

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING WEEK 2

TACKLING TEMPTATION DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: The Power of Prayer in Trials

Bible Reading: James 5:14-15

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."

Devotional:

Today, reflect on the power of prayer in times of sickness and struggle. As the sermon highlighted, the community's prayer was instrumental in the healing of Parker Maples. Let this serve as a reminder that faith-filled prayers can bring about miracles. Consider how you can incorporate prayer more fully into your life, especially during difficult times.

Reflection Questions:

1. How have you experienced the power of prayer in your life or in the lives of others?
2. In what ways can you be more intentional about praying for those who are facing trials?

Day 2: Resisting Temptation through Prayer

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:13

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Devotional:

The Lord's Prayer is a guide for our daily walk with God, including our battle against temptation. As the sermon pointed out, Jesus himself resisted temptation through reliance on God. Take time today to pray the Lord's Prayer with a focus on resisting temptation, asking for God's strength to avoid the allure of worldly distractions.

Reflection Questions:

1. What temptations are you currently facing that require God's strength to overcome?
2. How does the Lord's Prayer offer comfort and guidance in times of temptation?

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Day 3: Finding Contentment in God

Bible Reading: Philippians 4:12-13

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Devotional:

In the sermon, we were encouraged to seek contentment in God rather than constantly striving for more. Reflect on Paul's words about contentment in every situation. Pray for the wisdom to discern the difference between godly ambition and worldly desire.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does your current lifestyle reflect a search for contentment in God?
2. What steps can you take to find peace and satisfaction in your relationship with God, regardless of external circumstances?

Day 4: Embracing Our Identity as Children of God

Bible Reading: Romans 8:16-17

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

Devotional:

Today's sermon reminded us of our unshakeable identity as children of God. Consider the privileges and responsibilities that come with this identity. Contemplate how understanding your place in God's family can transform your outlook on life's challenges.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does being a child of God mean to you personally?
2. How can this knowledge change the way you approach your daily life and interactions with others?

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Day 5: Resting in God's Unconditional Love

Bible Reading: Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Devotional:

The sermon highlighted the depth of God's love for us, a love that is unconditional and limitless. Meditate on the truth that God's love for you is not based on your performance or achievements. Let this truth sink in and provide comfort and motivation as you live out your faith.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the knowledge of God's unconditional love affect your self-worth and your interactions with others?
2. In what practical ways can you demonstrate God's love to those around you today?

Remember, these devotions are not just for a momentary reflection but for long-term transformation. Carry these lessons with you as you navigate the year ahead, trusting in God's love and the power of prayer.