life that is referenced in John 10:10. Our God wants to give you a new mission, a new assignment, a new hope, and a new joy. The pain of past hurt will not diminish this new joy. Even the pain of past disappointments will disappear when God brings a new order into your life. So, stand up, shake the dust of past seasons, past relationships and past failures, from your feet. Instead, look towards the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2 for a new everything because he has promised to do it, and, “faithful is he that has promised” (Hebrews 10:23).

Prayer: Father, thank you for making everything new. Everything. Not just my physical body, but my spirit. Not just my job, but my assignment. Not just my thoughts, but my attitude. Your Word is trustworthy and true, so I trust you to do all that you have promised because you are God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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