# Seeking Divine Guidance: The Election of Matthias and Early Church Leadership



Explore how the early Church sought God's direction in leadership through prayer, unity, and faith in selecting Matthias.





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#### Introduction

The story of the early Church choosing Matthias as an apostle offers profound insight into how believers can seek God's guidance in important decisions.

After Judas Iscariot's betrayal and death, the group of apostles felt the urgent need to restore their number, reflecting their commitment to the foundation laid by Jesus Christ. This moment is not only about replacing a lost member but about the vital principle of seeking God's will actively and prayerfully.

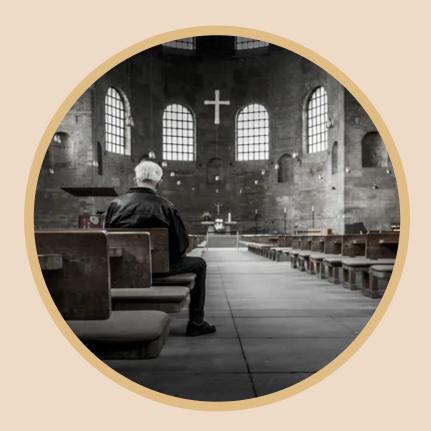
In Acts 1:15–26, we witness the apostles praying earnestly before casting lots to select Matthias. This process reveals early Christian reliance on the Holy Spirit for direction, highlighting communal responsibility, faith, and reverence for God's sovereignty. Today, many of us face decisions that affect our families, churches, workplaces, and communities. The example set by the first believers encourages us to seek God's wisdom through prayer, Scripture, and God-centered unity.

This 21-day study will help you explore Scripture and biblical principles around divine guidance, leadership, faith, and discernment. Each day will deepen your understanding and inspire you to rely wholeheartedly on God for your own decisions. Whether you serve in leadership or simply desire God's clear direction, this study invites you to walk in trust and obedience, just as the early Church did.













#### Your Verse

Acts 1:24 – "Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
- Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."







#### Devotional: Learning to Trust God Fully in Decisions

**Trusting God's sovereignty is the foundation of seeking His guidance.** The apostles, faced with the crucial decision of choosing a new apostle, first sought divine direction through prayer. Their request, "Lord, you know everyone's heart," reveals their deep recognition that only God truly understands the heart and motives of people.

We may face choices where human wisdom falls short, but God's infinite knowledge ensures our paths are perfectly orchestrated when we submit to Him. Trust involves surrendering our limited perspective and embracing God's perfect will, even when it's unclear. Like the early Church, inviting God to lead fosters peace and confidence in every step.

Today, reflect on where you need to trust God more fully. Pray to surrender your control and lean into His wisdom.







#### Reflect and Apply

	In what areas do I tend to rely on my understanding rather than God's guidance?
	How can I remind myself daily that God knows every heart and situation perfectly?
3.	When have I seen God's sovereign hand in my past choices?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a decision you find hard to trust God with and why.
	List Bible verses you can meditate on when you feel anxious about choices.
3.	Journal a prayer asking God to increase your trust in His sovereignty.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to trust you with all my heart. When I feel uncertain, remind me that You know every detail far beyond my understanding. Teach me to lean on Your wisdom rather than my own and to seek Your guidance faithfully. May Your peace guard my heart as I surrender my plans to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.













#### Your Verse

Acts 1:14 – "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."







#### Devotional: The Power of United, Persistent Prayer

**Prayer is the vital link connecting our human decisions with God's divine will.** Before appointing Matthias, the early Church came together in persistent, united prayer. This underscores that seeking God's direction is not a passive or rushed activity—it is a committed and communal practice.

Prayer opens the heart to God's voice, helping us discern beyond our thoughts and feelings. It brings clarity and peace, aligning us with His perfect plan. When faced with leadership decisions, or any important life decisions, prayer is our first and foremost tool.

Evaluate how consistent and earnest your prayer life is when making significant decisions. Commit to approaching God regularly and earnestly.







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	How regularly do I seek God in prayer before making decisions?
2.	What changes can I make to develop more persistent and united prayer in my community?
3.	How has prayer shaped decisions in my past experiences?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time when united prayer influenced a decision positively.
2.	Write out a prayer asking God to guide your current important decisions.
	List practical steps you can take to incorporate prayer before decision-making.







#### Prayer for Today

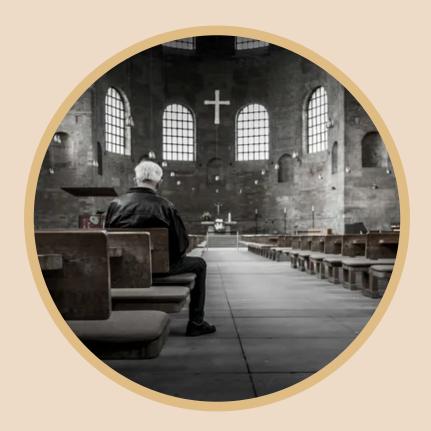
Father, cultivate in me a heart that seeks You earnestly through prayer. Let me approach You with persistence and unity with others, trusting that You hear every word and know my needs. Give me patience and attentiveness to sense Your guidance clearly. May my decisions be shaped by communion with You. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 😂 📜







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Day 3: Multiput Decision-Making

#### Your Verse

Acts 1:15-16 - "Peter stood up among the believers... 'The Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago.""

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:5 "So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."
- Ephesians 4:3 "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."







Day 3: Multiple Unity in Decision–Making

# Devotional: Promoting Unity Brings Clarity to Decisions

Unity among believers is crucial when seeking God's direction, especially in leadership roles. The early Church gathered not as individuals but as a unified body, recognizing that decisions affect the entire community. Peter's leadership reminded everyone that God's Word was central to their actions, binding them together.

When believers pursue decisions with a spirit of unity, it minimizes conflict and invites the Holy Spirit's guidance more powerfully. It reflects the oneness Christ prayed for in John 17. Diverse perspectives are valuable, but unity in faith and purpose helps discern God's will clearly.

Consider your role in promoting unity within your circle when making decisions. Are you contributing to peace and agreement or discord?







Day 3: Making Unity in Decision-Making

#### Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do I see disunity affecting decision-making in my life or community?
2.	How can I actively foster peace and unity before important choices?
3.	What role does Scripture play in uniting groups toward God's will?







Day 3: Making Unity in Decision-Making

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when unity improved a decision-making process.
2.	Reflect on ways you can encourage unity around you.
3.	Journal a prayer asking God to heal disunity and grant peace.







Day 3: Multiple Unity in Decision-Making

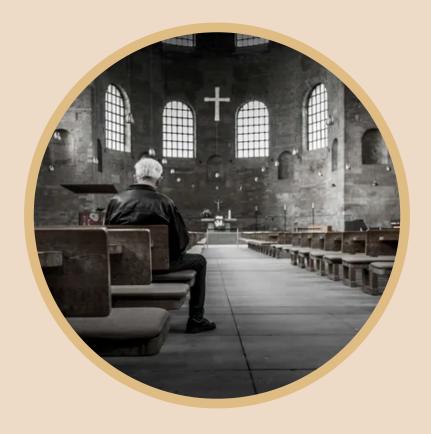
#### **Prayer for Today**

Lord, bind us together in unity as we seek Your guidance. Help me be a peacemaker who values others and encourages harmony. Teach me to listen with love and prioritize Your truth above personal opinions. May our shared faith lead us to Your perfect plan. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 















#### Your Verse

Acts 1:20 – "May another take his place of leadership." For it is written in the Book of Psalms: 'May his place be deserted."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."
- Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."







#### Devotional: Let Scripture Guide Every Decision

Scripture is the foundation for all leadership and decision–making in the Church. Peter referenced Psalm 69 when discerning who should replace Judas, showing that God's Word guided their process, not just human opinion or convenience.

The Bible offers timeless principles and prophetic insight that help clarify God's will. Regular study and application of Scripture illuminate the path for leaders and laypeople alike. It also holds us accountable to God's standards.

Daily engagement with God's Word equips us to face decisions wisely and according to His truth.





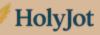


## Reflect and Apply

1.	How often do I consult Scripture when facing big decisions?
2.	What Scriptures have been particularly clear or convicting for me?
3.	How can I deepen my knowledge of God's Word to improve discernment?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down key Scriptures you rely on for guidance and why.
2.	Journal a time God's Word challenged or encouraged your decisions.
3.	Plan steps to increase your daily Bible reading.







#### Prayer for Today

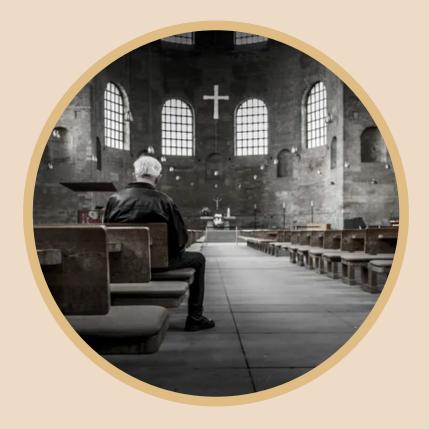
Father, help me to treasure and apply Your Word each day. May Your Scriptures be my guide, teaching me to discern Your will and live righteously. Illuminate my heart with truth so that all my decisions align with Your plans. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 🔲 🐒















Day 5: OPurposeful Leadership

#### Your Verse

Acts 1:21–22 – "Anyone who has been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us... must become one of us."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Timothy 3:1 "If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task."
- Titus 1:7 "An overseer must be blameless... a steward of God's household."







Day 5: O Purposeful Leadership

#### Devotional: Understanding God's Purpose for Leaders

Leadership in God's Church carries a sacred purpose and responsibility. Matthias was chosen because he had been a faithful witness to Jesus' ministry, underscoring that legitimate spiritual leadership is rooted in a consistent relationship with Christ.

Leaders are called to serve with integrity and devotion, guiding God's people in truth and love. This is not about position or power but about stewardship of God's mission. True leadership is a noble calling that requires humility and commitment.

Reflect on what qualities God desires in leaders and how you can embody or support these traits.







Day 5: **@** Purposeful Leadership

#### Reflect and Apply

1.	What qualities does God require for leadership according to Scripture?
	How does my personal walk with Christ influence my ability to lead others?
3.	Am I willing to serve in leadership with humility and faithfulness?







Day 5: **@** Purposeful Leadership

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List leadership qualities you admire in biblical figures and modern leaders.
2.	Journal about how you can nurture these qualities in yourself.
3.	Reflect on your attitude toward serving—what motivates you?







Day 5: **@** Purposeful Leadership

#### Prayer for Today

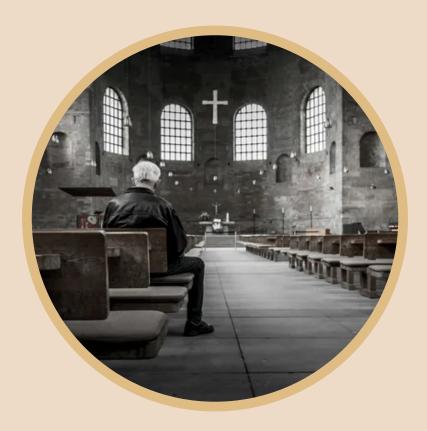
Lord, raise up leaders who reflect Your heart and purpose. Help me, whether as a leader or a follower, to honor You with integrity and faithfulness. Teach me to serve others selflessly and to seek Your guidance in every responsibility I embrace. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 🗀 😂







# Day 6: 🗱 Discerning God's Will







Day 6: 🥎 Discerning God's Will

#### Your Verse

Acts 1:26 - "Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
- Colossians 1:9 "We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives."







Day 6: \Discerning God's Will

## Devotional: Patiently Waiting on God's Perfect Will

God's will is sometimes revealed in ways we don't expect, but He is always faithful to guide us. Casting lots may seem unusual today, but it demonstrated the early Church's reliance on God's sovereign direction when human wisdom reached its limit.

Discerning God's will requires humility, patience, and attentiveness to His Spirit as we pray and meditate on Scripture. It often involves waiting for confirmation and being open to His methods, even if surprising.

Be willing to surrender your preferences and trust God to reveal His perfect plan in His timing.







Day 6: ♦ Discerning God's Will

# Reflect and Apply

1. Are there areas where I struggle to surrender my desires to God's will?	
2. How patient and attentive am I in waiting for God's guidance?	
3. What practices help me better discern His voice?	





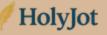
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## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when God's answer came unexpectedly.
2.	List ways to cultivate patience and listening in your spiritual life.
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3.	Pray for openness to God's timing and methods.







Day 6: "Discerning God's Will

## Prayer for Today

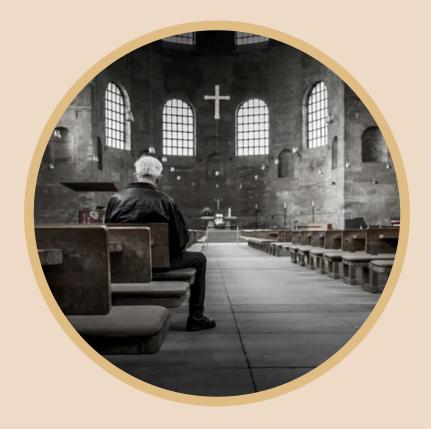
God, teach me to wait patiently for Your guidance. Help me recognize Your voice amid the noise and to accept Your will wholeheartedly, even when it differs from my own plans. Fill me with Your wisdom as I seek You. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\triangle$   $\square$   $\square$ 















Day 7: Community Affirmation

#### Your Verse

Acts 2:42 – "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hebrews 10:24–25 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together."
- Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."







Day 7: Community Affirmation

# Devotional: The Strength of Community in God's Guidance

Community plays a key role in confirming God's direction. The early believers supported one another in teachings, fellowship, and prayer, creating an environment where God's will became clear through mutual encouragement.

God often speaks through the counsel and affirmation of trusted brothers and sisters in Christ. Decisions made in isolation can miss critical insights, but those embraced by God's people bear fruit.

Engage with your faith community regularly to seek and confirm God's leading together.





Day 7: 🂢 Community Affirmation

## Reflect and Apply

	How connected am I to a supportive faith community for decision-making?
2.	In what ways has community helped confirm or challenge my choices?
3.	Am I open to both giving and receiving counsel with humility?







Day 7: 🂢 Community Affirmation

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a decision where community input was significant.
2.	Write about the qualities of a healthy faith community.
3.	Pray for openness and wisdom in receiving counsel.







Day 7: 💝 Community Affirmation

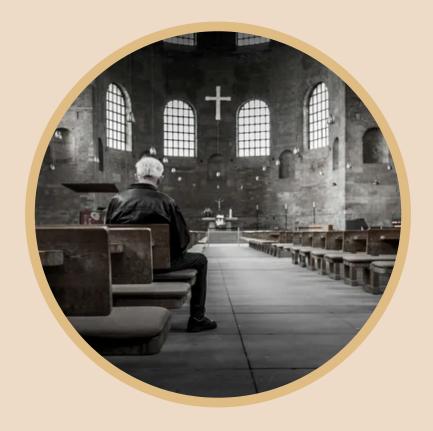
## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for the gift of community.** Surround me with brothers and sisters who encourage me to follow Your will. Help me to both offer and accept godly counsel with humility and love, so that together we may walk faithfully in Your purposes. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 













#### Your Verse

John 14:26 – "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 13:2 "While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."
- Romans 8:14 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."





### Devotional: Letting the Holy Spirit Lead Your Path

The Holy Spirit is the Counselor who guides and empowers believers. The apostles' prayer and waiting period before choosing Matthias highlight their dependence on the Spirit's wisdom. Similarly, we are invited to tune in daily to the Spirit's gentle promptings.

Embracing the Spirit's leadership causes clarity in our hearts and boldness in our decisions. This relationship enhances our sensitivity to God's direction beyond human methods or opinions.

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your thoughts and actions openly and wholeheartedly.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Do I regularly seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in my decisions?
2.	How can I be more sensitive to the Spirit's promptings?
3.	In what ways has the Holy Spirit empowered me to follow God's will?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about moments when the Spirit led you clearly.
2.	List actions or habits that help you hear the Spirit better.
3.	Pray asking the Spirit for greater guidance and power.







## **Prayer for Today**

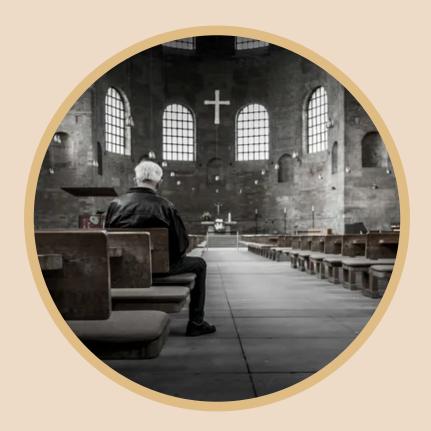
Holy Spirit, teach and guide me every day. Help me to hear Your voice clearly and to respond with obedience. Fill me with wisdom, courage, and peace as I seek God's will in all aspects of my life. Lead me in truth and love. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 😂 💍















Day 9: M Integrity in Leadership

#### Your Verse

1 Peter 5:2-3 - "Be shepherds of God's flock... not because you must, but because you are willing... not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 11:3 "The integrity of the upright guides them."
- Titus 2:7 "In everything set them an example by doing what is good."







Day 9: M Integrity in Leadership

### Devotional: The Role of Integrity in Godly Leadership

Integrity is non-negotiable for anyone in leadership. Matthias was selected as one who had walked faithfully with Jesus, demonstrating genuine character. This sets the precedent that leaders must be trustworthy and transparent in motive and action.

Integrity inspires confidence and strengthens the community, reflecting Christ's character. Leadership without integrity leads to dysfunction and distrust. God honors those who lead with honesty and servant hearts.

Evaluate your own integrity and how it impacts those you influence.







Day 9: 👰 Integrity in Leadership

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How have I demonstrated integrity in my leadership or influence?
2.	Are there areas where I need to grow in honesty and faithfulness?
3.	How does integrity affect my relationships within the Church?







Day 9: 👰 Integrity in Leadership

## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about challenges you face maintaining integrity and your responses.
2.	List character traits you want to develop as a leader.
3.	Pray for strength to uphold integrity daily.







Day 9: 👰 Integrity in Leadership

## **Prayer for Today**

Father, cultivate integrity within me. Help me to lead with honesty, transparency, and a servant's heart. Let my actions reflect Your truth and honor You in every relationship. Strengthen me to resist compromise and be a trustworthy example for others. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 













#### Your Verse

Acts 1:21 - "His name must be on the list of those who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 19:20 "Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise."
- Psalm 90:12 "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."







# Devotional: Gaining Wisdom Through Godly Experience

God values the wisdom gained through life's experiences, especially in leadership. Matthias' time with Jesus was a key factor in his selection, showing the importance of firsthand knowledge and fellowship in ministry.

Experience shapes perspective and discernment, allowing leaders to guide others effectively. However, wisdom is more than age or time—it is the application of knowledge grounded in godly principles.

Seek wisdom earnestly, learning from God and others' experiences.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How have my experiences prepared me for the decisions I face?
2.	Am I open to learning from others' wisdom and correction?
3.	What new experiences could deepen my understanding of God's ways?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a lesson learned through experience that shaped your faith.
2.	Write about someone whose wisdom you admire and what you've learned.
3.	Pray for humility to receive wisdom and courage to apply it.







## Prayer for Today

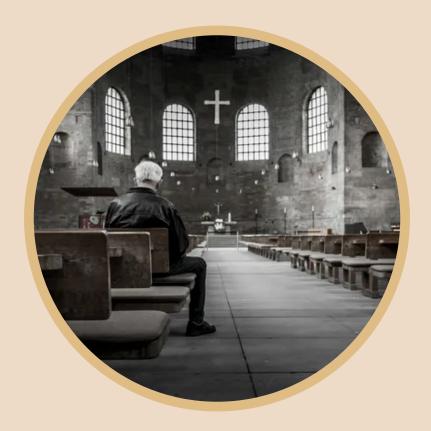
Lord, grant me wisdom from the experiences You allow. Help me discern how to apply lessons learned in faith and obedience. Give me humility to accept correction and the courage to lead well in all circumstances. May my wisdom honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen. 🙏 🖓 🎓







# Day 11: K Serving with Humility







Day 11: **%** Serving with Humility

#### Your Verse

Mark 10:44–45 – "Whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 2:3 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."
- 1 Peter 5:6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand."





Day 11: **%** Serving with Humility

#### Devotional: Serving Others with a Humble Heart

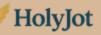
True leadership is marked by a heart that serves, not demands to be served. Jesus taught that greatness in the Kingdom involves humility and self-sacrifice. Matthias' willingness to follow reflected a servant's heart.

Humility roots our leadership in love and care, strengthening community and echoing Christ's example. When we serve others sincerely, God elevates us rightly and brings His blessing.

Examine your motives in leadership and embrace humility as your guiding principle.







Day 11: X Serving with Humility

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How can I adopt a more servant-like attitude in leadership roles?
2.	Are there areas where pride hinders my service to others?
3.	How does Christ's example shape my understanding of greatness?







Day 11: X Serving with Humility

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about ways you currently serve and how you feel about it.
2.	Reflect on how humility changes the impact of service.
3.	Pray for a humble heart to serve like Christ.







Day 11: K Serving with Humility

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus, teach me to serve with humility and love.** Help me put others' needs before my own and follow Your example of selfless service. Remove pride from my heart and empower me to lead with grace and compassion. In Your name, Amen.















Day 12: 💋 Spiritual Preparedness

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 6:11 - "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Corinthians 10:4 "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world."
- 1 Peter 4:12–13 "Do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering... but rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ."







Day 12: 💋 Spiritual Preparedness

### Devotional: Equipping Yourself Spiritually for Leadership

Spiritual leadership requires readiness to face challenges through God's power. The appointment of Matthias came with significant responsibility and spiritual warfare was always a reality for the Church.

Being prepared spiritually means daily engagement with God, prayer, and protection through His armor. Leaders must be vigilant and equipped to stand firm amid opposition.

Commit to spiritual disciplines that strengthen your faith and readiness for God's work.







Day 12: 💋 Spiritual Preparedness

### Reflect and Apply

1.	What spiritual practices help me stay prepared for challenges?
2.	How do I respond to spiritual opposition in my life or community?
3.	Am I intentional about putting on God's armor daily?







Day 12: 🥦 Spiritual Preparedness

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List armor of God pieces you need to develop.
2.	Journal about a spiritual battle you faced and learned from.
3.	Pray for strength and protection in your spiritual journey.







Day 12: 🥬 Spiritual Preparedness

### Prayer for Today

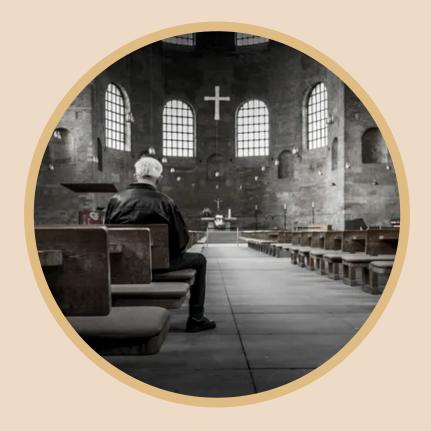
**Lord, equip me with Your spiritual armor.** Help me stand firm against the enemy's schemes and grow strong through faith. Teach me to remain vigilant, prayerful, and dependent on Your power in all circumstances. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\bigcirc$   $\bigvee$ 







# Day 13: W Growth Through Leadership









Day 13: Growth Through Leadership

#### Your Verse

2 Timothy 2:2 – "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 1:28 "We proclaim Christ, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom."
- Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."







Day 13: Growth Through Leadership

### Devotional: Multiplying Growth Through Spirit-Led Leadership

Leadership is about producing growth in others and multiplying disciples. Matthias joined the eleven apostles in continuing the mission Jesus gave—to teach, correct, and guide the Church forward.

Leaders grow as they invest in others, passing on truth and life-changing wisdom. This multiplication of leadership builds the Body of Christ and expands God's kingdom.

Reflect on your role in helping others grow spiritually and how you can contribute more effectively.







Day 13: 📈 Growth Through Leadership

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How am I investing in the spiritual growth of others?
2.	Am I open to mentoring or being mentored in faith?
3.	What steps can I take to multiply leadership and discipleship?







Day 13: 📈 Growth Through Leadership

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about someone who helped you grow in faith.
2.	Journal a plan for mentoring or teaching others spiritually.
3.	Pray for God to give you a multiplication mindset.







Day 13: Growth Through Leadership

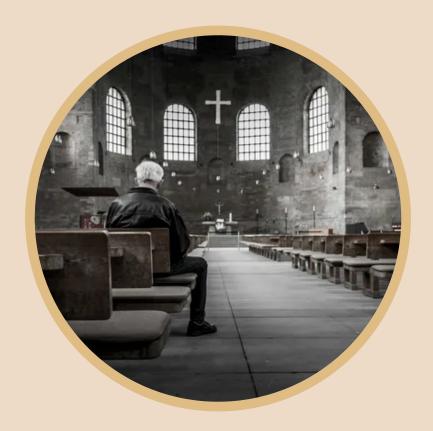
### Prayer for Today

**Jesus, help me to invest in others and multiply Your kingdom.** Give me wisdom and patience to disciple with love and effectiveness. May my leadership bear lasting fruit, honoring You. In Your name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\nearrow$   $\square$ 













#### Your Verse

Joshua 1:9 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
- Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"







#### Devotional: Walking Boldly in God's Direction

Following God's leadership often requires courage to face uncertainty and opposition. Matthias stepped into a significant role requiring boldness, trusting God's presence and power.

Courage comes from knowing God is with us and empowers us through His Spirit. It allows us to move beyond fear and discouragement into confident obedience.

Ask God to strengthen your courage as you follow His lead daily.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears or doubts arise when I consider following God's lead?
2.	How can I cultivate courage through Scripture and prayer?
3.	When have I experienced God's presence giving me boldness?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you acted courageously in faith.
2.	Journal fears you want to surrender to God.
3.	Pray for the Spirit's power to overcome timidity.







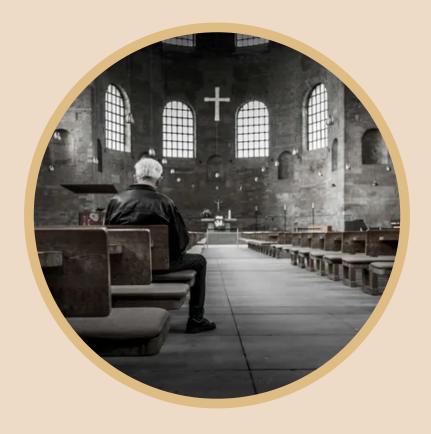
### Prayer for Today

**Strong God, fill me with courage to obey You fully.** Help me face challenges with confidence, knowing You go before me. Replace fear with Your power, love, and wisdom. May I be bold to follow where You lead. In Jesus' name, Amen.















#### Your Verse

Hebrews 13:17 - "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as those who must give an account."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."
- Galatians 6:1 "Restore gently, but watch yourself, or you also may be tempted."







### Devotional: Embracing Accountability for Godly Leadership

Leaders are accountable both to God and to the community they serve. Matthias and the apostles understood their need to live transparently and responsibly, knowing they would give an account to God.

Accountability partners help leaders stay humble, correct course, and grow. It is a protective and empowering practice, ensuring integrity and effectiveness.

Consider your accountability relationships and how they enhance your walk with God and others.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Who holds me accountable spiritually and morally?
2.	How do I respond to correction and guidance?
3.	Am I willing to be transparent and vulnerable with trusted people?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List the people who hold you accountable and what you've learned.
2.	Write about areas where you could be more transparent.
3.	Pray for grace to receive correction with humility.







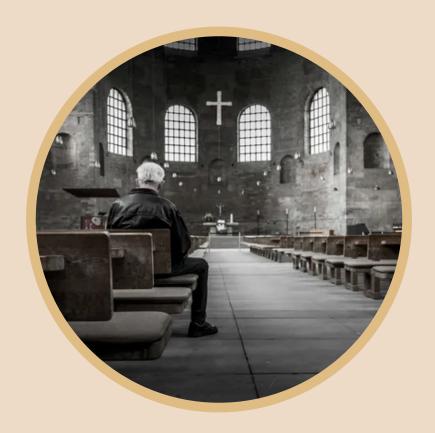
### Prayer for Today

**Lord, surround me with godly accountability.** Help me accept correction with grace and support others in the same way. Teach me transparency and humility to walk honorably before You and people. In Jesus' name, Amen.





# Day 16: 🛠 Reflecting Christ's Character







Day 16: KReflecting Christ's Character

#### Your Verse

Ephesians 5:1–2 – "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 13:15 "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you."
- Galatians 5:22–23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance..."







Day 16: Kreflecting Christ's Character

#### Devotional: Living Out Christ-Like Qualities Daily

Leaders are called to reflect Christ's character in every action. Jesus modeled love, humility, patience, and sacrifice, and so Matthias was to embody these qualities as a follower and leader.

Spiritual fruit is the evidence of God's work in a leader's life. They influence not only by instruction but by the demonstration of God's love in their hearts.

Let Christ's character shape who you are as you lead and serve.







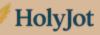
Day 16: 🛠 Reflecting Christ's Character

## Reflect and Apply

How well does my character reflect Christ to others?
Which fruit of the Spirit do I need to cultivate more?
How does embodying Christ's love impact my leadership?







Day 16: 🛠 Reflecting Christ's Character

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about ways you see Christ's character in your life.
2.	Reflect on challenges to living out the fruit of the Spirit.
3.	Pray for growth in love, patience, and humility.





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#### Prayer for Today

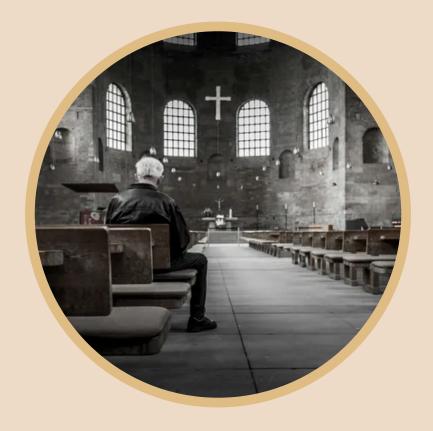
**Jesus, transform my heart to reflect Your love and grace.** Cultivate in me patience, kindness, and humility that others may see You through me. Help me lead by example in all I do. In Your name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 















Day 17: Mission Focus

#### Your Verse

Acts 1:8 - "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 28:19-20 "Go and make disciples of all nations."
- Romans 10:14 "How can they call on the one they have not believed in?"







Day 17: Mission Focus

#### Devotional: Leading with a Heart for God's Mission

Leadership and guidance are always connected to fulfilling God's mission. Matthias joined the apostles in preparing to witness boldly, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Every believer and leader has a role in spreading the gospel and making disciples. This mission focus keeps leadership purposeful and aligned with God's eternal kingdom.

Pray to embrace and advance God's mission in your life and leadership.





Day 17: O Mission Focus

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How focused am I on God's mission in my daily life?
2.	What role do I play in advancing the gospel to others?
3.	How can I help leaders I know stay mission-focused?





Day 17: O Mission Focus

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your personal mission in God's kingdom.
2	Deflect on ways to engage more actively in even goliem or discipleship
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3.	Pray for boldness to be a witness wherever you are.





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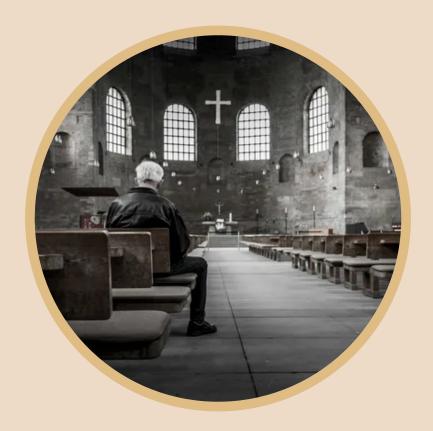
### Prayer for Today







# Day 18: Dependence on God's Power







Day 18: 💭 Dependence on God's Power

#### Your Verse

Acts 1:8 - "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Zechariah 4:6 "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord.
- Isaiah 40:29 "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."







#### Devotional: Relying Completely on God's Strength

True leadership strength is found not in human ability but in God's power.

The apostles waited for the Holy Spirit's empowerment before stepping into their mission, demonstrating vital dependence on divine strength.

When we rely on our own resources, we limit what God can do through us. God's power enables boldness, wisdom, and endurance beyond natural capacity.

Submit your leadership and decisions to God's power daily.





## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where am I tempted to depend on my own strength instead of God's?
2.	How can I cultivate a daily reliance on the Holy Spirit's power?
3.	What experiences have shown God's power working through me?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about moments when God's power helped you overcome challenges.
2.	Journal areas in your life needing more dependence on God.
3.	Pray surrendering your abilities and asking for spiritual strength.







### Prayer for Today

**Father, I surrender my strength and abilities to You.** Fill me with Your Spirit's power to lead and serve effectively. Help me walk by faith, trusting not in myself but in Your mighty strength. In Jesus' name, Amen. ⚠ ७ 🥰













#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:12 - "Therefore, as God's chosen people, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Peter 3:8 "Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another."
- Matthew 9:36 "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them."







#### Devotional: Leading with Kindness and Compassion

**Effective leadership flows from a compassionate heart.** Jesus' compassion moved Him deeply to serve and heal, setting the model for all leaders.

Leaders who display kindness and patience create environments where people feel valued and supported. Compassion motivates selfless service and strengthens community bonds.

Pray to cultivate compassion in every interaction and leadership role.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How compassionate am I toward those I lead or influence?
2	What harriors hinder my ability to show kindness and nations?
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3.	How does compassion affect the health of my relationships?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a leader who demonstrated great compassion to you.
2.	Reflect on ways to show more kindness in difficult situations.
3.	Pray for a heart transformed by God's compassion.







### Prayer for Today

**Lord, fill me with Your compassion for others.** Help me lead with kindness, patience, and gentleness. Let Your love flow through me to encourage and uplift those I serve. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\heartsuit$   $\circlearrowleft$ 











#### Your Verse

Lamentations 3:22-23 - "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 2:13 "If we are faithless, he remains faithful."
- Psalm 33:4 "For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does."







### Devotional: Resting in God's Unfailing Faithfulness

**God's faithfulness sustains leadership and inspires trust.** The early apostles depended on God's unfailing love to guide their ministry amid uncertainty and trials.

Knowing God will never abandon His promises reminds us to remain steadfast. This assurance empowers persistence and confident hope.

Anchor your leadership in God's dependable faithfulness, especially through challenges.







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## **Journaling Prompts**

1.\	Write about a time God was faithful when you doubted.
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2. F	Reflect on Scriptures that remind you of God's love and faithfulness.
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3. I	Pray for renewed faith and trust in God's steadfastness.
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### Prayer for Today

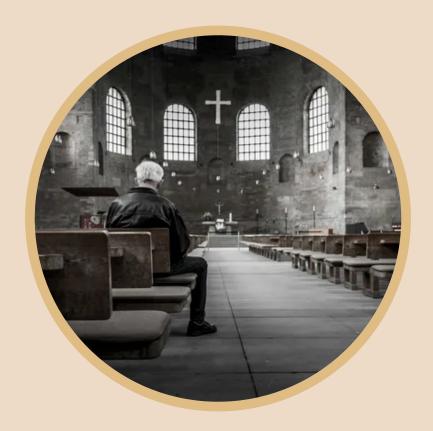
Faithful God, thank You for Your constant love and presence. Help me to remain steadfast, trusting Your promises even when times are difficult. May Your faithfulness be my anchor and guide in leadership and life. In Jesus' name, Amen.







# Day 21: Celebrating God's Guidance







Day 21: 🏂 Celebrating God's Guidance

#### Your Verse

Psalm 32:8 - "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 16:9 "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."
- Psalm 37:23 "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him."







Day 21: 🏂 Celebrating God's Guidance

#### Devotional: Rejoicing in God's Faithful Leadership

After 21 days of reflection on the early Church's example, we celebrate God's faithful guidance. Just as the apostles trusted and obeyed, we too can rejoice in His ongoing counsel and care.

God delights in guiding His children and establishing their paths when they seek Him fully. Leadership and decision-making become acts of worship and trust.

Take time today to celebrate God's faithfulness in your life and recommit to seeking His perfect guidance continually.







Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating God's Guidance

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What are the key lessons I've learned about seeking God's guidance?
2.	How has this study changed my approach to decision-making?
3.	In what ways can I celebrate and share God's faithfulness with others?





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Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating God's Guidance

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a summary of your journey through this study.
2.	Journal a prayer of thanksgiving for God's guidance.
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3.	Plan a way to encourage others to seek God's leading.





Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating God's Guidance

### Prayer for Today

**Lord, I celebrate Your faithful guidance in my life.** Thank You for teaching me, leading me, and establishing my steps. I recommit to seeking Your counsel in all I do. May my life reflect Your wisdom and love as I follow You daily. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 







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