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# DAYS OF PRAISE

JANUARY 10 - APRIL 10

## DEVOTIONALS

## WEEK 9

With: FASTING and PRAYER EMPHASIS DEVOTIONAL



# DAY 57

# MONDAY

May God bless you with his special favor and wonderful peace as you come to know Jesus, our God and Lord, better and better. As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in his divine nature. 2Peter 1:2-4 (NLT)

A supernatural existence is impossible when we remain superficial in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

What is the Challenge of this verse?

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How can you apply this to your life?

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What will you work to change?

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Prayer



# DAY 58

# TUESDAY

The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

Each day comes with a new measure of mercy ready to kiss the soul; Great is his of the one who repents of their waywardness.

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Prayer



# DAY 59

# WEDNESDAY

"Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. 1Kings 19:11-12 (NLT)

God whispers into the ear of our heart because it requires a desire to hear Him, and the power it possesses is meant to produce in us a purpose unique to us.

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Prayer



# DAY 60

# THURSDAY

But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:22-23 (NLT)

There is an even more dark and sinister power at work within our being, and it is the nature of sin. It masks itself in the shroud of blame and accusation so as to keep itself from being exposed. It removes the responsibility of our choices and behaviors from personal conscious and places it on others. We are all in need of liberty from the enslavement of this power. No matter the color of ones skin, age, gender, nor ones background; we all need a savior, and there is only one. His name is Jesus Christ. – Pastor J

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Prayer



# DAY 61

# FRIDAY

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:3-5 (NAS)

You cannot exist in a place of defeat if you're determined to walk victoriously. The stubbornness of your faith will outlast your opposition; this is known as perseverance.

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Prayer



# DAY 62

# SATURDAY

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1 (NIV)

The volume of our praise will always reflect the measure of our thankfulness.

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How can you apply this to your life?

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Prayer



# DAY 63

# SUNDAY

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)

Live today not as one with challenges to be conquered, but in such a way to remind those challenges they've already been conquered.

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Prayer





# Fasting and Prayer Emphasis

Scripture Reading — 2 Chronicles 20:1-15

Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord. . . . — 2 Chronicles 20:3-4

Do you ever feel stuck spiritually? Maybe your life seems in a rut, and you have no idea how to grow. What can you do?

God has provided us with many spiritual disciplines to help us get closer to him, such as prayer and fasting.

In the Old Testament we find that God's people often fasted and prayed in times of repentance and in times of great distress, recognizing they needed the deliverance that only God could give.

Jehoshaphat did this when a group of nations threatened to conquer Judah. The opposing army was vast, and only a miracle could keep Judah safe. Jehoshaphat was learning that the nation needed to turn back to God (2 Chronicles 18-19). So the king declared a fast and led the people in prayer, saying, "Lord . . . we do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." God then told the nation through a prophet that the battle was the Lord's and he would fight on their behalf.

As we humble ourselves before the Lord, God fights on our behalf in ways that we cannot even fathom. Powerful enemies self-destruct, and oppressive, unjust forces wither away. When we adopt habits of following Christ, through God's power we can grow, serve, and praise the Lord again.

## Prayer

Father, "our eyes are on you." You rule over all nations and over our hearts. Power and might are in your hands. We cry out to you to rescue and restore us. Amen.

