# Peace Beyond the Headlines: Overcoming News Addiction



Discover how to break free from news cycle addiction and find lasting peace through God's Word in a distracted world focused on politics.





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#### Introduction

In our fast-paced digital age, the constant barrage of news—especially politically charged headlines—can become overwhelming and addictive. Many find themselves trapped in a cycle of scrolling, reading, and reacting to news updates, which often leads to anxiety, division, and restlessness.

This 7-day study is designed to help you recognize the grip of news addiction and redirect your focus from the world's turmoil to God's unchanging Truth. By tuning out the noisy headlines and tuning into Scripture, you can discover **peace beyond politics** and nurture a spirit anchored in God's peace.

We will explore Scriptures that remind us of God's sovereignty, His invitation to rest, and the power of His Word to renew our minds. Through practical devotionals, reflective questions, and focused prayer, you will be equipped to break free from the relentless news cycle and cultivate a daily habit grounded in spiritual nourishment rather than momentary headlines.

As you journey through these days, remember that God's peace surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7) and that true freedom comes when our hearts are fixed on Him instead of fleeting political noise. Let's embark on this healing path together, finding hope, strength, and renewal in God's presence amid the chaos of the world.







# Day 1: Breaking Free from the News Cycle









Day 1: (3) Breaking Free from the News Cycle

#### Your Verse

Romans 12:2 – "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God."
- Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."







Day 1: (3) Breaking Free from the News Cycle

#### Devotional: Renew Your Mind, Break World Patterns

Many find themselves trapped in a relentless cycle of consuming news, often leaving their minds restless and anxious. The Apostle Paul urges believers to reject worldly patterns and embrace a transformation through God's Word. This transformation begins with renewing our minds away from constant news and headlines that stir fear and division.

When you feel pulled to refresh headlines endlessly, pause and remember God's invitation in Psalm 46:10 to be still and acknowledge His sovereignty. Instead of reacting impulsively to every political update, seek rest in Jesus' words in Matthew 11:28. This rest is deeper than physical — it's a spiritual calm that settles anxieties grounded in external circumstances.

As you start this journey, recognize the need to replace the empty consumption of news with intentional time in Scripture, allowing God to renew your thoughts, priorities, and peace.







Day 1: 🕲 Breaking Free from the News Cycle

# Reflect and Apply

1.	In what ways do you feel addicted or overly drawn to news updates?
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	How does constantly consuming news impact your mental and spiritual well-being?
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	What might it look like to begin choosing God's peace over worldly patterns in your daily routine?
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Day 1: (3) Breaking Free from the News Cycle

# **Journaling Prompts**

	Write down the emotions you experience after consuming news headlines.
2.	Describe a time when stepping away from the news brought you peace.
	List 3 practical ways you can limit news consumption to focus on God's Word.







Day 1: (3) Breaking Free from the News Cycle

#### Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to step back from the endless cycle of news that distracts my mind and unsettles my heart. Teach me to be still and to trust in You above all else. Renew my thoughts and fill me with Your peace that transcends understanding. Guide me to find rest in Your presence daily and to prioritize Your truth over fleeting headlines. Strengthen me to break free from worldly distractions and anchor my hope firmly in You. *Thank You for being my refuge and peace in the storm.* Amen.









# Day 2: Sinding Peace in God's Sovereignty









Day 2: W Finding Peace in God's Sovereignty

#### Your Verse

Isaiah 41:10 – "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
- Psalm 29:11 "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace."







Day 2: W Finding Peace in God's Sovereignty

#### Devotional: Trust God's Control Over Chaos

In the swirling storm of political headlines and breaking news, fear and anxiety can quickly take root. Today's Scripture reminds us that God is with us and calls us not to fear. His presence brings peace even amid uncertainty.

Trusting God's sovereignty means accepting that He is in control beyond what we can see or change. Proverbs 3:5 encourages leaning fully on the Lord rather than our limited understanding of events. When the news tries to make us panic or despair, we can choose to rest in the strength that only God provides.

Consider how acknowledging God's active presence in your life can lessen the need to compulsively monitor every headline. God's peace is a gift that strengthens and sustains us, enabling us to move forward calmly despite external chaos.







Day 2: "S Finding Peace in God's Sovereignty

# Reflect and Apply

1.`	What fears arise from the news that you need to surrender to God?
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	How can trusting in God's sovereignty shape your response to political news?
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	Where do you currently lean on your own understanding instead of God's promises?
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Day 2: W Finding Peace in God's Sovereignty

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer surrendering your fears about the news to God.
2.	Recall a moment when trusting God brought you peace through a difficult event.
3.	List Scripture verses that remind you of God's power and presence.







Day 2: W Finding Peace in God's Sovereignty

## Prayer for Today

Father, You are greater than any news or political turmoil. Help me not to fear but to remember that You are with me always. Teach me to trust You fully with what I cannot control. Fill my heart with strength and peace, so I may face each day calm and confident in Your care. Let Your peace guard my mind and emotions and free me from anxiety. Thank You for being my refuge and strength. Amen.









# Day 3: P Setting My Mind on What Matters









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#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:8 – "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right...think about such things."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:2 "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."
- Romans 8:6 "The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace."







Day 3: Setting My Mind on What Matters

#### Devotional: Focus on Truth to Find Peace

News often floods our minds with negativity, fear, and division. Paul urges believers to deliberately focus their thoughts on things that are true and noble —qualities often missing in the news cycle.

By setting our minds on God's truth rather than on political turmoil, we invite life and peace into our hearts. Colossians 3:2 encourages us to shift our focus from temporary earthly matters to the eternal things above. This is not about ignoring reality but prioritizing God's perspective.

Taking intentional steps to filter what we dwell on—replacing anxious headlines with Scripture and prayer—can transform our mental and spiritual health. This renewed focus guards us against the addiction to news and nurtures a peace rooted in God's Spirit.







Day 3: 🖓 Setting My Mind on What Matters

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What kinds of news or thoughts dominate your mind daily?
	How can you intentionally redirect your thoughts toward what is true and noble?
3.	What spiritual disciplines help you set your mind on things above?







Day 3: 🖓 Setting My Mind on What Matters

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down the things you tend to dwell on and how they affect your peace.
2.	List truths from Scripture you can meditate on when overwhelmed by news.
3.	Plan a daily habit that helps you focus on God rather than headlines.







Day 3: 

Setting My Mind on What Matters

## Prayer for Today

God, help me to fix my thoughts on what is true, noble, and right. When I am tempted to dwell on stressful news, redirect my mind to Your Word and Spirit. Teach me to focus on eternal truths that bring life and peace. Empower me to live with a perspective anchored in You, not the chaos around me. May Your peace rule my heart and mind today and always. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 4:23 - "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths."
- Matthew 6:22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light."







# Devotional: Guard Your Heart and Mind with Boundaries

Social media and constant headlines can flood our hearts with negativity, affecting our spiritual well-being. Proverbs reminds us to guard our hearts carefully, since what we allow in shapes our whole lives.

Setting healthy digital boundaries means intentionally choosing what, when, and how you interact with news and political content. It might mean scheduling specific times to check updates, unfollowing divisive sources, or turning off notifications. Ephesians 4:29 encourages us to protect our speech and, by extension, what we allow to influence our words and attitudes.

By managing what you expose your heart and mind to, you enable Jesus' light to fill you fully, as Matthew 6:22 teaches. Healthy boundaries are acts of love toward yourself and obedience to God's call to live in peace.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What digital habits might be harming your heart and peace?
	How can you protect your mind from unwholesome or overwhelming content?
	What boundaries can you implement to foster healthier news consumption?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe your current news consumption habits and their effects.
2.	Plan a daily schedule limiting news intake and include spiritual practices.
3.	. Write down negative influences you need to remove or limit online.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, teach me to guard my heart and mind with wisdom. Help me establish boundaries that protect me from harmful influences and negativity. Guide my choices in digital spaces so that Your peace and light fill me instead of anxiety and division. May my words reflect Your grace and truth. Strengthen me to say no to distractions and yes to You. Amen.



















#### Your Verse

2 Timothy 1:7 - "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
- John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."







#### Devotional: Empowered to Overcome Fear

Fear often fuels the addiction to the news cycle as we seek control over uncertainty. Today's Scriptures reassure us that God's Spirit gives us power, love, and self-discipline—not a spirit of fear.

By turning fears over to God and replacing them with faith, we break the hold anxiety has on us. Psalm 56:3 expresses a simple but powerful practice: when afraid, choose trust. Jesus' gift of peace in John 14:27 is a lasting peace unlike what the world offers.

Allow yourself to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to confront fear with love and discipline, resisting the impulse to compulsively seek out news. Faith rooted in God brings lasting calm and strength to face each day.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears drive your need to follow the news constantly?
2.	How can you practically choose trust when anxiety arises?
	In what ways can you cultivate the self-discipline needed to limit news consumption?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a fear you want to surrender to God.
2.	List ways the Holy Spirit empowers you to overcome fear.
3.	Describe a plan to respond to fear with faith instead of news checking.







## Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your power, love, and self-discipline today. Help me not to be ruled by fear or anxiety over events I cannot control. Teach me to trust You deeply and to rest in the peace Jesus offers. Strengthen me to break the habit of compulsive news consumption and to walk confidently in faith. Thank You for Your constant presence and peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.



















#### Your Verse

Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Joshua 1:8 "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night."
- Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is alive and active."







## Devotional: Let God's Word Guide Your Steps

Replacing the noise of headlines with the life-giving Word of God is essential for true freedom from addiction. Psalm 119:105 promises that God's Word illuminates our journey, providing clarity and guidance.

Joshua encourages meditating on Scripture continually, making it a constant source of wisdom and strength. As Hebrews reminds us, the Word is alive and active, cutting to the heart and transforming us.

Committing to daily Scripture reading and meditation anchors us firmly in truth, offering a refuge from the constant demand of news consumption. As you deepen your relationship with God through His Word, you will find renewed purpose and peace that surpasses the turmoil of the world.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How consistent is your daily time in Scripture?
2.	What barriers keep you from meditating on God's Word regularly?
3.	How does Scripture provide clarity amid confusing or troubling news?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe what it feels like to have God's Word guide your decisions.
2.	Plan a realistic daily Scripture reading or meditation routine.
3.	Write a prayer asking God to make His Word alive and active in your life.







## Prayer for Today

Lord, Your Word is light in darkness and guidance for my steps. Help me to treasure it daily and meditate on it often. Make Your truth alive and active in my heart, transforming my thoughts and choices. Anchor me in Your Word so that I may resist the pull of news addiction and live in Your peace. Thank You for Your faithful presence through Scripture. Amen.



















#### Your Verse

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Exodus 33:14 "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
- Hebrews 4:10 "For anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their own work."







## Devotional: Resting Fully in God's Presence

After a week of focusing on overcoming news addiction, today's reminder is to come to Jesus for true rest. Many feel weary from the burden of constant information and political tension.

*Jesus invites all who are weary to find rest in Him—a rest deeper than physical, a renewal of soul and spirit.* God's presence sustains us and refreshes our weary hearts, as He promised in Exodus.

Hebrews reminds us that entering God's rest means ceasing from our own efforts to control or manage anxiety. It is an invitation to trust fully, to lay down burdens, and to receive His peace, restored strength, and renewed hope.

As you close this study, embrace this rest daily and continue to guard your heart, choosing peace beyond the headlines.







# Reflect and Apply

What burdens do you need to lay at Jesus' feet today?
How can you cultivate a daily habit of resting in God's presence?
What does it mean for you to 'rest from your own work' in anxiety or control?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.V	Write a letter to Jesus expressing your need for rest and renewal.
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	Describe how you feel after committing to rest in God rather than the news.
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3. I	Plan rest and renewal activities that help you stay spiritually refreshed.
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#### Prayer for Today

**Jesus, I come to You weary and burdened.** Thank You for Your invitation to rest in Your loving presence. Help me to surrender the anxiety and weariness brought on by the news and political noise. Fill me with Your peace and renew my soul so I can walk in strength and hope. Teach me to trust You daily and embrace Your rest fully. Amen.









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