# Strength Renewed: A 21-Day Bible Study on Mental Health for First Responders



Explore God's healing and peace through Scripture designed to support first responders facing PTSD and mental health challenges.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this 21-day Bible study focused on mental health, specially designed for first responders impacted by PTSD. Serving on the frontlines often brings profound challenges to our minds and hearts. The stress, trauma, and intensity faced daily can leave lasting scars. Yet, God's Word offers hope, comfort, and renewal amidst these struggles.

This study will journey through Scriptures affirming God's compassion, strength, and restoration for those enduring mental anguish. Whether you are a first responder yourself, a loved one, or someone invested in this mission, the passages and devotionals will guide you in recognizing God's presence in your healing process.

Throughout these 21 days, you will find Scripture passages that acknowledge pain, offer peace, and empower resilience. You will be encouraged to reflect deeply, journal your thoughts, and pray intentionally. Healing is a process—the Bible reveals that God does not abandon His children in their struggles but walks beside them, renewing their minds and hearts. *Remember, mental health is as vital as physical health, and seeking God's guidance is a courageous step toward restoration.* May this study illuminate paths toward peace, joy, and renewed strength for your mind and spirit. Let us begin this journey of restoration together.







## Day 1: V God's Strength in Our Weakness









Day 1: ① God's Strength in Our Weakness

#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 12:9 - "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- Isaiah 40:29 "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."







Day 1: ① God's Strength in Our Weakness

#### Devotional: God's Power Perfected in Our Weakness

As first responders, you face challenges that can leave you feeling weak, vulnerable, and overwhelmed. This verse reminds us that *God's power is most evident in our weakness*. When we accept our limits and lean on His grace, He provides the strength we need to carry on.

Living with PTSD often means daily battles with feelings of exhaustion, fear, and emotional pain. But God invites you to bring these struggles to Him—not hiding your weakness, but allowing His power to work through you. Your difficulties are not the end of your story; they are opportunities for God's grace to shine most brightly.

Today, remember: You do not have to rely on your own strength alone. God's grace is sufficient, and He will empower you when you feel weak. Rest in His presence and let Him renew your spirit step by step.







Day 1:  $\mathbb Q$  God's Strength in Our Weakness

### Reflect and Apply

	How do I react when I feel weak or overwhelmed in my role as a first responder?
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2.	In what ways can I invite God's grace into my daily struggles with PTSD?
	What does it mean for me personally that Christ's power rests on me in my weakness?
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Day 1:  $\mathbb Q$  God's Strength in Our Weakness

## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a recent moment when you felt weak and how you responded.
2.	List ways you can rely more on God's strength instead of your own.
3.	Describe what grace means to you in this season of healing.







Day 1: ① God's Strength in Our Weakness

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for reminding me that Your grace is enough for every battle I face.** Help me to surrender my weaknesses to You and welcome Your power into my life. Renew my strength and give me courage to continue serving with hope and peace. Surround me with Your love when fear or pain arise. *Be my protector and comforter each day.* Amen.















#### Your Verse

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not be anxious about anything... the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
- Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."







# Devotional: Jesus Offers True Peace to Troubled Hearts

The nature of first responder work is often chaotic and unpredictable. PTSD can amplify anxiety and fear, leading to restless minds and uneasy hearts. Yet, Jesus offers a peace unlike anything the world can give.

This peace isn't just absence of conflict; it is a deep, supernatural calm in the midst of storms. By trusting in Him, your heart can be steady despite what surrounds you. God's peace guards your mind, protecting you from the spiral of worry and despair that PTSD sometimes brings.

Today, ask God to fill every anxious thought with His perfect peace. Lean into His promise that you don't have to face your fears alone. His peace is a refuge, a resting place for your weary soul.







### Reflect and Apply

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hat fears am I holding on to that God wants me to release?







## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a time you experienced God's peace despite difficult circumstances.
2.	List specific worries or fears you want to surrender to God today.
3.	Describe how Jesus' peace can change your daily reactions to stress.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus, thank You for the peace You freely give.** In the chaos of my work and the turmoil inside my mind, help me to rest in Your calm. Replace anxiety with Your comforting presence. Teach me to trust You more fully and to let go of fear. *Be my peace each moment.* Amen. **2**







# Day 3: Renewing the Mind with Truth









Day 3: \( \overline{O} \) Renewing the Mind with Truth

#### Your Verse

Romans 12:2 – "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 4:8 "Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—think about such things."
- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."







Day 3: 
Renewing the Mind with Truth

# Devotional: Transforming Your Mind Through God's Truth

PTSD often fills the mind with fearful, distorted, and negative thoughts. As first responders, your mind carries heavy burdens from what you have witnessed and experienced. God calls you to a radical renewal—a transformation that starts inside.

Renewing the mind means replacing lies, shame, and fear with God's truth. It means focusing on what is noble and lovely, not on trauma or defeat. This process isn't always easy; it requires intentional effort and spiritual discipline.

But God empowers you with His Spirit, giving power, love, and self-control. Today, commit to partnering with God in your mind's renewal by meditating on His promises and rejecting toxic thoughts. This transformation brings freedom and clarity to discern God's will for your life beyond pain.







Day 3:  $\bigcirc$  Renewing the Mind with Truth

### Reflect and Apply

1.	What negative or fearful thoughts frequently trouble me?
2.	How can I practically renew my mind daily with God's truth?
3.	What role does God's Spirit play in empowering my mental renewal?







Day 3:  $\bigcirc$  Renewing the Mind with Truth

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Identify three lies or negative thoughts you need to replace with Scripture.
2.	Write a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to help you renew your mind.
3.	Describe what a transformed mind looks like in your life.







Day 3: 
Renewing the Mind with Truth

#### Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, please guide me in renewing my mind with God's truth. Help me to reject lies and destructive thoughts and to embrace what is pure and uplifting. Give me power, love, and self-discipline to walk in mental freedom. *Transform my thinking and align it with Your good purpose.* Amen.















#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."
- Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."







#### Devotional: God Comforts and Heals Our Deepest Wounds

**PTSD** and trauma often leave deep wounds in the soul. These scars may feel isolating and overwhelming, but God promises to be your source of comfort in every pain.

God's comfort is not passive; it equips you to offer the same hope to others. Your experiences with pain and healing become testimony and ministry to those who suffer.

Remember, the God who healed Jesus' wounds is active in healing yours. Your mourning and struggle do not place you outside God's care but invite His compassionate presence even closer.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where in my pain have I experienced God's comfort before?
2.	How can my healing journey help others facing similar struggles?
3.	What grief have I resisted bringing to God for comfort?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when you felt God's comfort during pain.
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2.	List ways you might encourage or comfort another first responder.
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3.]	Describe areas of your heart that need God's healing today.
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#### Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for Your tender comfort in my pain. Help me to receive Your healing touch and to trust You with the wounds no one else sees. Use my journey to bless others and remind me that I am not alone. *Be my refuge and strength, now and always.* Amen.















#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."
- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."







# Devotional: Believing God's Hopeful Plans for Your Future

**Trauma can leave questions and doubts about God's plan.** PTSD may cause you to feel stuck or hopeless. Yet, God declares that He has plans for your hope and future.

Trusting God amidst trauma means believing He can bring good even from pain. His understanding surpasses ours, and He can direct your path beyond the trauma toward restoration.

Today, take a step toward trusting God's sovereign plan. Surrender your questions and uncertainties to Him. Believe that your future holds His promise of hope, not harm.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	What doubts do I have about God's plan in my trauma?
2.	How can I actively trust God when I do not understand my pain?
3.	What is one step I can take today to submit my healing journey to God?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write your fears and questions about God's plan honestly.
2.	Record any ways you have seen God bring good from hardship.
3.	Describe what hope looks like for your future right now.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, help me to trust Your plans amid uncertainty and trauma.** Assure me that You hold my future and that Your intentions for me are good. Teach me to surrender my doubts and walk by faith, not by sight. *Fill me with hope and guide me step by step.* Amen.

















Day 6: A New Mercies Every Morning

#### 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**

- Psalm 30:5 "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."
- Isaiah 43:18–19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"







## Devotional: Embracing God's Fresh Mercy Each Morning

The trauma and stress of first responder work can feel relentless. PTSD may cause you to relive painful memories daily. But God's mercies are fresh with each new day.

This promise encourages us to start each morning without being defined by past pain. God's faithfulness means He offers restoration and hope regardless of yesterday's troubles.

Let today be an opportunity to embrace God's new mercies. Allow yourself to release yesterday's burdens and receive His compassion. He is working to bring new life from yesterday's ashes.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I carry yesterday's pain into today?
2.	What would it look like to receive God's mercies afresh this morning?
3.	Where can I allow God's new things to break through old wounds?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a recent morning when God's mercy felt real to you.
2.	List burdens from the past you want to release to God.
3.	Describe how God's new mercy can influence your day ahead.







## Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for Your mercy that never fails. Each morning, meet me with fresh compassion and help me to release yesterday's pain. Fill me with hope and faithfulness as I begin anew. Renew my heart and strengthen my spirit today. Amen.  $\triangle$ 







# Day 7: 4 Hope Anchored in God's Promises









Day 7: 😂 Hope Anchored in God's Promises

#### Your Verse

Hebrews 6:19 – "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him."
- Psalm 42:11 "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him."







Day 7: 4 Hope Anchored in God's Promises

# Devotional: Anchoring Your Soul with God's Unshakable Hope

**Living with PTSD can cause your soul to feel unsettled and discouraged.** Yet, God offers hope that anchors your soul firmly, preventing you from drifting in despair.

Hope rooted in God's promises provides joy and peace even amidst turbulence. It is not wishful thinking but a confident expectation based on who God is.

Reflect today on the hope you carry. Let it ground you and inspire gratitude and praise. This hope will sustain you through difficult moments and remind you that God has not forgotten you.







Day 7: 😂 Hope Anchored in God's Promises

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does hope look like when I'm struggling with PTSD symptoms?
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2.	How can anchoring my soul in God's promises change my outlook?
3.	Where do I need to choose hope over discouragement today?







Day 7: 4 Hope Anchored in God's Promises

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a hope you hold onto in dark seasons.
2.	List God's promises that encourage your heart.
3.	Describe how hope can shape your healing process.







Day 7: 4 Hope Anchored in God's Promises

## Prayer for Today

Faithful God, thank You for being my hope and anchor. When I feel overwhelmed, steady my soul with Your promises. Fill me with joy and peace as I trust in You. *Help me praise You despite my struggles.* Amen. **& ©** 

















#### Your Verse

Psalm 91:1-2 - "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Exodus 33:14 "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
- Psalm 23:4 "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."







# Devotional: Finding Rest and Refuge in God's Presence

One of the greatest needs when coping with PTSD is a safe refuge—a place of rest and peace. God invites you to dwell in His presence, the ultimate shelter where healing begins.

To dwell in God's shelter means to trust Him fully and to find security in His love. Even when darkness surrounds your path, God promises His presence, protection, and rest.

Today, intentionally seek time to be still in God's presence. Let His shadow cover you and experience the rest that only He can provide. This refuge sustains you through every challenge.







# Reflect and Apply







# **Journaling Prompts**

Describe what it feels like to be safe in God's presence.
List ways to create intentional times to dwell with God.
Write about a moment when you experienced God's protection.







## Prayer for Today

**Lord, You are my refuge and fortress.** Help me to dwell in Your presence and rest securely under Your shadow. When fear threatens, remind me that You are near. Give me peace and strength in You alone. *I trust You with all my heart.* Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Philippians 4:7 - "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."
- Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you."







#### Devotional: Inviting God's Peace to Guard Us Daily

PTSD can assault your heart and mind with troubling thoughts, fears, and memories. God's peace acts as a guard—a fortress that protects you from being overwhelmed.

Guarding your heart and mind means choosing what influences you allow to shape your inner life. It requires vigilance, prayer, and often rejecting harmful thought patterns.

Ask God to help you actively protect your mental and emotional health. When fear or anxiety arise, invite God's peace to take its place. In Christ Jesus, your heart and mind can find a protected sanctuary.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What are common attacks on my heart and mind related to PTSD?
2.	How can I better guard my thoughts and emotions with God's peace?
3.	What practical steps will help me maintain a peaceful mindset?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write down triggers that upset your peace and how you respond.
2.	List Scripture verses that help guard your mind and heart.
3.	Describe routines or habits that foster inner peace.







Day 9: <a>
</a> Guarding Your Heart and Mind

## Prayer for Today

**Father, please surround my heart and mind with Your peace.** Help me guard against fear and anxiety and allow Your transcendent peace to rule within me. Give me strength to reject lies and choose Your truth daily. *I rest in Christ's protection.* Amen. ① ④ •







# Day 10: 6 God's Power to Overcome Trauma









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#### Your Verse

Psalm 18:2 – "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you."
- Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves."







Day 10: 💪 God's Power to Overcome Trauma

#### Devotional: Relying on God's Strength to Overcome Trauma

**Facing PTSD and trauma requires strength beyond natural ability.** God is your eternal rock and fortress—an unshakeable source of power and protection.

Trust in God as your deliverer who conquers fear and despair. He is a mighty warrior fighting on your behalf, offering strength when you feel weak.

Today, claim God's power over your trauma. Remember He is with you in every battle, ready to deliver you from fear and pain. Stand firm on His promises.







Day 10: 💪 God's Power to Overcome Trauma

# Reflect and Apply

1.	When have I experienced God's strength during difficult times?
2.	How does knowing God is my fortress affect how I face fear?
3.	In what ways can I lean more on God's power today?







Day 10: 💪 God's Power to Overcome Trauma

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a situation where God delivered you from fear.
2.	List qualities of God that give you confidence and strength.
3.	Describe how you can stand firm on God's promises each day.







Day 10: 6 God's Power to Overcome Trauma

## Prayer for Today

**Mighty God, You are my rock and fortress.** Strengthen me when I am weak and help me to face trauma without fear. I take refuge in Your power and love. *Thank You for fighting for me and delivering me.* Amen. ■■■















Day 11: Prope Beyond the Darkness

#### Your Verse

Psalm 30:5 - "Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 61:3 "To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning."
- Romans 15:4 "Through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."







Day 11: A Hope Beyond the Darkness

#### Devotional: Holding onto Hope Through the Darkest Nights

The nights of sorrow and struggle can feel never-ending. PTSD brings seasons of deep weeping and heavy hearts. But God promises morning joy will come after the night.

This hope is anchored in God's ability to transform mourning into celebration. Scripture encourages us to endure with faith, knowing that healing and restoration are possible.

Today, hold onto hope beyond your present darkness. Allow God's Word to encourage and uplift you even when emotions feel overwhelming.







Day 11: 🌈 Hope Beyond the Darkness

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I find hope when sorrow seems unending?
2.	What encouragement from Scripture helps me persevere?
3.	How can I believe joy is coming despite current pain?







Day 11: 🌈 Hope Beyond the Darkness

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a tough season and how you saw hope emerge.
2.	List ways Scripture has encouraged you during hardship.
3.	Describe what morning joy looks like for you personally.







Day 11: Phope Beyond the Darkness

## **Prayer for Today**

God of hope, help me to trust in Your promise of joy after sorrow. Carry me through my darkest moments and fill me with encouragement from Your Word. Teach me endurance and remind me that healing is coming. *Thank You for turning mourning into celebration.* Amen.  $\checkmark$   $\checkmark$ 

















Day 12: 🖰 Peace in the Midst of Fear

#### 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**

- Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."
- Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you."







Day 12: Peace in the Midst of Fear

#### Devotional: Trusting God to Replace Fear with Peace

**Fear is a frequent companion with PTSD and trauma.** But God commands us not to fear because He is present with us always.

Peace comes when we choose to trust God instead of our fears. It is an intentional act of courage to turn to Him and lean on His promises rather than be paralyzed by anxiety.

Reflect on God's presence with you today. Let your heart declare over and over, "I trust You, Lord." Receive His peace that transcends fear.







Day 12: 🖰 Peace in the Midst of Fear

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears feel biggest in my PTSD journey?
2.	How can I practically put my trust in God when afraid?
3.	What changes might I notice when I surrender fear to God?







Day 12: 🖰 Peace in the Midst of Fear

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment you turned fear into trust in God.
2.	List fears you want to release today to God's care.
3.	Describe what peace feels like when it overcomes fear.







Day 12: Peace in the Midst of Fear

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, I choose to trust You instead of fear.** Remind me of Your presence and strength when anxiety rises. Help me be strong and courageous, knowing You go with me always. *Fill my heart with Your perfect peace today.* Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Psalm 23:3 - "He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
- Isaiah 40:31 "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."







#### Devotional: Accepting God's Rest and Renewal Today

**Trauma and stress can leave you feeling drained and broken.** God desires to refresh and restore your soul, leading you to rest and renewal.

Coming to Jesus with your burdens invites His restorative work in your life. He guides you on paths of peace and purpose for His glory.

Today, accept God's invitation to rest deeply. Allow Him to refresh your spirit and guide you in healing steps forward.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do I feel most weary and burdened?
2.	How can I regularly seek Jesus' invitation to rest?
3.	In what ways has God refreshed my soul before?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about areas where you need God's restoration.
2.	Describe a time when you experienced Jesus' peaceful guidance.
3.	List ways to practice spiritual rest in daily life.







#### Prayer for Today















#### Your Verse

John 1:5 - "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 18:28 "You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light."
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts."







#### Devotional: Walking in the Light That Darkness Cannot Overcome

**PTSD** can feel like living in a shadowy place of despair and confusion. Yet, Jesus as the Light shines brightly into these dark places, overcoming them.

The light of Christ within you dispels fear, hopelessness, and despair. God transforms your darkest memories and emotions into sources of hope and testimony.

Today, choose to walk in the light God provides. Let His presence illuminate the shadowy corners of your mind and replace darkness with eternal hope.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas of my life feel shadowed by darkness or fear?
2.	How can I invite Christ's light to transform those areas?
3.	What hope does knowing darkness cannot overcome God bring me?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how Christ's light has guided you through dark times.
2.	List obstacles that try to steal your hope and how God overcomes them.
3.	Describe ways you can reflect Christ's light to others struggling.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, You are the Light that darkness cannot overcome. Shine brightly in my heart and heal my fears. Help me walk confidently in Your truth and share Your light with others. *Thank You for bringing hope into my darkness.* Amen. 💸 🐧 💙









# Day 15: Bestoring Peace Within









Day 15: B Restoring Peace Within

#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:15 – "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 16:33 "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
- Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."







Day 15: 🥦 Restoring Peace Within

#### Devotional: Allowing Christ's Peace to Rule Your Heart

**Experiencing inner peace amid PTSD symptoms is a significant struggle.** Yet, the peace of Christ is meant to reign in your heart as an unshakable command center.

This peace comes from knowing Jesus has overcome every challenge you face, including trauma. It is not dependent on circumstances but secured in your identity as God's child.

Today, invite Christ's peace to govern your thoughts and emotions. Let it quiet the storms inside and unify your heart with His victory.







Day 15: 🥦 Restoring Peace Within

### Reflect and Apply

1.	How does knowing Christ has overcome the world affect my peace?
2.	In what ways can I let God's peace have more control over my emotions?
3.	What hindrances keep me from fully experiencing inner peace?







Day 15: B Restoring Peace Within

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about moments when Christ's peace ruled your heart.
2.	List emotional storms you want to surrender to God's peace.
3.	Describe practical ways to cultivate peace daily.







Day 15: 🥦 Restoring Peace Within

#### Prayer for Today

**Prince of Peace, rule in my heart today.** Calm the turmoil within and remind me of Your victory over every challenge. Teach me to rest confidently in Your peace and share it with others. *Thank You for being my lasting peace.* Amen.



















Day 16: @ Breaking Chains of Fear

#### Your Verse

Isaiah 61:1 - "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... to set the oppressed free."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."







Day 16: Breaking Chains of Fear

#### Devotional: Claiming Freedom from Fear Through God's Spirit

**Fear and oppression bind many who suffer from PTSD.** Jesus came to set the captives free—including freedom from bondage to fear.

Through God's Spirit, you receive power and love to break these chains. Freedom is possible when you embrace the truth this Spirit brings.

Today, declare freedom over your fears. Ask God to reveal lies holding you captive and replace them with His love and power. You were made to live free and victorious.







Day 16: @ Breaking Chains of Fear

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears feel like chains in my life?
2.	How can I receive liberty through the Spirit's power today?
3.	What lies about myself and my trauma need God's truth to displace?







Day 16: @ Breaking Chains of Fear

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a prayer of freedom declaring God's power over fear.
2.	List any fears you sense God calling you to release.
3.	Describe what living free from fear looks like to you.







Day 16: Breaking Chains of Fear

#### Prayer for Today

**Spirit of the Lord, break every chain of fear in my life.** Fill me with power, love, and self-discipline. Help me walk in freedom and release what binds me. *Thank You for your good news of liberty and healing.* Amen.















#### Your Verse

Jeremiah 30:17 - "I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the Lord.

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."
- Isaiah 53:5 "By his wounds we are healed."







### Devotional: Receiving God's Promise of Healing Today

**Deep wounds caused by trauma need God's healing touch.** The Lord promises restoration not only physically but emotionally and spiritually.

Healing may be gradual, but God is faithful to restore every broken place. Trust that His healing power extends to the most painful wounds PTSD creates.

Today, bring your wounded places to God and open yourself to His healing grace. Receive His restoration and hope for newness.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	What wounds from trauma do I most want God to heal?
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2.	How can I cooperate with God's healing process in my life?
3.	What signs of restoration am I beginning to see?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how God has been healing your heart so far.
2.	List prayers or hopes you have for continued healing.
3.	Describe what complete healing would look like for you.







#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, I trust in Your promise to heal my wounds. Touch my broken places and restore my health and spirit. Help me to be patient and faithful in the healing journey. Thank You for Your everlasting love and mercy. Amen.  $\Diamond$ 





















Day 18: A Strength for the Journey

#### Your Verse

Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." They will soar on wings like eagles."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
- Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is your strength."







#### Devotional: Renewing Strength Through Hope in the Lord

The road through PTSD and recovery is often long and tiring. Yet God promises to renew your strength as you place your hope in Him.

Hope in God enables you to rise above circumstances and find joy that fuels perseverance. Strength comes not just physically but from God's presence and power within.

Today, renew your hope and trust God to provide strength for each step of your journey. Remember, you can soar on wings like eagles because of His sustaining power.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do I feel most weary on my journey?
2.	How does hope in God refresh my strength and spirit?
3.	What joys can I cling to that build my endurance?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time God renewed your strength unexpectedly.
2.	List sources of joy that give you resilience.
3.	Describe how trusting God helps you face tough days.







### Prayer for Today

**Lord, renew my strength as I place my hope in You.** Lift me up on eagle's wings and help me persevere. Fill me with joy and courage for this journey. *Thank You for being my ever-present help and refuge.* Amen.







# Day 19: 🗱 Identity Rooted in Christ







Day 19: 🎇 Identity Rooted in Christ

#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
- Ephesians 2:10 "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."







Day 19: 🎇 Identity Rooted in Christ

#### Devotional: Embracing Your New Identity in Christ

**PTSD** can sometimes cause you to question your value or identity. Yet, in Christ, you are a new creation—redeemed and loved beyond measure.

Your identity is no longer defined by trauma but by who God says you are. You are His masterpiece, created for purpose, strength, and hope.

Today, embrace your identity in Christ. Let go of old labels rooted in pain. Step into the newness and purpose God has for you.







Day 19: 🞇 Identity Rooted in Christ

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How has PTSD affected my sense of identity?
2.	What does being a new creation in Christ mean for me?
3.	How can I live out my God-given purpose despite past trauma?







Day 19: 🞇 Identity Rooted in Christ

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how your identity has been shaped by Christ.
2.	List ways your life reflects God's new creation work.
3.	Describe what stepping into your purpose feels like.







Day 19: 💥 Identity Rooted in Christ

### Prayer for Today

**Jesus, thank You for making me a new creation.** Help me to live fully in this identity and walk boldly in Your purpose. Remove all doubts and shame rooted in my past. *I am Yours, redeemed and deeply valued.* Amen. 💸 🎔 🙏







# Day 20: Community and Support







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#### Your Verse

Galatians 6:2 - "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."
- Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."







Day 20: Community and Support

#### Devotional: Healing Through God-Given Community

**PTSD** struggles often isolate and isolate the sufferer. God designed community to provide support, healing, and encouragement.

Carrying burdens together fulfills Christ's law of love. You are not meant to walk this journey alone. Trusting and sharing with others strengthens your healing process.

Today, seek connection with trusted friends, family, or counselors. Allow God's love to flow through community as a channel of restoration.







Day 20: 🍑 Community and Support

# Reflect and Apply

1.	Who are the people God has placed to support me?
2.	How can I be honest and vulnerable with others about my PTSD?
3.	What steps can I take toward deeper community and support?







Day 20: 🍑 Community and Support

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time community helped you in struggle.
2.	List people you can turn to for support today.
3.	Describe ways you can encourage others facing difficulties.







Day 20: 💝 Community and Support

### Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for the gift of community.** Help me to carry burdens with others and let them carry mine. Teach me to be vulnerable and find healing in relationships. *Bind us together in Your love and grace.* Amen.  $\heartsuit$ 













#### 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**

- Psalm 100:5 "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."
- 2 Timothy 2:13 "If we are faithless, he remains faithful."







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

As this 21-day journey comes to a close, take time to celebrate God's unwavering faithfulness. Regardless of your struggles, God's love and compassion have sustained you.

Reflect on the progress made, the strength gained, and the hope renewed. God remains faithful even when we feel weak or uncertain.

Celebrate His presence in your healing and commit to continuing your walk with Him, confident in His everlasting faithfulness.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	How have I experienced God's faithfulness in my mental health journey?
2.	What victories—big or small—can I celebrate today?
3.	How will I continue relying on God's faithfulness going forward?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a gratitude list for God's mercy and faithfulness.
2.	Describe personal growth you've experienced during this study.
3.	Prayerfully commit to ongoing healing with God's help.







### **Prayer for Today**

Faithful God, I praise You for Your never-failing love and compassion. Thank You for walking with me through every struggle and bringing new mercies each day. Help me continue trusting in Your faithfulness as I move forward. *May my life reflect Your goodness always.* Amen.







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