# The Guards at the Tomb: Witnessing the Impossible



Explore how the guards at Jesus' tomb became unexpected witnesses of the resurrection, deepening faith in God's miraculous power.





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#### Introduction

The story of the guards at Jesus' tomb offers a profound glimpse into God's miraculous work and the power of faith amidst the impossible. Often overlooked, these guards were placed to secure the body of Jesus, yet they became some of the first human witnesses to His resurrection—an event that defied all human expectation and shook the foundations of history.

Throughout these 21 days, we will journey with these unlikely witnesses, explore their perspectives and transformations, and allow their experiences to inspire deeper trust in God's power to do the impossible in our own lives. From fear and uncertainty to awe and testimony, the guards' story challenges us to recognize God's work even in the most unexpected moments.

Each day invites you to reflect on Scripture, engage with devotionals that illuminate the spiritual reality behind the narrative, and draw practical lessons that apply personally to your walk with God. As we study these accounts, let us open our hearts to the wonder of grace, the energy of resurrection power, and the call to be witnesses of God's unending love and victory over death.







# Day 1: V Guarding Against the Impossible









Day 1: ① Guarding Against the Impossible

#### Your Verse

Matthew 27:62-66 - "The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 28:1 "After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb."
- John 20:1 "Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance."







Day 1: ① Guarding Against the Impossible

# Devotional: Guarding the Tomb, Witnessing the Miracle

Imagine being assigned to guard a sealed, heavily secured tomb—tasked to prevent anything unexpected. Yet, what you expect is about to be overturned by the miraculous power of God. The guards were not only witnesses to the impossible; they were placed in the midst of a divine disruption. Their role was to keep Jesus' body in place, but God had other plans.

Sometimes, in our lives, we're called to 'guard' what seems settled or final. Yet God's power can suddenly work beyond our control or understanding, calling us to witness and believe in what seems impossible. The guards' presence reminds us that God's resurrection was not a secret but a public event—even challenging those set against Jesus.

As you begin this study, reflect on how God works in your circumstances, even those you feel assigned to 'guard' or control. Be open to seeing His movement where you least expect it.







Day 1: **(**) Guarding Against the Impossible

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean for you to be a witness of God's work in unexpected situations?
2.	Have you experienced moments where God disrupted your plans in a positive way?
3.	How can you remain open to God's surprises when you think something is 'final' or 'secure'?







Day 1: **(**) Guarding Against the Impossible

## **Journaling Prompts**

	Describe a time when you thought something was impossible but God intervened.
	Write about the 'guards' in your life—people or circumstances you thought would prevent God's work.
3.	Reflect on your attitude toward God's power in your daily routine.







Day 1: ① Guarding Against the Impossible

#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your power that can overturn the impossible. Help me to stay alert like the guards, not to resist Your work, but to be amazed and transformed by it. Open my eyes to witness Your miracles in every circumstance. Strengthen my faith to trust when situations seem secure, but You're moving in unseen ways. May my heart remain open to You today and always. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*  $\bigwedge$ 

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 28:2-4 - "There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 24:4-5 "While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them."
- Mark 16:5-6 "As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side..."







#### Devotional: Moved by Fear and Wonder

The guards witnessed an event that filled them with both fear and astonishment—a violent earthquake and an angel descending from heaven. Their terror caused them to shake and become like dead men, a natural human response to a divine encounter.

Fear often accompanies the mysterious work of God, especially when it shatters our understanding of reality. But this same fear can also lead to profound awe, opening hearts to the reality of God's power and presence.

In what ways do fear and wonder intersect in your spiritual journey? Are you willing to allow God's awe-inspiring work to disrupt your fears and draw you closer to Him?







## Reflect and Apply

	How do you typically respond to moments that challenge your understanding of what's possible?
2.	Can fear be a pathway to deeper faith? Why or why not?
	What is God teaching you through your moments of astonishment or confusion?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a moment when fear led you to a deeper awareness of God's presence.
	Describe how you have experienced both fear and wonder in your faith journey.
3.	Reflect on how God's surprises have shifted your perspective on life.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord God,** Your power fills me with awe and sometimes fear. Help me not to be paralyzed by fear but to let it lead me into deeper faith and understanding. Stir my heart to embrace Your holy wonders, even when they shake my world. Thank You for making the impossible possible. Strengthen me to bear witness to Your glory with boldness. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🎇 🛴 🖸 😂

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 28:5-7 - "The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 24:6-7 "He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you..."
- John 20:17 "Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father.""







#### Devotional: Do Not Fear: Embracing Hope

The angel's words are a powerful proclamation of hope: Jesus is risen, and death no longer has the final word. For the guards, this would be unimaginable, confronting everything they thought was reality.

God's message to them—and to us—is one of encouragement and renewal. We are invited not to fear but to embrace the new life Christ offers. The angel's reassuring voice speaks into places of doubt and uncertainty, offering peace and purpose.

As you reflect today, consider how this message challenges your own fears and doubts about what God can do in your life.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears can you surrender to God's hope today?
2.	How does the angel's message of resurrection impact your view of life and death?
3.	In what ways can you carry this message to others?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about what 'Do not be afraid' means for your current season of life.
2.	Reflect on moments where God has brought hope into your fears.
3.	Journal ways you can share the message of Christ's resurrection with someone.







#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious Father,** thank You for the hope alive in the resurrection. Help me to hear Your voice when You say, 'Do not be afraid.' Strengthen my heart to release fear and grasp the abundant life You offer. Empower me to be a messenger of Your hope to those around me. May Your joy fill my soul today. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*















#### Your Verse

Matthew 27:65-66 - "Pilate said, 'You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.""

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 2:1-2 "Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?"
  The kings of the earth rise up..."
- Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."







#### Devotional: God's Purpose Prevails Over Human Plans

Earthly authorities tried to secure Jesus' body with guards and seals, attempting to control the situation and prevent any resurrection rumors. However, God's sovereign plan could not be thwarted by human efforts.

This tension between human authority and divine purpose reminds us that no matter how secure or immovable things appear, God's plans will ultimately prevail. The guards' assignment, though meant to contain a finality, became part of a greater story of victory and hope.

Consider in your life where you've tried to hold onto control and how God might be inviting you to trust His purpose instead.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where have you experienced human control clashing with God's will?
2.	How do you respond when God's purposes disrupt your plans?
3.	What steps can you take to better align with God's sovereign will?







## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a time when your plans were interrupted for God's greater purpose.
2.	Reflect on areas in your life where you need to surrender control to God.
3.	Journal prayers asking God to reveal His plans clearly to you.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Almighty,** thank You that Your plans surpass all human schemes. Help me to surrender my desire for control and to trust Your sovereign purpose. Teach me to walk faithfully, even when I don't understand how things will work out. Guide me to embrace Your will with confidence and peace. *In Jesus'* name, Amen.















Day 5: Witnesses to the Empty Tomb

#### Your Verse

Matthew 28:11-15 - "While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Luke 24:9-11 "When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven... but their words seemed like nonsense..."
- Acts 1:3 "After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive."







Day 5: Witnesses to the Empty Tomb

#### Devotional: Courage to Witness Against Doubt

The guards became the first official witnesses to the empty tomb and the supernatural event of resurrection. Their testimony, however, was met with disbelief and attempts to suppress the truth.

This contrast shows the challenge of witnessing the miraculous in a skeptical world. The message of resurrection required courage, conviction, and perseverance even when confronted with doubt and opposition.

Reflect on your own role as a witness to God's work. How do you share your faith when others respond with skepticism?







## Reflect and Apply

1.]	How do you respond to doubt or opposition when sharing your faith?
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	What are some personal 'empty tomb' experiences you've witnessed or experienced?
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3.]	How can you grow in courage to speak boldly about God's power?
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## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you shared your faith despite skepticism.
2.	Reflect on the importance of being a truthful witness in your community.
3.	Journal ways God has proven Himself to you recently.







#### Prayer for Today

**Faithful God,** thank You for witnessing Your power in my life. Grant me courage to share my testimony, even when others doubt or oppose me. Help me to stand firm in truth and rely on Your strength. May my words bring light and hope to those around me. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ♥ ♠









# Day 6: A Dawn of New Hope









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#### Your Verse

John 20:11-18 - "Mary stood outside the tomb crying... Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned toward him and cried out..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you."
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"







Day 6: A Dawn of New Hope

#### Devotional: From Tears to Joy in New Life

Jesus' resurrection brings the dawn of new hope, turning sorrow into joy and death into life. Mary's encounter reminds us how recognition of Christ renews the soul and transforms mourning into praise.

Even in our darkest moments, God's light breaks through, offering new beginnings and restoration. The resurrection reveals that we are invited to a fresh start—enabled by grace and empowered by the risen Savior.

Today, let your heart rise with joy and hope, embracing the new life Christ offers.







Day 6: A Dawn of New Hope

# Reflect and Apply

1.	How has Jesus brought new hope into your life?
	What old things do you need to leave behind to embrace new life in Christ?
	How can you share this hope with someone who is mourning or struggling?







Day 6: 🔼 Dawn of New Hope

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a personal resurrection moment when God gave you new hope.
2.	Reflect on ways you can celebrate the new life found in Christ daily.
3.	Journal prayers asking God to renew your spirit and vision.







Day 6: A Dawn of New Hope

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for being the risen Savior who transforms sorrow into joy. Help me to live each day in the light of Your resurrection power. Fill me with hope and renew my heart to reflect Your glory. May I be a beacon of Your new life to others. *In Your precious name, Amen.*  $\triangle$  \( \bigcirc\)

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 27:66 - "So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting the guard."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 104:1 "Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty."
- Hebrews 7:25 "Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."







### Devotional: No Seal Can Hold God's Glory

The stone was sealed and guarded with great care, yet nothing could contain the risen Christ. God's glory and power surpassed the strongest human efforts, reminding us of His absolute sovereignty.

Like the sealed tomb, our limitations and obstacles cannot hold back God's work in our lives. His power is greater than circumstances, and His love reaches beyond barriers.

What 'sealed' places in your life need to be opened by God's miraculous intervention? Trust that He is able to break through.







Day 7: <a>P</a> Sealed Yet Surpassed

# Reflect and Apply

1.	What barriers or 'seals' do you face that seem impossible to overcome?
2.	How does knowing God's power surpass any obstacle affect your outlook?
3.	In what ways can you invite God to break through your challenges?







# **Journaling Prompts**

	Describe a situation where God's power overcame a 'sealed' circumstance.
2.	Reflect on areas you feel powerless and surrender them to God.
3.	Write a prayer asking God to intervene with His mighty hand.







## Prayer for Today

Almighty God, nothing can contain Your power or glory. Help me to trust You when circumstances feel sealed or hopeless. Break through every barrier in my life and work Your miracles. Strengthen my faith to believe in impossible breakthroughs. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 28:4 - "The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 34:4 "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears."
- Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God."







# Devotional: From Paralysis by Fear to Freedom in Faith

The guards' fear caused them to become like dead men—paralyzed, overwhelmed, and powerless. Their human reaction contrasts with the lifegiving power of Jesus' resurrection.

Fear is a natural response, but God invites us to seek Him and be delivered from fear into peace and courage. Sometimes fear can move us to a deeper dependence on God, shifting our perspective from helplessness to hope.

Reflect on your own fears—how is God calling you to respond differently today?







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears grip you like they gripped the guards?
2.	How can you seek God's deliverance in fearful moments?
3.	Who can support you in moving from fear to faith?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a recent fear and how you invited God into that moment.
2.	Reflect on scripture verses that bring comfort during fearful times.
3.	Journal a prayer asking God to replace fear with trust.







### Prayer for Today

**God of Peace**, I come to You with fears that overwhelm me. Deliver me from paralysis caused by doubt and worry. Fill my heart with Your courage and calm. Help me to trust Your presence and power every day. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🖏 🙏 💙 🖫

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 28:12-15 - "The chief priests gave the soldiers a large sum of money... to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 15:18 "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first."
- 2 Timothy 3:12 "Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."







### Devotional: Standing Firm Against Opposition

Attempts to deny the resurrection and silence witnesses reveal the opposition Jesus and His followers faced. Yet, even through lies and persecution, the truth of resurrection has endured.

We are reminded that standing for truth may bring challenge, yet God's truth is unshakable. The guards' story encourages us to hold fast to faith despite opposition and discouragement.

Consider where God might be calling you to stand firm in truth and trust during difficult times.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	Where have you faced opposition for your faith or values?
2.	How do you react when others challenge the truth you hold dear?
3.	What promises from Scripture encourage you to persevere?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time you stood firm despite opposition.
2.	Reflect on ways to encourage others facing challenges for their faith.
3.	Journal prayers for strength and boldness in difficult situations.







## Prayer for Today

**Lord of Truth,** when lies and opposition rise against me, remind me that You hold all things in Your hands. Strengthen me to stand firm and speak boldly for Your glory. Protect my heart from discouragement and fill me with Your peace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ① 🙏 🐧

















Day 10: 💬 Sharing the Truth Boldly

#### Your Verse

Acts 4:33 – "With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel... it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."
- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."







Day 10: E Sharing the Truth Boldly

## Devotional: Empowered to Testify Boldly

The resurrection message empowered the apostles to testify boldly, even amid persecution and trials. Their unwavering witness transformed early Christianity and has continued to inspire believers through the centuries.

We, too, are called to share the truth of Christ's resurrection boldly—relying on the Holy Spirit's power rather than our own strength. Boldness is a gift and a choice to trust God's presence in us.

Reflect on areas where God may be calling you to be more courageous in sharing your faith.







Day 10: 💬 Sharing the Truth Boldly

# Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do you feel called to share your faith more openly?
	What fears hold you back from being bold, and how can you overcome them?
3.	How does the Holy Spirit empower you to witness for Christ?







Day 10: 💬 Sharing the Truth Boldly

# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about someone who inspires you to be bold in faith.
2.	Reflect on a recent opportunity to share Jesus and how it went.
3.	Journal prayers asking God for courage and clarity in witness.







Day 10: E Sharing the Truth Boldly

## Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, fill me with power, love, and self-discipline to boldly proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. Remove every fear and hesitation. May my life and words testify clearly of Your saving grace. Guide me daily in courageous obedience. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*

















#### Your Verse

Acts 4:31 - "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 6:18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."
- Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."







#### Devotional: The Power of United Prayer

Prayer is vital for spiritual courage and power. The early believers' united prayer resulted in a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, they found boldness to face opposition and fulfill God's mission.

We are invited to follow their example—praying continually with faith and thanksgiving to gain strength from the Spirit. Prayer connects us to God's power and aligns our hearts to His will.

Today, focus on deepening your prayer life for spiritual empowerment and clarity.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How would a stronger prayer life impact your witness and faith?
2.	Do you experience the Holy Spirit's power through prayer?
3.	What specific needs or challenges can you bring to God in prayer today?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when prayer brought you peace or strength.
2.	Reflect on ways to build a consistent prayer habit.
3.	Journal a detailed prayer asking God for empowerment in witness.







### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** thank You that You hear my prayers and fill me with the Holy Spirit's power. Help me to pray without ceasing and to trust in Your guidance and strength. Empower me to live boldly for You. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*  $\triangle$ 







# Day 12: Proclaiming Resurrection Joy









Day 12: 

✓ Proclaiming Resurrection Joy

#### Your Verse

Psalm 118:24 – "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Peter 1:3 "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."
- Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"







Day 12: 📢 Proclaiming Resurrection Joy

### Devotional: Living in Resurrection Joy Daily

The resurrection ushers in a day of joy and celebration, a living hope for the believer. This joy sustains us through trials and motivates our witness to others.

Rejoicing in the Lord is both a command and a natural response to the life-changing power of the resurrection. Let your life be a proclamation of hope and gladness in Christ.

How can you cultivate a lifestyle of resurrection joy amidst challenges?







Day 12: 📢 Proclaiming Resurrection Joy

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What brings you the most joy in your faith journey?
2	How can raising in the Lord import your deily wells?
2.	How can rejoicing in the Lord impact your daily walk?
3.	Who around you needs to see resurrection joy through your life?







Day 12: 📢 Proclaiming Resurrection Joy

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about moments when you've experienced overwhelming joy in God.
2.	Reflect on daily habits that increase your awareness of God's goodness.
3.	Journal ideas for sharing joy with others this week.







Day 12: ✓ Proclaiming Resurrection Joy

### Prayer for Today

**Joyful Father,** fill my heart with resurrection joy that overflows into every area of my life. Teach me to rejoice always, even in difficulties, trusting Your promises. Help me to shine Your light and hope to those around me. *In Jesus'* name, Amen.







# Day 13: P Recognizing the Risen Christ









Day 13: 🖓 Recognizing the Risen Christ

#### Your Verse

Luke 24:13-16 - "Two of them were walking... Jesus himself came up and walked along with them, but they were kept from recognizing him."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 21:4 "At daybreak Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we live by faith, not by sight."







Day 13: Recognizing the Risen Christ

### Devotional: Opening Spiritual Eyes to Jesus' Presence

The disciples' initial failure to recognize Jesus reminds us that spiritual sight can be clouded by grief, doubt, or distraction. Yet Jesus meets us where we are and gently reveals Himself to those seeking Him.

Faith is often learning to recognize Jesus in unexpected ways, trusting beyond what our eyes see. Even when the risen Christ seems hidden, He is present and active.

Consider how you might be missing Jesus' presence in your life due to distractions or disappointment and ask God to open your spiritual eyes.







Day 13:  $\bigcirc$  Recognizing the Risen Christ

### Reflect and Apply

Have you ever struggled to sense God's presence during hard times?
What spiritual 'blind spots' might be hindering your faith?
In what ways can you cultivate greater awareness of Jesus' nearness?







Day 13:  $\bigcirc$  Recognizing the Risen Christ

### **Journaling Prompts**

Write about a time when Jesus revealed Himself to you unexpectedly.
Reflect on distractions that may keep you from recognizing God.
Journal a prayer asking God to open your eyes and heart.







Day 13: Recognizing the Risen Christ

### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** open my eyes to see You more clearly. When I'm overwhelmed or doubting, reveal Yourself in fresh ways. Help me live by faith, trusting what I cannot see. May Your presence bring peace and direction. *In Your name, Amen.* 

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# Day 14: Witnessing God's Timing









Day 14: 

✓ Witnessing God's Timing

#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
- Habakkuk 2:3 "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false."







Day 14: 

✓ Witnessing God's Timing

### Devotional: Trusting God's Perfect Timing

The resurrection took place at the perfect time, a divine appointment that fulfilled prophecy and God's plan. God's timing is often different from ours but always perfect.

The guards and witnesses were part of a carefully orchestrated moment in history, reminding us to be patient and trusting as God works in our lives. Learning to wait in faith sharpens our spiritual growth and dependence on God.

Reflect on areas where God is teaching you about His timing and how you can nurture patience and trust.







Day 14: ∑ Witnessing God's Timing

## Reflect and Apply

1.	Where do you struggle to wait on God's timing?
2.	How does patience deepen your trust in God's plans?
3.	What promises can help you endure times of waiting?







Day 14: 

∑ Witnessing God's Timing

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time God's timing surprised you for the better.
2.	Reflect on how waiting has shaped your character or faith.
3.	Journal a prayer for patience and peace during waiting periods.







Day 14: 

☐ Witnessing God's Timing

### Prayer for Today

**Lord of all seasons,** teach me to trust Your perfect timing. When I'm impatient or discouraged, remind me You are working behind the scenes. Help me wait faithfully, confident that Your plans are for my good. *In Jesus' name, 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**

- Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid..."
- Psalm 56:3 "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."







#### Devotional: Courage Through God's Spirit Within

The resurrection power equips believers to overcome fear with faith, power, and love. The guards' initial fright was transformed into the courage needed to face daunting challenges.

God's Spirit within us replaces timidity with boldness, enabling us to be His witnesses. Trusting in His presence fuels our ability to move beyond fear to action.

Invite God today to transform your fears into faith-filled strength.







## Reflect and Apply

What fears are you ready to surrender to God's Spirit?
How have you experienced God's power and love overcoming your timidity?
What practical steps can you take to walk boldly in faith?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a fearful moment where God gave you courage.
2.	Reflect on scriptures that inspire you to be strong and courageous.
3.	Journal commitments for trusting God more deeply this week.







### Prayer for Today

**Spirit of God,** fill me with power, love, and self-control. Overcome my fears and timid ways. Help me to walk boldly and courageously in faith each day. Guide me to be a witness of Your resurrection power. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 









# Day 16: 🛠 Seeing God's Glory Revealed









Day 16: 🛠 Seeing God's Glory Revealed

#### Your Verse

Hebrews 2:9 - "But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while... so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory..."
- Revelation 1:17–18 "I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever..."







Day 16: Seeing God's Glory Revealed

### Devotional: Living in the Light of Christ's Glory

The resurrection unveils the full glory of Jesus—the Son of God who conquered death for us. His victory reveals the depth of God's grace and the hope of eternal life.

As believers, we are invited to gaze upon His glory, let it transform our hearts, and live in the power of His resurrection. This revelation fuels worship, devotion, and witness.

Today, meditate on the glory of Christ in your life and how it transforms you.







Day 16: 🛠 Seeing God's Glory Revealed

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How does reflecting on Jesus' glory inspire your faith?
2.	In what ways has the resurrection changed your perspective on life?
3.	How can you express worship and devotion inspired by His glory?







Day 16: 🛠 Seeing God's Glory Revealed

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about moments when you experienced God's glory.
2.	Reflect on how Christ's resurrection has affected your heart.
3.	Journal prayers of worship and praise for Jesus' victory.







Day 16: Seeing God's Glory Revealed

### Prayer for Today

**Glorious Jesus,** thank You for revealing Your majesty through the resurrection. Help me to live in the light of Your glory and let it reshape my heart and actions. May my life be an offering of worship to You alone. *In Your name, Amen.* �� 🙏 🎔 🖰

















#### Your Verse

Matthew 28:19-20 - "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."
- Romans 10:15 "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"







### Devotional: Answering God's Call to Share

The resurrection commissions us to be witnesses—carriers of the good news to all the world. Just as the guards became unexpected witnesses, we too are called to share God's story courageously.

Witnessing is not about perfection but faithfulness, empowered by the Spirit to reach others with hope and grace. Our lives are the living testimonies of God's transformative power.

Consider how you can actively participate in God's mission today.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What steps can you take to be a more faithful witness for Christ?
2.	How does the resurrection give you confidence to share your faith?
3.	Who in your life needs to hear the hope of the resurrection?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your personal role in God's mission.
	Reflect on obstacles that hinder you from witnessing and pray about them.
3.	Journal practical ways to share your faith this week.







### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for calling me to be a witness of Your resurrection. Fill me with Your Spirit's power and courage. Help me to share Your love faithfully and to be a light in the world. Guide my words and actions for Your glory. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*









# Day 18: A Following Jesus Daily









Day 18: 3 Following Jesus Daily

#### Your Verse

Luke 9:23 – "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
- Colossians 3:1 "Set your hearts on things above..."







Day 18: 3 Following Jesus Daily

#### Devotional: Choosing Discipleship Every Day

**Living as witnesses of the resurrection means daily choosing to follow Jesus, even in challenges and sacrifice.** The guards saw only the beginning of God's victory; we are called to walk continually in that victory.

Discipleship is a daily journey of surrender, transformation, and faithful witness. Carrying our crosses isn't easy, but it leads to abundant life in Christ.

How can you deepen your daily commitment to follow Jesus more fully?







Day 18: 🔏 Following Jesus Daily

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What does daily discipleship look like for you?
2.	How do you handle the challenges of following Jesus?
3.	What helps you keep your eyes fixed on eternal things?







Day 18: 🔏 Following Jesus Daily

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your current commitment to Jesus' call.
2.	Reflect on sacrifices you have made for your faith.
3.	Journal a prayer asking for strength to follow Jesus daily.







Day 18: 🔏 Following Jesus Daily

### Prayer for Today

**Jesus,** help me to deny myself and take up my cross each day. Teach me to follow You faithfully and to draw strength from Your resurrection power. May my life reflect Your love and truth always. *In Your name, Amen.* 















#### Your Verse

Ephesians 1:19–20 – "...his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies."
- Philippians 3:10 "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection..."







### Devotional: Empowered by Resurrection Life

God's resurrection power is available to believers today, empowering us to live victoriously over sin, fear, and despair. This is the same power that raised Jesus, now at work within us.

Recognizing and relying on this power transforms the way we face life's struggles and enables us to fulfill God's purposes. We are called to walk in resurrection life, reflecting God's strength and glory.

Reflect on how you can tap into this power for your spiritual growth and witness.







## Reflect and Apply

How do you experience God's resurrection power in daily life?
What areas need more of God's power to overcome?
How can living in this power affect your witness to others?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about moments where you felt empowered by God's Spirit.
2.	Reflect on struggles where resurrection power can bring breakthrough.
3.	Journal prayers asking God to fill you afresh with His strength.







### Prayer for Today

**Risen Lord,** thank You for the mighty power You poured out through Your resurrection. Help me to live boldly in that power today. Strengthen me to overcome challenges and shine Your light in the world. Fill me completely with Your Spirit. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 4

















Day 20: K Reflecting Christ's Glory

#### Your Verse

2 Corinthians 3:18 - "And we all... are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:10 "And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."
- Romans 8:29 "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son."







Day 20: 🞇 Reflecting Christ's Glory

#### Devotional: Growing into Christ's Likeness

As witnesses of the resurrection, we are called to be conformed to Christ's image, reflecting His glory in our words and actions. This transformation is a lifelong journey propelled by God's Spirit.

Our lives become a testimony not only in what we say but in how we live, shining the light of Christ into a dark world. Allow God to continue shaping you into His likeness daily.

Where do you see God working transformation in your life right now?







Day 20: 🎇 Reflecting Christ's Glory

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What areas of your life reflect Christ's character well?
2.	Where do you need growth or healing to better reflect Christ?
3.	How can you encourage others in their transformation journey?







Day 20: 🞇 Reflecting Christ's Glory

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about ways God has transformed you recently.
2.	Reflect on habits or attitudes that need change to reflect Christ.
3.	Journal prayers inviting God's continued work in your heart.







Day 20: \* Reflecting Christ's Glory

#### Prayer for Today

**Transforming God,** thank You for shaping me into the image of Your Son. Help me to reflect Christ's glory in all that I do and say. Renew my heart daily so I may be a living testimony of Your love. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 









# Day 21: Celebrating New Life and Witness









Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating New Life and Witness

#### Your Verse

Romans 6:4 - "Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
- 1 Peter 1:23 "You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable..."







Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating New Life and Witness

#### Devotional: Living and Witnessing New Life in Christ

As our study concludes, we celebrate the incredible reality of new life through Jesus' resurrection. The guards at the tomb witnessed the impossible and became part of a story that changed the world.

Like them, we are called to live in the resurrection's power, bearing witness through our transformed lives. This new life brings hope, purpose, and joy that overflows into every day.

Rejoice and commit once more to follow Jesus boldly, empowered by the same resurrection power.







Day 21: 🏂 Celebrating New Life and Witness

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How has this 21-day journey impacted your faith and witness?
2.	What new commitments or insights have you gained?
3.	How will you continue to live boldly as a resurrection witness?







Day 21: 🏂 Celebrating New Life and Witness

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write a summary of what God has taught you through this study.
2.	Reflect on any changes you want to make in your faith walk.
3.	Journal a prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to Jesus.







Day 21: 🥕 Celebrating New Life and Witness

### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God,** thank You for new life through Jesus' resurrection. Help me live each day empowered and joyful, bearing witness to Your love and power. Guide me to be faithful in my calling and to shine brightly for Your kingdom. I commit my life to You anew. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 







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