

# DID GOD REALLY SAY?



## PART 3 | HATERS GONNA HATE

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

### Day 1: Discerning Truth in a World of Information

**Daily Reading:** John 8:31-32, 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### Devotional

In our information-saturated world, discerning truth can be challenging. Just as the sermon highlighted the importance of weighing scriptural truths in their proper context, we too must anchor ourselves in God's Word. Spend time today reflecting on how you approach Scripture. Do you seek to understand its context and original intent?

#### Application

Ask God for wisdom to discern His truth amidst the noise of the world. Consider how you can develop a habit of studying Scripture more deeply, rather than relying on surface-level interpretations or popular quotes.

### Day 2: Bearing Our Cross - Understanding True Discipleship

**Daily Reading:** Matthew 16:24-26, Luke 9:23-26

#### Devotional

Jesus' call to "take up your cross" is often misunderstood. It's not about bearing life's inconveniences, but about dying to self and following Christ wholeheartedly. Reflect on areas in your life where you might be misinterpreting this call. Are there challenges you face that you've labeled as your "cross to bear" when they're actually consequences of your own choices?

#### Application

Ask God to reveal what true cross-bearing looks like in your life. How can you embrace self-denial and sacrificial living for the sake of the Gospel today?



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### Day 3: Representing Christ in a Hostile World

**Daily Reading:** John 15:18-25, 1 Peter 4:12-16

#### Devotional

As followers of Christ, we may face opposition. However, it's crucial to discern whether this opposition is truly because of our faithfulness to Christ or due to our own actions. Examine your life and interactions with others. Are you facing criticism or dislike because you're reflecting Christ's love and truth, or for other reasons? Pray for the courage to represent Christ faithfully, even when it's difficult.

#### Application

Ask God to help you distinguish between persecution for righteousness and the natural consequences of unloving behavior.

### Day 4: Producing Fruit of the Spirit

**Daily Reading:** Galatians 5:22-26, John 15:1-8

#### Devotional

The fruit our lives produce reveals the source of our nourishment. Are you cultivating the fruit of the Spirit or the fruit of the flesh? Take time to honestly assess the "fruit" visible in your life. Where do you see love, joy, peace, and other spiritual fruits manifesting? Where do you see areas that need growth?

#### Application

Ask God to help you abide more deeply in Him, allowing His life to flow through you and produce fruit that glorifies Him and blesses others.



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### Day 5: Embracing God's Comfort in Suffering

**Daily Reading:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, Romans 8:18-25

#### Devotional

Suffering is a reality in this fallen world, but as believers, we have hope. Reflect on the promise in Revelation 21 that God will wipe away every tear. How does this eternal perspective change how you view current struggles? Consider how you can allow your experiences of suffering to deepen your compassion for others and your reliance on God.

#### Application

Pray for those who are suffering, asking God to use you as an instrument of His comfort. Remember that while we may face difficulties now, they are temporary in light of eternity with Christ.