



# The Thief on the Cross: Embracing Grace in Final Moments



Explore how salvation can come even at life's end  
through the story of the thief on the cross,  
discovering hope, grace, and redemption.

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## Introduction

Welcome to this 21-day journey exploring one of the most profound testimonies of grace found in the Bible — the story of the thief on the cross. Often overlooked, this brief dialogue between a dying man and Jesus reveals the incredible power of salvation, even when the end feels near and life is broken. Throughout these days, we will dive deeply into Scripture passages that illuminate how God's love and mercy reach beyond our past mistakes and our present circumstances.

The thief's story challenges common assumptions about what it takes to be saved. He had no chance to live a righteous life after this moment, yet Jesus's response demonstrates unmerited grace that offers hope to all. This study will encourage you that no one's story is finished apart from God's hand, and it's never too late to accept His mercy.

*As you engage in this study, be prepared to reflect on your own journey — your failures, your regrets, and your hopes. You will see how faith in Christ's saving power transforms even the bleakest endings into new beginnings. Grace is always available, and it's amazing how Jesus invites each of us into a saving relationship no matter where we find ourselves.*

Join us daily to unlock encouragement, strength, and reassurance grounded in Scripture and prayer. Together, let's discover that salvation is a gift freely given, to all who call on the name of Jesus — even in their final moments.





## Day 1: ✕ Broken Lives and New Beginnings



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## Your Verse

*Luke 23:39-43 - "Then one of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Ephesians 2:8 - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith..."*
- *Psalms 34:18 - "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."*



Day 1: ✕ Broken Lives and New Beginnings

## Devotional: Grace Meets Brokenness: A New Beginning in Faith

**The story of the thief on the cross immediately confronts us with brokenness and hope.** The man hanging beside Jesus was facing death, burdened by regret, and openly mocking — yet his story takes a remarkable turn. Even in his last hours, he recognized who Jesus was and reached out for salvation.

This teaches us that no matter how broken or lost we feel, God's grace is always within reach. Our past mistakes don't disqualify us from His love; instead, He offers forgiveness freely. The thief's moment of faith reminds us that salvation is not about perfection but about trusting Jesus, even in our weakest state.

*Reflect on where you are right now — no matter how heavy your burdens feel, know that God's arms are open wide to receive you.*



## Day 1: ✕ Broken Lives and New Beginnings

## Reflect and Apply

1. What broken areas in your life do you find hardest to bring before God?

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2. Have you ever felt it was 'too late' for you? How does the thief's story challenge that belief?

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3. What does it mean to you that salvation is a gift, not earned by works?

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Day 1: ✕ Broken Lives and New Beginnings

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you felt broken but experienced God's grace.

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2. List fears or doubts you struggle to bring to God honestly.

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3. Imagine talking to Jesus right now. What would you say?

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Day 1: ✝ Broken Lives and New Beginnings

## Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father**, thank You for Your unfailing grace that meets us in our brokenness. Teach me to trust You completely, even when I feel undeserving or lost. Help me embrace Your forgiveness and live in the freedom it brings. May I turn to You with a humble heart, confident that Your salvation is always bigger than my mistakes. Fill me with hope and remind me daily that it is never too late to receive Your love. *Amen.* 🙏❤️✝️





## Day 2: 🎯 Recognizing Jesus in Our Desperation



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## Your Verse

*Luke 23:40-41 - "But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God...we are punished justly'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 6:37 - "All those the Father gives me will come to me..."*
- *Romans 10:13 - "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*



Day 2:  Recognizing Jesus in Our Desperation

## Devotional: Facing Our Need: Seeing Jesus Clearly

**The repentant thief's recognition of Jesus is striking.** Despite facing imminent death and acknowledging his own guilt, he steps into faith by rebuking his companion and declaring Jesus' innocence.

Often, desperation opens our eyes to the truth. Just as the thief confronted his guilt without excuse, we too must face our need for God's mercy honestly. True salvation begins with awareness of our condition and our need for a Savior.

*Do you see Jesus as your only hope when everything else fails? The thief's story invites us to move from denial or distraction to real recognition of who Jesus is — the Savior of sinners.*



Day 2:  Recognizing Jesus in Our Desperation

## Reflect and Apply

1. Have you acknowledged your own need for salvation as the thief did?

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2. What can prevent people from recognizing Jesus in desperate moments?

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3. How can honest self-reflection lead you closer to God?

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Day 2:  Recognizing Jesus in Our Desperation

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a moment when you truly realized your need for Jesus.

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2. List things that keep you from fully facing your spiritual condition.

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3. How can you remind yourself daily to seek Jesus first?

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Day 2: 🎯 Recognizing Jesus in Our Desperation

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, open my eyes to truly see You as my Savior. Help me be honest with myself about my need for Your grace. In moments of weakness or despair, may I look only to You. Thank You for being the one who can save and restore me. Strengthen my faith to trust You fully. *Amen.* 🙏🕊️❤️





## Day 3: Faith That Saves at the End



Day 3: ♡ Faith That Saves at the End

## Your Verse

*Luke 23:42 - "Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 11:1 - "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for..."*
- *Romans 4:5 - "Faith is credited as righteousness to the one who does not work but trusts God."*



Day 3: ♡ Faith That Saves at the End

## Devotional: Simple Faith That Opens Heaven's Door

**The thief's simple request to Jesus is a powerful demonstration of faith.** With no deeds or proof of righteousness, he expressed trust that Jesus' kingdom is real and that he could be part of it.

This is a reminder that salvation rests solely on faith — on believing in Jesus and His promises. Even at the final moment, the thief turned his heart to Jesus, showing that it's not about how long or perfect our faith journey is, but about genuine trust.

*What a beautiful lesson that anyone can be saved whenever they turn sincerely to Christ — even at the end.*



## Day 3: ♡ Faith That Saves at the End

## Reflect and Apply

1. What does the thief's faith teach you about the nature of salvation?

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2. How can faith be expressed simply, without complicated rituals or achievements?

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3. Have you ever experienced moments when faith was all you had?

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Day 3: ♡ Faith That Saves at the End

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write down what faith means to you personally.

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2. Recall a time your faith was tested or strengthened suddenly.

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3. Consider what keeps your faith strong or weak today.

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Day 3: 💗 Faith That Saves at the End

## Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, help me to trust You with simple, sincere faith. Teach me to believe in Your kingdom and promises, even when I don't have all the answers. Thank You for welcoming even the last-minute faith of the thief into Your grace. Strengthen my heart to rely fully on You every day. *Amen.* 🕊️ 🙏



## Day 4: Salvation is a Gift



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## Your Verse

*Ephesians 2:8 - "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...not by works."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Titus 3:5 - "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy."*
- *Romans 6:23 - "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*



Day 4: 🌿 Salvation is a Gift

## Devotional: Receiving Salvation as a Free Gift

**The thief's story beautifully illustrates the gift of salvation.** He couldn't earn it or accomplish good works to qualify; salvation came entirely by God's grace received through faith.

This is a liberating truth for us all. We don't have to fear condemnation or strive endlessly to earn God's favor. Instead, we rest in His mercy and freely receive His life-giving gift through Jesus.

*Remembering salvation as a gift helps us to rely fully on God's love, not on our own efforts or shortcomings.*



Day 4: 🌿 Salvation is a Gift

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you react to the concept of salvation as a free gift?

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2. What efforts or works do you sometimes rely on instead of grace?

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3. In what ways does accepting grace change your relationship with God?

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Day 4: 🌿 Salvation is a Gift

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about areas where you struggle to accept God's grace.

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2. List ways you can remind yourself daily that salvation is a gift.

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3. Reflect on the impact of grace on your everyday life.

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Day 4: 🌿 Salvation is a Gift

## Prayer for Today

**Gracious Father**, thank You for the unearned gift of salvation. Help me to rest fully in Your grace without trying to earn Your love. Teach me to receive Your mercy daily and share that same grace with others. May I never forget that eternal life comes through faith and not works. *Amen.* 📁 🙏 ❤️





## Day 5: Jesus' Promise of Paradise



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## Your Verse

*Luke 23:43 - "Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 14:2-3 - "I am going there to prepare a place for you..."*
- *Revelation 21:4 - "He will wipe every tear from their eyes..."*



Day 5:  Jesus' Promise of Paradise

## Devotional: Hope Beyond This Life: Paradise Awaits

**Jesus' promise to the thief is one of the clearest assurances of salvation in the Bible.** Even as they hung dying, Jesus reassured him of immediate, eternal life in paradise.

This declaration speaks deeply to us about hope amid suffering, reminding us that death is not the end for those who trust Christ. Paradise is real, and it awaits all who believe.

*Whatever your present struggles or fears about what lies ahead, Jesus' words invite you to look with confidence toward eternal life filled with peace and joy.*



Day 5:  Jesus' Promise of Paradise

## Reflect and Apply

1. What does Jesus' promise of paradise mean to you personally?

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2. How does knowing there is an eternal home change your perspective on current trials?

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3. What fears or doubts about eternity do you need to bring to Jesus?

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Day 5:  Jesus' Promise of Paradise

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about your hopes and dreams related to eternal life.

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2. Describe how the promise of paradise impacts your daily choices.

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3. Journal prayers asking Jesus to help you trust His promises.

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Day 5: 💬 Jesus' Promise of Paradise

## Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus**, thank You for Your promise of paradise. Help me fix my eyes on the eternal home You have prepared for me. Give me peace that surpasses understanding when I face trials or fears. Strengthen my hope and fill me with joy as I await the day I will be with You forever. *Amen.* 🌿 🙏 ❤️





## Day 6: The Power of Repentance



## Your Verse

*Acts 3:19 - "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us."*
- *Psalms 51:10 - "Create in me a pure heart, O God..."*



Day 6:  The Power of Repentance

## Devotional: Turning Back to God: The Heart of Repentance

**Repentance is a turning point, a deliberate change of heart and mind.** The thief on the cross demonstrated repentance by acknowledging his guilt and turning to Jesus in humble faith.

This act is essential for receiving God's forgiveness and experiencing new life. Repentance clears the way for grace by removing the barriers of pride and denial.

*God invites us daily to repent — to confess honestly and embrace His mercy that brings transformation.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. What does repentance mean in your personal walk with God?

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2. Are there areas where you need to turn back to Him with honesty?

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3. How does genuine repentance impact your relationship with God?

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Day 6:  The Power of Repentance

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write a letter to God expressing your heartfelt repentance.

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2. Identify habits or attitudes that hinder your walk with God.

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3. Journal about how repentance has changed you in the past.

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Day 6: 🏛️ The Power of Repentance

## Prayer for Today

**Father God**, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within. Help me to repent sincerely and turn away from anything that separates me from You. Teach me to walk in Your forgiveness and live fully in Your grace. Thank You for Your endless mercy. *Amen.* 🙏💧🏛️





## Day 7: ✠ Freedom Through Forgiveness



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## Your Verse

*Colossians 1:13-14 - "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 1:18 - "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."*
- *Psalms 103:12 - "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions."*



# Devotional: Letting Go: The Freedom Forgiveness Brings

**Forgiveness is the key that unlocks freedom from the chains of guilt and shame.** The thief's confession was met with complete forgiveness, illustrating how God sets us free when we come to Him humbly.

Holding onto sin weighs us down, but God's forgiveness washes us clean, offering new life and liberty. We are invited to let go of condemnation and embrace the peace that comes from being fully forgiven.

*Today, reflect on the freedom that forgiveness brings and allow God to heal where pain lingers.*



## Day 7: ✠ Freedom Through Forgiveness

## Reflect and Apply

1. What sins or regrets do you need to release to God's forgiveness?

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2. How does holding onto guilt affect your spiritual life?

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3. How can embracing forgiveness change your heart and relationships?

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## Day 7: ✠ Freedom Through Forgiveness

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about the last time you felt truly forgiven by God.

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2. List burdens you want to surrender to His grace.

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3. Describe how you can extend forgiveness to yourself and others.

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## Day 7: ✠ Freedom Through Forgiveness

## Prayer for Today

**Merciful God**, thank You for forgiving all my sins and setting me free. Help me to accept Your forgiveness fully and to release any guilt or shame. Teach me to live in the freedom You provide and to share Your grace with those around me. *Amen.* ✠ ❤️ 🙏





## Day 8: The Role of the Holy Spirit



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## Your Verse

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

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 8:11 - "The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you."*
- *Galatians 5:22-23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy..."*



## Day 8: ☞ The Role of the Holy Spirit

## Devotional: Empowered by the Spirit After Salvation

**The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in the life of the believer.** When the thief placed his faith in Jesus, he became a child of God, empowered by the Spirit to live anew.

The Spirit comforts, guides, teaches, and produces lasting spiritual fruit within us. This divine presence remains with us after salvation, helping us walk in the freedom and grace God provides.

*Please invite the Holy Spirit to lead and transform you daily.*



## Day 8: ☞ The Role of the Holy Spirit

# Reflect and Apply

1. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's work in your life?

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2. What does it mean to live by the Spirit rather than by the flesh?

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3. Are you open to the Spirit's guidance and transformation?

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## Day 8: ☞ The Role of the Holy Spirit

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about ways the Holy Spirit has comforted or guided you.

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2. List fruit of the Spirit you hope to grow stronger in.

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3. Journal a prayer asking for fresh filling and empowerment.

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## Day 8: 🕊 The Role of the Holy Spirit

# Prayer for Today

**Holy Spirit**, come and fill me afresh. Teach me Your truth and empower me to live the way God intends. Help me bear Your fruit and abide fully in Jesus. Thank You for Your ongoing presence in my life. *Amen.* 🕊🔥❤️





## Day 9: 🕒 God's Grace in the Last Moments



## Day 9: ☪ God's Grace in the Last Moments

## Your Verse

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

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 90:12 - "Teach us to number our days aright..."*
- *Isaiah 55:6 - "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near."*



## Day 9: ☪ God's Grace in the Last Moments

## Devotional: Sufficient Grace at Life's End

**The thief's salvation reminds us that God's grace is sufficient—even at life's very end.** No matter how late or broken life seems, God can work powerfully in our weakness and final moments.

We are called to seek Him today, recognizing that each moment is precious and filled with opportunity for restoration.

*May this truth inspire you to turn fully to God without delay, knowing He welcomes all who call to Him.*



## Day 9: ☪ God's Grace in the Last Moments

# Reflect and Apply

1. Do you believe God's grace is enough for your struggles and failures?

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2. How does this impact your urgency to seek God daily?

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3. What changes might you make to value your time with God more deeply?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on how your understanding of grace has grown.

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2. Write about ways to live intentionally with God each day.

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3. Journal a prayer to embrace His grace fully now.

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## Day 9: 🏔️ God's Grace in the Last Moments

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, remind me that Your grace is always enough. Let me live with urgency to seek You and trust Your power in my weakness. Help me embrace each day as a gift and turn to You wholeheartedly. *Amen.* ⌚ 🙏 💖





## Day 10: ✨ Living in Hope Beyond Failure



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## Your Verse

*Romans 5:8 – "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Lamentations 3:22-23 – "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed..."*
- *2 Timothy 1:7 – "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love."*



Day 10: ✨ Living in Hope Beyond Failure

## Devotional: Hope Restored Despite Past Failures

**The thief's salvation story shines as a beacon of hope for those who feel overwhelmed by failure.** God's love reaches us even when we feel unworthy or broken beyond repair.

Faith invites us to rest in this love, knowing our past does not define us and that we can live powerfully by His Spirit.

*Hope is always available, urging us to move forward no matter how dark the past.*



Day 10: ✨ Living in Hope Beyond Failure

## Reflect and Apply

1. Where do you need to receive God's love over your failures?

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2. How does hope in Christ change your outlook on life?

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3. What practical steps can you take to walk in this hope daily?

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Day 10: ✨ Living in Hope Beyond Failure

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a failure God redeemed in your life.

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2. List Scriptures that encourage you to hope in God.

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3. Journal ways to encourage others facing despair.

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Day 10: ✨ Living in Hope Beyond Failure

## Prayer for Today

**Dear God**, thank You for loving me even when I fail. Fill me with hope and strength to move forward in Your grace. Help me live boldly as a redeemed child, sharing Your love and power with others. *Amen.* ✨❤️🔥





## Day 11: The Journey of Sanctification



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## Your Verse

*Philippians 1:6 - "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 3:18 - "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory..."*
- *John 17:17 - "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."*



Day 11:  The Journey of Sanctification


## Devotional: God's Faithful Work in Our Lives

**Although the thief's time with Jesus was brief, salvation marks the beginning of a lifelong journey.** Sanctification is the process God works in us to transform our hearts and lives.

God commits to completing that work, molding us more into His image day by day. This ongoing journey brings growth, healing, and deeper faith.

*Trust in God's faithfulness to carry you through every step of spiritual growth.*



Day 11:  The Journey of Sanctification

## Reflect and Apply

1. How have you seen God working to change you over time?

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2. Are there areas where you feel stuck in your spiritual journey?

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3. How can you cooperate with God's work in your life today?

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Day 11:  The Journey of Sanctification

## Journaling Prompts

1. Describe ways God has grown you spiritually.

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2. Write about areas where you hope to see more transformation.

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3. Journal a prayer surrendering your growth into God's hands.

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Day 11: 🏠 The Journey of Sanctification

## Prayer for Today

**Father**, thank You for beginning Your work in me and promising to complete it. Help me to trust Your timing and cooperate with Your Spirit. May I grow daily in holiness and reflect Your glory. *Amen.* 🌱 🙏 ✨





## Day 12: 🙏 Gratitude for Unmerited Mercy



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## Your Verse

*Psalms 107:1 - "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*
- *Colossians 3:15 - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...and be thankful."*



Day 12: 🙌 Gratitude for Unmerited Mercy

## Devotional: Thankfulness for God's Grace and Love

**Gratitude opens our hearts to recognize God's amazing mercy.** The thief on the cross was a recipient of grace he did not deserve, and his salvation calls us to respond with thankful hearts.

Even in hardship, the ability to give thanks deepens our faith and draws us closer to God.

*Today, cultivate a spirit of gratitude for the undeserved mercy God pours into your life.*



Day 12: 🙏 Gratitude for Unmerited Mercy

## Reflect and Apply

1. How often do you pause to thank God for His mercy?

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2. What helps you maintain a thankful heart in tough times?

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3. How can gratitude transform your relationship with God?

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Day 12: 🙏 Gratitude for Unmerited Mercy

## Journaling Prompts

1. List recent ways God has shown you mercy.

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2. Write a prayer of thanks to God for His grace.

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3. Describe how gratitude has helped your spiritual walk.

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Day 12: 🙏 Gratitude for Unmerited Mercy

## Prayer for Today


**Thank You, Lord,** for Your steadfast love and mercy that never ends. Help me to cultivate a thankful heart every day and to recognize Your blessings even in difficult seasons. May my life overflow with praise for Your kindness. *Amen.*





## Day 13: The Bible: Our Guide to Salvation



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## Your Verse

*2 Timothy 3:16 - "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching..."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet..."*
- *John 5:39 - "You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life."*



Day 13:  The Bible: Our Guide to Salvation

## Devotional: God's Word Reveals the Path to Life

**The Bible grounds us in the truth of salvation.** As the Word of God, it reveals God's plan, promises, and the means by which we receive eternal life.

The thief recognized Jesus, but Scripture continues to reveal the fullness of who Christ is and how to live in relationship with Him.

*Commit to reading and meditating on the Word to deepen your understanding and faith.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. How integral is regular Bible reading in your spiritual life?

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2. What have you learned about salvation through Scripture?

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3. How can you make Scripture a daily guide in your journey?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a passage of Scripture that changed your life.

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2. Outline a plan to engage with the Bible more regularly.

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3. Journal what you hope to discover deeper in God's Word.

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Day 13: 📖 The Bible: Our Guide to Salvation

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, help me to hunger for Your Word and to understand its truth. May it guide me daily closer to You and strengthen my faith in Your salvation. Teach me through Scripture how to live in Your grace. *Amen.* 📖 ✨ 🙏





## Day 14: Grace Extended to Others



Day 14: 🧡 Grace Extended to Others

## Your Verse

*Ephesians 4:32 - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other...as in Christ God forgave you."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:14 - "If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."*
- *Luke 6:37 - "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."*



Day 14: 🧡 Grace Extended to Others

## Devotional: Living Out Grace by Forgiving Others

**Receiving grace compels us to extend grace to others.** The thief's story encourages us to reflect on how God's mercy changes how we relate to people.

Forgiving and showing kindness become natural expressions of the salvation experience, echoing Christ's love in our daily lives.

*Let your heart be a channel of grace, reflecting God's compassion to those around you.*



Day 14: 🧡 Grace Extended to Others

## Reflect and Apply

1. Are there people you need to forgive right now?

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2. How does forgiving others reflect God's mercy in you?

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3. What prevents you from offering grace, and how can you overcome it?

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Day 14: 🧡 Grace Extended to Others

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you extended grace that changed a relationship.

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2. List any grudges you are holding and consider steps to forgive.

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3. Journal your prayer asking God to help you forgive fully.

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Day 14: 🧡 Grace Extended to Others

## Prayer for Today

**Father**, thank You for forgiving me completely. Help me to forgive others as You have forgiven me. Teach me to reflect Your grace and kindness in all my relationships. Use me to bring healing and mercy to those around me. *Amen.*





## Day 15: 🔥 Rekindling Faith in Dark Times



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## Your Verse

*Psalm 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil..."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 41:10 - "Do not fear, for I am with you..."*
- *2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed."*



Day 15: 🔥 Rekindling Faith in Dark Times

## Devotional: Hope Shines Brightest in Our Darkness

**The thief found faith in the midst of pain and darkness, a powerful example for us.** Life's darkest valleys do not have to extinguish our hope; instead, they can deepen our trust in God's presence.

Jesus' promise and our Father's constant nearness shine brightest in hard times, encouraging us to persevere.

*When faith feels weak, remember God is near and ready to strengthen you.*



Day 15: 🔥 Rekindling Faith in Dark Times

## Reflect and Apply

1. When have you felt God's presence most during difficult seasons?

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2. What fears do you need to surrender to Him today?

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3. How can you nurture faith when times are tough?

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Day 15: 🔥 Rekindling Faith in Dark Times

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a trial where God sustained your faith.

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2. List scriptures that comfort you in hard times.

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3. Journal ways you can encourage others in their dark valleys.

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Day 15: 🔥 Rekindling Faith in Dark Times

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, thank You for walking with me through darkest valleys. Help me fear no evil and trust Your protection and love. Rekindle my faith when I feel weak and remind me that You are always near. *Amen.* 🔥 🙏 🌑





## Day 16: 💡 The Light of Christ in Our Lives



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## Your Verse

*John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness..."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalms 27:1 - "The LORD is my light and my salvation..."*
- *Isaiah 9:2 - "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."*



Day 16: 💡 The Light of Christ in Our Lives

## Devotional: Walking in the Light of Jesus Daily

**Jesus is the light that illuminates even the darkest parts of our lives.** The thief, in his moment of death, turned to the true Light, gaining eternal life and hope.

Following Jesus means walking in clarity, peace, and purpose, no longer fearful or lost in darkness.

*Allow Christ's light to shine brightly within you today and guide your every step.*



Day 16: 💡 The Light of Christ in Our Lives

## Reflect and Apply

1. Are there shadows or fears you need to bring into Jesus' light?

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2. How does following Jesus give direction and hope to your life?

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3. How can you reflect Christ's light to others?

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Day 16: 💡 The Light of Christ in Our Lives

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about how Jesus' light has changed your path.

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2. List fears or doubts you want to surrender to Him.

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3. Journal ways you can shine Jesus' light in your community.

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Day 16: 💡 The Light of Christ in Our Lives

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus**, You are the light of my life. Help me walk clearly in Your truth and brightness. Guide my steps, dispel my fears, and use me to bring Your light to others who wander in darkness. *Amen.* 💡 ☦️ ✨





## Day 17: Lessons from the Cross



## Your Verse

*1 Peter 2:24 - "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross..."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Galatians 6:14 - "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- *Isaiah 53:5 - "By his wounds we are healed."*



## Devotional: The Cross: Love and Sacrifice Revealed

**The cross is the foundation of our salvation and the thief's hope.** Jesus took upon Himself our sins, suffering in our place so that we might be forgiven and healed.

The cross teaches us the cost of love and the incredible grace poured out for humanity.

*Reflect on the depth of God's sacrifice and allow it to deepen your gratitude and faith.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. How does understanding Jesus' sacrifice affect your appreciation of salvation?

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2. Are there ways you can better live in gratitude for the cross?

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3. What does it mean to boast only in the cross?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write a prayer of thanks for Jesus' sacrifice.

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2. Recall moments when the cross gave you hope or strength.

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3. Journal how the cross shapes your daily life.

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Day 17: 💞 Lessons from the Cross

## Prayer for Today

Jesus, thank You for bearing my sins on the cross. Help me never to take Your sacrifice for granted. May Your love and grace shape every part of my life and fill my heart with gratitude. *Amen.* 🏛️ ❤️ 🙏





## Day 18: ❤️ Love That Transforms



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## Your Verse

*1 John 4:9 - "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son..."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*
- *Romans 8:38-39 - "Nothing can separate us from the love of God..."*



Day 18: ❤️ Love That Transforms

## Devotional: Experiencing God's Transforming Love

**God's love, shown on the cross, transforms even the hardest hearts.** The thief's story shows love reaching someone in despair and hopelessness, changing his eternal destiny.

God's love is persistent, sacrificial, and overwhelming — always ready to redeem and renew.

*Invite God's transforming love to heal your heart completely.*



Day 18: ❤️ Love That Transforms

## Reflect and Apply

1. How have you experienced God's love changing you?

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2. Where might you need to open your heart to more of His love?

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3. How can you share God's love with those who feel hopeless?

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Day 18: ❤️ Love That Transforms

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about the first time you truly felt God's love.

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2. List ways God's love has helped you overcome obstacles.

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3. Journal prayers asking for a fresh experience of His love.

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Day 18: ❤️ Love That Transforms

## Prayer for Today

**Father**, thank You for Your amazing love that transforms lives. Help me to open my heart fully to You and allow Your love to heal every broken place. Use me to share this love with others in need. *Amen.* ❤️ 🔥 🙏





## Day 19: Assurance of Eternal Life



## Your Verse

*1 John 5:13 – "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know you have eternal life."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 10:28 – "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."*
- *Romans 8:1 – "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*



## Devotional: Peace in the Assurance of Salvation

**Assurance brings peace amidst uncertainty.** The thief received assurance from Jesus about eternal life, encouraging us to rest confidently in God's promises.

When we place faith in Jesus, eternal life is secure, removing doubt and fear about the future.

*Receive the peace that comes from knowing your salvation is sure in Christ.*



## Reflect and Apply

1. Do you fully believe and rest in the assurance of eternal life?

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2. What doubts might you need to bring honestly before God?

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3. How can this assurance affect your daily confidence and joy?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about what gives you peace regarding your eternity.

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2. List scripture verses that assure you of salvation.

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3. Journal any fears about eternity and pray for peace.

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Day 19: 🕊 Assurance of Eternal Life

## Prayer for Today

**Jesus**, thank You for the assurance of eternal life that comes through faith in You. Help me to rest fully in Your promises and live each day with confidence and peace, free from fear. *Amen.* 🕊 ✝️ ❤️





## Day 20: 🌈 Living Transformed by Grace



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## Your Verse

*Titus 2:11-12 - "For the grace of God has appeared...training us to say 'No' to ungodliness and live self-controlled lives."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:2 - "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*
- *Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."*



Day 20:  Living Transformed by Grace

## Devotional: Empowered to Live Godly Every Day

**Grace not only saves but shapes how we live.** The thief's transformation in moments reminds us that grace empowers us to live godly and purposeful lives.

Living transformed means daily choosing God's ways, embracing self-control, and reflecting Christ in all we do.

*Ask God to continue molding your life according to His good plan.*



Day 20:  Living Transformed by Grace

## Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways is grace shaping your character and decisions?

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2. How can you better cooperate with God's transforming work?

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3. What steps can you take toward living more self-controlled and thankful?

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Day 20:  Living Transformed by Grace

## Journaling Prompts

1. List areas where you want to grow in godliness.

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2. Write about challenges to living transformed and how to overcome them.

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3. Journal a prayer asking for strength to live for God daily.

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Day 20: 🌈 Living Transformed by Grace

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, thank You for Your grace that not only saves but transforms me. Help me to live self-controlled, godly lives as You renew my mind and heart. Enable me to walk in Your purpose every day. *Amen.* 🌈 🙏 ✝️





## Day 21: ✨ Celebrating New Life in Christ



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## 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

- *Romans 8:1 - "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*
- *Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."*



Day 21: ✨ Celebrating New Life in Christ

## Devotional: Embracing the New Life God Provides

**As this study concludes, celebrate the new life that God offers through Christ.** The thief's salvation marks a stunning turnaround — from a life of sin and despair to eternal joy and hope.

You too are invited to step fully into this new identity, leaving the old behind and embracing God's transformative love.

*Rejoice in your salvation and live boldly as a new creation in Christ.*



Day 21: ✨ Celebrating New Life in Christ

## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you experience being a 'new creation' in Christ?

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2. What old habits or thoughts do you want to leave behind?

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3. How can you celebrate and share your new life daily?

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Day 21: ✨ Celebrating New Life in Christ

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write a personal celebration of your life in Christ.

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2. Describe ways your 'old self' has been changed.

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3. Journal goals for walking boldly in your faith moving forward.

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Day 21: ✨ Celebrating New Life in Christ

## Prayer for Today

**Gracious God**, thank You for making me new in Christ. Help me to leave behind the old and live fully in the new life You provide. Fill me with joy, boldness, and love to reflect Your goodness. May my life honor You always.

*Amen.* ✨🕊️❤️





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