The Ministry of Presence: Comforting Through Grief



A 21-day plan guiding you to be spiritually present with loved ones at life's end, offering peace, comfort, and faith through grief.





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Introduction

Grief is one of the most profound experiences we face in life. It touches the heart deeply, especially when we witness the passing of loved ones. During these moments, our presence can be the greatest gift — not by speaking much, but by simply *being* there.

This study plan, "The Ministry of Presence: Sitting With the Dying," invites you to explore God's Word and discover how to offer true spiritual companionship at the bedside. The Bible shows us that sometimes words fall short, but silent presence filled with prayer, love, and faith speaks in powerful ways.

Each day, you'll reflect on Scripture and meditate on how God comforts those who grieve and how we can mirror His grace. You will gain insights on how to listen with the heart, pray with power, and bear witness to the hope found in Christ even in the shadow of death.

It is a sacred task to walk alongside someone at the end of life's journey. This plan encourages you to embrace empathy, patience, and sacred stillness, trusting that God's Spirit fills moments of silence with peace beyond understanding. Remember, you don't need to have all the answers; your faithful presence is profoundly healing.

As you engage with this journey, may you be strengthened to minister with compassion and grace, reflecting the love of Jesus — the ultimate comforter.



























Your Verse

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."







Devotional: God's Compassion Empowers Our Presence

When grief visits, God meets us with His comfort. Paul reminds us that God is the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. This assurance is the foundation for sitting with someone who is dying — offering God's peace through our presence.

Sometimes words fail, yet being a steady, calm presence echoes God's own nearness to the brokenhearted. The Lord understands grief intimately, and His comfort isn't superficial; it's deep, tender, and real.

As you begin this journey to accompany loved ones at the bedside, take courage in God's faithfulness to soothe pain and bring peace beyond human understanding. Your presence becomes a channel of that divine comfort — a holy honor to bear witness as God ministers healing to wounded hearts.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does God's comfort mean to you during moments of grief?
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	How can your presence reflect God's compassion to a loved one who is dying?
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	In what ways can you prepare your heart to embody God's comfort this week?
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Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time when you felt God's comfort in grief.
	Describe how you hope to be a comforting presence for someone at the bedside.
	Identify any fears you have about sitting with the dying and surrender them to God.







Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for being the God of all comfort. Help me to be Your hands and heart to those who are hurting and nearing the end of life. Teach me to listen with love, to sit in silence yet minister hope. Fill me with Your compassion so that my presence can be a tangible touch of Your grace. Strengthen me to serve with patience and peace, reflecting Your unfailing care. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*

















Day 2: 🎔 The Power of Silent Presence

Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 - "There is a time for everything... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God."
- John 11:35 "Jesus wept."







Day 2: 🍑 The Power of Silent Presence

Devotional: Ministering Through Sacred Silence

Sometimes the greatest ministry is found in silence. In moments of profound grief, words can feel inadequate or intrusive. Yet God teaches us to 'be still' and trust Him through all seasons.

Jesus himself wept at Lazarus's death, showing us that sorrow is sacred. Sitting silently by a dying loved one affirms their worth and honors their journey without pressure to fix or explain.

Through silence, you communicate respect, love, and a profound presence. It opens space for God's Spirit to work and for the individual to feel truly seen in their vulnerability.







Day 2: 🍑 The Power of Silent Presence

Reflect and Apply

1.	How comfortable are you with silence in emotional or painful moments?
2.	What can silence communicate where words cannot?
3.	How might being still and present help your loved one feel spiritually supported?







Day 2: 🍑 The Power of Silent Presence

Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a moment when silence brought you peace. Describe it.
2.	Write about your thoughts on sitting silently with someone who is dying.
3.	List ways you can prepare to be a patient, silent presence this week.







Day 2: 🎔 The Power of Silent Presence

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of Jesus who wept and sat silently with those in sorrow. Help me to embrace stillness and not rush to fill silence with words. Teach me to listen with my heart and be fully present. May my quiet presence offer peace and witness Your steadfast love. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \nearrow







Day 3: A Praying with Power and Grace









Day 3: 🙏 Praying with Power and Grace

Your Verse

Philippians 4:6-7 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God..."

Supporting Scriptures

- James 5:14 "Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them."
- Romans 8:26 "The Spirit helps us in our weakness..."







Day 3: A Praying with Power and Grace

Devotional: Prayer: The Heartbeat of Presence

Prayer is a vital lifeline when sitting with the dying. It connects the weary heart to God's peace and power. We are called to bring concerns to God with thanksgiving, trusting His sovereign care.

Offering to pray, or praying quietly in the loved one's presence, invites God's Spirit to intercede beyond what words can express.

Your prayers can bring comfort, courage, and a sense of God's nearness. Don't underestimate the beauty and strength of simple prayers spoken from a sincere heart.







Day 3: 🙏 Praying with Power and Grace

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does prayer change your view of grief and loss?
2	What prayers might a dying loved one need or desire?
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3.	How can you pray authentically and sensitively in the bedside setting?







Day 3: 🙏 Praying with Power and Grace

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write your own short prayer for a loved one who is dying.
2.	Reflect on how prayer has comforted you during difficult times.
3.	Journal any fears or hopes you have around praying at the bedside.







Day 3: A Praying with Power and Grace

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You that we can come to You with every worry and hope. Grant me the words when I pray and the peace to listen. Help me to pray with faith and love, trusting Your presence heals and holds even in the darkest moments. May Your Spirit guide my heart to be a channel of Your grace at the bedside. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge















Your Verse

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

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."
- Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him."







Devotional: Becoming a Vessel of Christ's Peace

As ministers of presence, we reflect the peace of Christ. Jesus promises a peace that calms hearts even when fear and grief rage. We are invited to embody that tranquility, offering a glimpse of God's kingdom.

Your calm and loving spirit becomes a beacon of hope, showing that death is not the end — but a passage into God's eternal peace.

Nurture the peace of Christ within, that your presence can soothe and uplift those who are fearful or burdened.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you cultivate Christ's peace in your own heart?
	What fears arise when you think about sitting with the dying, and how can peace overcome them?
	How does reflecting God's peace influence the atmosphere at the bedside?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe what Christ's peace feels like to you personally.
2.	Journal ways you can prepare spiritually to be a calming presence.
	Write about moments when you've experienced God's peace during hardship.







Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your peace that surpasses understanding. Help me to carry Your peace into every room I enter. Teach me to calm troubled hearts by reflecting Your love and strength. May Your Spirit fill me with power and self-discipline to minister faithfully. *In Your holy name, Amen.* \bigwedge

















Your Verse

Colossians 3:12 - "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."
- 1 Peter 3:8 "Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."







Devotional: Living Out Compassion with Every Gesture

Compassion is the heartbeat of ministry at life's end. When you dress yourself in kindness, humility, and patience, you mirror Christ's love compellingly.

Sharing in grief by mourning with those who mourn builds deep connection and trust. Your gentle presence speaks volumes beyond spoken words.

Let your actions be an expression of God's tender heart, showing that love never fails even at life's darkest moments.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What does compassion look like practically when sitting with the dying?
2.	How can kindness and patience transform the bedside experience?
3.	In what ways might humility shape your approach to spiritual presence?







Journaling Prompts

	Describe a compassionate act you have witnessed or experienced during grief.
2.	Write about how you plan to express humility and gentleness this week.
	Reflect on moments when patience was a challenge and how you overcame it.







Prayer for Today

Dear God, clothe me with compassion and humility as I walk alongside those who suffer. Help me to be patient and kind, reflecting Your love in every gesture. Enable me to mourn with those who mourn and bring comfort through my actions. *Fill my heart with Your gentle Spirit, Amen.* \bigwedge









Day 6: A Hope Beyond the Horizon









Your Verse

Revelation 21:4 - "'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain..."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13 "We do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."
- John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."







Devotional: Anchoring Presence in Eternal Hope

Grief is hard, yet Christian presence carries hope — a hope anchored in eternity. The promise that God will wipe away every tear offers profound comfort in times of loss.

When sitting with the dying, gently remind yourself and others that death isn't the final word. Christ's resurrection life means victory beyond the horizon of this world.

This hope fuels our capacity to minister well and hold onto grace amid sorrow.







Reflect and Apply

What hope do you cling to when facing death and grief?
How can you gently communicate eternal hope to a loved one?
In what ways does hope change your experience of mourning?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about what heaven means to you personally.
2.	Describe how hope helps you cope with losses.
3.	Journal ways to share this hope compassionately with others.







Prayer for Today

Lord God, thank You for the living hope we have in Christ. Help me to fix my eyes on Your eternal promises even when sorrow is close. May my presence embody the hope of resurrection and life everlasting. Comfort all who suffer with the assurance of Your unending love. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge

















Your Verse

James 1:19 – "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 18:13 "To answer before listening—that is folly and shame."
- Ecclesiastes 7:5 "It is better to heed the rebuke of a wise person than to listen to the song of fools."







Devotional: The Gift of Listening Gracefully

Being a compassionate presence means listening deeply. Our ministry is not about fixing but about receiving the heart of the other.

James reminds us to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Often, those who face death want to feel heard, not advised. Silence followed by attentive listening honors their story, fears, and longings.

Practicing patient listening expands your empathy and opens doors for God's healing grace.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How well do you listen without interrupting or offering quick solutions?
2.	What barriers make listening difficult in emotional moments?
3.	How does listening create space for God's Spirit to move?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall a time you felt truly heard. What made it special?
2.	Write about how you can improve your listening skills this week.
	Describe what you notice about your responses when sitting with someone grieving.







Prayer for Today

Lord, help me to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Teach me to hear with compassion and wisdom. Remove distractions from my heart so I can be fully present to those in need. Use my attentive ear to bring comfort and grace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*

















Your Verse

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

Supporting Scriptures

- Romans 12:15 "Mourn with those who mourn."
- Hebrews 13:3 "Continue to remember those in prison... as if you were together with them in prison."







Devotional: Sharing Burdens as Christ's Body

The ministry of presence includes sharing the weight of suffering. Paul calls us to bear one another's burdens as an expression of Christ's love.

Sitting with the dying means emotional, spiritual, and sometimes physical support. Your willingness to stand with someone through pain brings relief and connection.

We are the Body of Christ — called to hold each other up through life's most difficult moments.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What burdens do you find hardest to bear with others?
2.	How can sitting with someone dying lighten their burden?
3.	How does carrying others' burdens deepen your relationship with Christ?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Journal about a time you helped carry someone's heavy burden.
2.	Write your feelings about emotionally supporting someone near death.
3.	Reflect on ways you can practice burden-bearing in daily life.







Prayer for Today

God of Compassion, teach me to carry the burdens of others with a willing heart. Strengthen me to share the pain and grief of those who suffer. Help me reflect Your love by being a faithful, steady presence at the bedside. *In Jesus'* name, Amen.







Day 9: Finding Strength in God's Presence









Day 9: 👶 Finding Strength in God's Presence

Your Verse

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

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
- 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 9: \delta Finding Strength in God's Presence

Devotional: God's Presence Empowering Our Service

God's presence is our sure source of strength during grief and loss. The promise "I am with you" anchors us when fears rise.

Whether you are sitting silently or speaking words of comfort, remember your strength comes from God's abiding nearness. He equips you to face the emotions and challenges of ministry at the bedside.

Lean on Him daily; His strength sustains and carries us beyond what we can bear alone.







Day 9: \delta Finding Strength in God's Presence

Reflect and Apply

1.	How does God's presence bring strength to you in difficult situations?
	What fears arise when you think about sitting with the dying, and how can Isaiah 41:10 comfort you?
3.	How can you intentionally seek God's presence each day?







Day 9: \delta Finding Strength in God's Presence

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you felt strengthened by God in hardship.
	Describe practical ways to remember God's promises during bedside ministry.
3.	Journal personal fears you want God to help you overcome.







Day 9: 👶 Finding Strength in God's Presence

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You that You are always with me even in scary or painful moments. Help me to trust Your strength rather than my own. Fill me with courage and peace to serve faithfully and lovingly. Let Your presence be my refuge and strength today. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*















Your Verse

Psalm 139:16 - "Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 3:2 "A time to be born and a time to die."
- Job 14:5 "A person's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months."







Devotional: Trusting God's Plan in Life and Death

Understanding God's sovereignty can bring peace amid grief. Psalm 139 reveals that God knows our days in full — our lives are held in His divine plan.

When sitting with those nearing death, reminding ourselves that God is in control helps us surrender anxiety and fear. Life and death are part of His holy design, crafted with purpose and love.

This truth invites trust even when the future feels uncertain.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does trusting God's sovereignty influence your view of death?
2.	What questions or doubts about God's control do you wrestle with?
3.	How can submitting to God's plan comfort you and those you serve?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about your thoughts on God's control over life events.
2.	Reflect on how you can embrace trust more fully.
3.	List any fears you want God to help you relinquish.







Prayer for Today

Almighty God, thank You for Your sovereign care over every moment of our lives. Help me trust Your perfect plan when facing loss. Teach me to surrender fear and rest in Your purpose and love. Strengthen my faith as I minister to others in their final days. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏 🗀 😂







Day 11: Papering Witness to God's Faithfulness









Day 11: P Bearing Witness to God's Faithfulness

Your Verse

Psalm 89:1 - "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."

Supporting Scriptures

- 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."
- Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."







Day 11:

Bearing Witness to God's Faithfulness

Devotional: Your Presence Proclaims God's Faithfulness

In grief, our witness to God's faithfulness becomes powerful. Sharing gentle reminders of God's constant love can encourage the dying and grieving.

Even when pain is real and raw, God's steady faithfulness remains. Your presence testifies to hope anchored in that truth.

Let your heart sing of the Lord's faithfulness — in word and in the peaceful aura your presence brings.







Day 11: 🖓 Bearing Witness to God's Faithfulness

Reflect and Apply

1.	How have you experienced God's faithfulness in hard times?
2.	In what ways can your presence proclaim that faithfulness?
3.	What stories or Scriptures might comfort a dying loved one?







Day 11: 🖓 Bearing Witness to God's Faithfulness

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a personal testimony of God's faithfulness in your life.
2.	Journal about how you can share God's faithfulness at the bedside.
3.	Reflect on Scriptures that bring you hope in grief.







Day 11:

Bearing Witness to God's Faithfulness

Prayer for Today

Lord, I praise You for Your great and unfailing love. Help me to bear witness to Your faithfulness through my words, actions, and presence. May those I sit with sense Your steady love and find hope renewed. Strengthen my faithfulness to You and those I serve. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge

















Day 12: V Overcoming Fear with Faith

Your Verse

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

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?"
- Isaiah 41:13 "I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."







Day 12: ① Overcoming Fear with Faith

Devotional: Spirit-Empowered Courage at the Bedside

Fear often accompanies grief and the dying process. But God equips us with power, love, and self-discipline to face these moments boldly.

By depending on the Holy Spirit, we push back fear and respond with courage and compassion.

Trust that God's strength overcomes timidity—enabling you to be a gentle yet fearless presence.







Day 12: **(**) Overcoming Fear with Faith

Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears do you face about sitting with the dying?
	How does understanding the Holy Spirit's power help you overcome them?
3.	How can you cultivate love and self-discipline to face grief faithfully?







Day 12: **(**) Overcoming Fear with Faith

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about fears regarding ministry at the bedside and surrender them to God.
2.	Reflect on instances where God gave you courage in fearful situations.
3.	Journal practical steps to rely on the Spirit's power daily.







Day 12: ① Overcoming Fear with Faith

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, fill me with Your power, love, and self-discipline. Replace my fear with boldness to serve those who are dying. Help me be steady and compassionate, reflecting Jesus' courage and love. Strengthen my heart and mind for this sacred task. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge

















Your Verse

Matthew 11:28–30 – "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 62:1 "Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him."
- Jeremiah 31:25 "I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint."







Devotional: Being a Sanctuary of Rest and Peace

The dying and grieving are often weary in body and spirit. Jesus invites all who are burdened to come to Him for rest.

As a minister of presence, you can help usher in that rest through your calm, loving being.

Offering consistent presence becomes a sanctuary where God's peace can gently enfold the weary soul.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you help a loved one find rest in their final days?
	What signs of weariness might you observe and respond to compassionately?
3.	How does God provide rest to your own weary heart?
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Journaling Prompts

1.	Describe what rest from God looks like to you.
2.	Write ways you can create peaceful moments at the bedside.
3.	Reflect on how you renew your own energy for compassionate service.







Prayer for Today

















Your Verse

Psalm 90:12 - "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 7:2 "It is better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of feasting."
- John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."







Devotional: Honoring a Life with Wisdom and Grace

While grief is present, there is also space to celebrate and honor a life's journey. Counting our days wisely can lead to meaningful reflection and gratitude.

Sitting with those dying can be a sacred opportunity to help remember joys, lessons, and God's faithfulness throughout life.

Encourage gentle sharing and remembering to infuse hope and appreciation into the final moments.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How can you help a loved one reflect on their life with gratitude?
2.	What wisdom might be shared or sought from life stories near the end?
3.	How does celebrating life offer encouragement amidst grief?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a life lesson you cherish and want to remember.
2.	Reflect on how you celebrate the lives of those nearing death.
3.	Journal ways to gently encourage storytelling at the bedside.







Prayer for Today

God of all days, thank You for the gift of life and memories. Help me to cherish every moment and encourage reflection with love. May my presence bring comfort as life's journey is honored and celebrated. Grant wisdom and peace in every word and silence shared. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge

















Your Verse

2 Corinthians 12:9 – "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted."
- Isaiah 40:29 "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak."







Devotional: Grace Shines Through Our Weakness

Grief exposes our vulnerability, but God's grace sustains us in weakness. Admitting limits does not diminish your presence; it deepens it.

When we embrace vulnerability, God's power shines brighter through our brokenness. Sitting at the bedside with openness invites honesty and authentic connection.

Allow God's grace to work through your weakness, making your ministry profoundly healing.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How comfortable are you with showing vulnerability in ministry?
2.	What weaknesses do you feel surrounding grief and presence?
3.	How can God's grace transform your moments of weakness?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time God's strength was evident in your weakness.
	Reflect on fears around vulnerability and how God can help overcome them.
3.	Journal how embracing vulnerability can enhance your ministry.







Prayer for Today

Merciful God, Your grace is sufficient when I am weak. Help me embrace my vulnerabilities and let Your power work through me. Teach me to be honestly present without pretense, reflecting Your healing love to those I serve. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge \Leftrightarrow \bigvee















Your Verse

John 16:33 - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart! I have overcome the world."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
- Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast..."







Devotional: God's Peace Amid Life's Storms

Even in pain and struggle, God's peace is available. Jesus acknowledges trouble but offers peace that conquers the world's hardships.

Being present with the dying involves recognizing and pointing to that peace, even amid suffering.

Your gentle testimony of God's overcoming peace can calm fears and anchor hearts during difficult transitions.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How have you experienced God's peace in times of pain?
2.	What helps you focus on God's peace rather than the pain?
3.	How can you help others feel God's peace at the bedside?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a moment when God's peace surprised you.
2.	Reflect on ways to cultivate peace within yourself.
3.	Journal how you can share this peace with someone grieving.







Prayer for Today

Prince of Peace, thank You for the lasting calm You provide in the storms of life. Help me to recognize and share that peace with those hurting and facing death. May Your peace guard every heart I encounter. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*

















Your Verse

Hebrews 10:24–25 – "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Encourage one another and build each other up."







Devotional: Strengthening Through Shared Faith Community

Grief is a journey meant to be shared in community. Surrounding the dying and their loved ones with supportive presence lessens isolation.

Encourage gathering of family, friends, and faith community to provide varied gifts of comfort, prayer, and companionship.

Together, we reflect the Body of Christ — strengthened, united, and resilient.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How has community supported you during times of grief?
2.	What role can you play in building an encouraging, supportive group?
3.	How might inviting others into bedside ministry enrich the experience?







Journaling Prompts

1.	List people who have been a support in your grief journey.
2.	Brainstorm ways to involve community in bedside ministry.
3.	Write about the importance of shared faith in healing.







Prayer for Today

God of Community, thank You for the gift of fellowship. Help me build and lean into supportive relationships during grief. Inspire me to encourage others and receive encouragement in turn. May we gather in love to uplift those in need. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge \bigcirc \swarrow









Day 18: V Love That Remains









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Your Verse

1 Corinthians 13:13 – "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 15:12 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."
- Romans 8:38-39 "Nothing can separate us from the love of God."







Day 18: V Love That Remains

Devotional: Letting Love Guide Every Moment

Love is the foundation of all ministry, especially at the end of life. The greatest gift you bring to the bedside is love — faithful, enduring, and sacrificial.

Love transcends pain and fear, connecting hearts even across the threshold of death.

Allow God's perfect love to guide your actions, words, and presence so that those you serve feel deeply cherished.







Day 18: 🞾 Love That Remains

Reflect and Apply

What does love at the bedside look and feel like?
How can you grow in the love that reflects Christ's heart?
In what ways does love provide strength when all else seems fragile?







Day 18: V Love That Remains

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time love helped you through grief.
2.	Reflect on how God's love inspires your presence with others.
3.	Describe ways to express love practically when sitting with the dying.







Day 18: V Love That Remains

Prayer for Today

















Your Verse

Romans 8:25 - "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

Supporting Scriptures

- Galatians 5:22-23 "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience..."
- James 5:7 "Be patient... until the Lord's coming."







Devotional: Cultivating Patience to Walk the Journey

Patience is essential when sitting with the dying and those who grieve. The process may be slow, with ups and downs in emotion and clarity.

God's Spirit produces patience within us — enabling us to wait gently, without rushing or forcing outcomes.

Ministry at the bedside requires embracing the process with open hands and a peaceful heart.







Reflect and Apply

What challenges test your patience during grief ministry?
How can you intentionally nurture patience in your heart?
Why is patience a gift to both the dying and the caregiver?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Recall moments when patience was difficult and what helped you persevere.
2.	Write about how you can model patience this week.
3.	Reflect on how waiting on God shapes your character.







Prayer for Today

God of patience, fill me with Your Spirit's fruit. Help me to wait with grace and understanding as I accompany those at life's end. Teach me to be gentle in every moment, trusting Your perfect timing. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \bigwedge







Day 20: W Trusting God's Peaceful Presence









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Your Verse

Psalm 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

Supporting Scriptures

- Isaiah 43:2 "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you..."
- Deuteronomy 31:8 "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."







Day 20: Trusting God's Peaceful Presence

Devotional: Walking Through Darkness with God's Comfort

God's Presence is constant, even in the darkest valleys of life and death. Trusting Him brings peace when fear threatens to overwhelm us.

Sitting faithfully beside a dying person embodies God's reassuring presence —a living declaration that they are not alone.

May your ministry reflect this calm confidence in God's unending care.







Day 20: 🖏 Trusting God's Peaceful Presence

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you experience God's comfort during difficult times?
2.	In what ways can your presence mirror God's rod and staff?
3.	How does trusting God affect your ability to be present during grief?







Day 20: 😂 Trusting God's Peaceful Presence

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a personal experience of God's comforting presence.
2.	Reflect on how you can remind others of God's nearness.
3.	Journal ways to deepen your trust in God's care daily.







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Prayer for Today

Shepherd of my soul, thank You for walking with me through every dark valley. Help me to carry that assurance to others at the bedside. May my presence comfort and point to Your unfailing care. Strengthen my trust in You always. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🙏 😂 🎇















Your Verse

Romans 15:13 – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him..."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others."
- Matthew 25:40 "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."







Devotional: Going Forward in Hope-filled Service

As this 21-day journey concludes, remember your ministry of presence is a powerful act of hope. God fills you with joy and peace as you entrust your service to Him.

Each moment spent by the bedside is sacred, reflecting Christ's love and compassion to the very end.

Carry forward this calling, confident that your presence brings blessing and God's kingdom hope to those facing life's final chapter.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What have you learned about sitting with the dying through this study?
2.	How will you continue to cultivate hope in grief ministry?
3.	What steps can you take to foster a lasting ministry of presence?







Journaling Prompts

Write a commitment statement for your ongoing ministry of presence.
Reflect on key Scripture verses that inspire your future service.
Journal prayers or goals related to supporting the dying and grieving.







Prayer for Today

God of Hope, thank You for guiding me through this transformative journey. Fill me with joy, peace, and renewed purpose to serve others faithfully. Help me to use my gifts to minister with love and presence. May my life be a reflection of Your grace and hope to all in need. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* \triangle







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