# Veteran Strength: Trusting God to Open New Doors



A 7-day study empowering veterans to trust God when military skills don't fit civilian roles and to embrace unexpected opportunities.





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#### Introduction

Veteran Strength: Trusting God to Open New Doors is a focused 7-day Bible study designed to uplift those transitioning from military to civilian careers. It recognizes the unique challenges veterans face when skills honed in uniform don't seamlessly transfer to new roles in everyday life. This journey invites you to lean deeply on God's wisdom and timing as you explore Biblical encouragement and discover ways God is already preparing unexpected pathways for your success.

The transition from military to civilian work often brings uncertainty and frustration. You might feel overlooked or unsure how your disciplined background applies in unfamiliar environments. However, God's Word offers steadfast hope and guidance. Scripture reveals stories of men and women who faced their own unexpected life detours and discovered God's hand opening doors they never imagined.

Throughout this study, you will explore themes of strength, trust, patience, and divine provision. You will meet heroes of faith who trusted God through uncertain seasons and experienced His faithfulness. Each day builds your confidence in God's plan, encouraging you to walk boldly even when the path seems unclear.

We encourage you to approach these devotionals with an open heart and a spirit ready to embrace change. Pray for wisdom and clarity and journal your insights as you seek God's voice in your journey. Remember, as a veteran,







your discipline and resilience are invaluable assets, and God is directing new opportunities specially suited for you.

Embrace the invitation to trust beyond what you can see—and anticipate doors God will open that surpass your expectations. Your next mission in life is unfolding now.

















Day 1: **(**) Embracing a New Beginning

#### Your Verse

Isaiah 43:19 NIV — "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
- Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."







Day 1: ① Embracing a New Beginning

#### Devotional: God Is Doing a New Thing in Your Life

Transitioning from military life to civilian work can feel like stepping into a vast, unfamiliar wilderness. Your well-honed skills might seem unrecognized or irrelevant in certain job markets. But God tells us through Isaiah that He is always at work, doing *new things* and preparing a way where it feels impossible.

Isaiah 43:19 reminds us to look beyond what we currently see and to perceive the fresh opportunities God is creating. Though your past experience shaped you, God's calling includes a new chapter filled with promise, even when the path looks uncertain or challenging.

Like the 'streams in the wasteland' God speaks of, unexpected blessings and doors can arise in the least expected places. Trust that your military discipline and perseverance have uniquely prepared you for this "new thing".

Reflect today on God's promise to guide you into uncharted terrain and make something beautiful out of what seems barren or difficult.







Day 1: **(**) Embracing a New Beginning

#### Reflect and Apply

	What new opportunities do I sense God is opening even if I don't fully understand them yet?
	In what ways has God prepared me through my past experiences for this new phase?
3.	How can I better perceive God's activity in moments of uncertainty?







Day 1: **(**) Embracing a New Beginning

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when God opened an unexpected door in your life.
	List the strengths you gained from your military service that can be valuable in civilian work.
	Describe your feelings about starting this new chapter and what you hope to learn.







Day 1: ① Embracing a New Beginning

#### Prayer for Today

Lord, I thank You for being the God who makes all things new. Help me to see beyond my current struggles and to recognize Your hand opening fresh doors in my life. When I feel discouraged because my skills don't seem to translate, remind me that You are preparing a way in the wilderness. Give me the courage to trust Your timing and the patience to wait on Your plan. Strengthen my heart and guide my steps into this new chapter. I place my future in Your hands today. *Amen.*









### Day 2: 🔦 Trusting God's Timing









Day 2: National Trusting God's Timing

#### Your Verse

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

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."
- Habakkuk 2:3 "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false."







Day 2: National Trusting God's Timing

#### Devotional: Developing Strength While You Wait

The frustration of waiting can be one of the hardest parts of transitioning. When skills don't seem to readily fit a new role, impatience can creep in easily. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that every season in life is purposeful, and God's timing is always perfect.

Patience is more than waiting—it's an active trust that God is at work behind the scenes. Psalm 27:14 encourages us to be strong and courageous as we wait, knowing God is building and preparing the right moment or door.

Like the ancient prophets who waited for God's perfect revelation, your next opportunity may require time to align with God's greater plan. This fracturing of waiting is a call to deepen your faith and lean into God's presence daily.

Today, make your waiting active through prayer, refining your skills, and maintaining hope—God's timing will bring what you need.







Day 2: 🔦 Trusting God's Timing

#### Reflect and Apply

1.	How am I responding to times of waiting and uncertainty?
2.	What practical steps can I take today to prepare for the doors God will open?
3.	In what ways can trusting God's timing bring peace to my heart?







Day 2: 🔦 Trusting God's Timing

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe how waiting has tested or strengthened your faith.
2.	Write about a biblical character who waited on God and what you can learn from them.
3.	List ways you can stay hopeful and active in your job search.







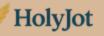
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#### **Prayer for Today**

Father, teach me to trust Your timing even when it's difficult. Help me to be strong and courageous as I wait for Your perfect moment. Keep my heart focused on You, and open doors when the time is right. Give me peace in the waiting, and let my faith grow deeper each day. Guide my steps and prepare me for the amazing plans You have ahead. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*  $\square$   $\square$   $\square$ 







# Day 3: **%** Skills Transformed by God's Purpose









Day 3: 🛠 Skills Transformed by God's Purpose

#### Your Verse

Exodus 35:35 NIV — "He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled craftsman."

#### Supporting Scriptures

- Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."
- 1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."







Day 3: 🛠 Skills Transformed by God's Purpose

#### Devotional: God Equips You for New Roles

Your military skills and discipline are not lost but transformed by God's purpose. Exodus 35:35 reveals God's provision of skill in people, empowering them uniquely to fulfill His work. Just like craftsmen with specialized talents, you have abilities God has equipped you with for a meaningful purpose.

Colossians 3:23 reminds us to work wholeheartedly, as if serving the Lord directly. When you approach job searching or retraining with this mindset, you honor God and allow Him to guide your steps.

Even if the civilian workplace values different skills or language, your core strengths — leadership, integrity, perseverance — are priceless in God's economy. 1 Peter 4:10 encourages you to view your talents as a gift to serve others, underscoring that your contribution matters deeply.

Reflect on how God might be reshaping your skills to fit the next mission He has for your life.







Day 3: 🚜 Skills Transformed by God's Purpose

#### Reflect and Apply

	What military skills do I undervalue that God may want to use in new ways?
2.	How can I commit my abilities to serve others in my next career phase?
3.	What does working 'as for the Lord' mean in my current situation?







Day 3: 🚜 Skills Transformed by God's Purpose

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List your top five skills developed in the military and how they apply outside the service.
2.	Write about a time when God used an unexpected talent in your life.
3.	Journal your hopes for how God will transform your skills going forward.







Day 3: 🛠 Skills Transformed by God's Purpose

#### **Prayer for Today**

Lord, thank You for gifting me with unique skills and experiences. Help me to recognize their value beyond the military context and to trust You in transforming them for Your purposes. Teach me to work wholeheartedly as if I am serving You directly. Guide me in discovering how to use these gifts to bless others and glorify You. I surrender my abilities to Your plan. Amen. X

















#### Your Verse

Revelation 3:8 NIV — "I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
- Psalm 118:19—20 "Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord."







#### Devotional: God's Open Doors Are Ready for You

It can be discouraging when doors you hoped to enter remain shut. Yet Jesus assures us in Revelation 3:8 that He places before us open doors no one can close. Sometimes the opportunities visible to us aren't the ones God is preparing behind the scenes.

Trusting God means relying on His wisdom, not our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). When you submit your career plans to Him, He will make your path straight — even if it looks unfamiliar or different than expected.

Psalm 118 expresses a believer's eager hope as they approach the gates of opportunity with thanksgiving. Adopting this heart posture of expectancy and gratitude can shift your perspective.

Today, cultivate expectancy that God is already unlocking new doors and plan to walk confidently through them.







#### Reflect and Apply

	Are there doors I am trying to force open instead of waiting for God's timing?
	How can I actively trust God's direction when my desired outcome doesn't seem to appear?
3.	What does it mean to walk through a door God has opened?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about experiences where God unexpectedly opened a door for you.
	Describe your feelings when waiting for doors to open and how you can trust God during the wait.
3.	Brainstorm possible new opportunities God might be preparing.







#### Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the promise of open doors only You can provide. Teach me to trust Your plan even when the way looks unclear. Help me to wait patiently and confidently, knowing Your timing is perfect. Give me courage to step through the doors You open and wisdom to recognize them. Let my heart be filled with gratitude and hope, knowing You are working all things for my good. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 

















#### Your Verse

Proverbs 16:9 NIV — "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Psalm 37:23 "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him."
- Jeremiah 10:23 "Lord, I know that people's lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps."







#### Devotional: Allowing God to Steer Your Journey

It's natural to plan your next career direction, but life often unfolds with unexpected turns. Proverbs 16:9 reminds us that while we make plans, God ultimately directs our steps. Sometimes the steps He sets for us don't align with our initial expectations.

Psalm 37 reassures us that God establishes and makes firm the steps of those who delight in Him. God's guidance may lead you on unexpected paths that refine your character and expand your purpose.

Jeremiah's honest admission that we don't direct our own steps challenges us to yield control to God. Surrendering your plans opens space for God's perfect design to emerge, even if it leads you somewhere unfamiliar or surprising.

As you navigate your journey, trust that God's path, though different from your own, leads you to the fullness of His blessings.







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	How do I respond when God's path departs from my plans?
2.	In what ways can I delight in the Lord to receive His guidance?
	What are practical ways to surrender control of my career transitions to God?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time God redirected your plans in a way that ultimately blessed you.
2.	List fears or frustrations you have about uncertain career paths and surrender them to God.
3.	Journal your willingness to follow God's footsteps even when the route is unclear.







#### Prayer for Today

Lord, I acknowledge that my plans are limited but Your guidance is perfect. Help me to trust You to establish my steps and lead me on the path that brings the most blessing. Teach me to delight in You daily, so my steps are firm and secure. When I feel uncertainty, remind me that You are in control and working all things for good. I surrender my career journey into Your loving hands. *Amen.* 🔊 🙏 😭















#### Your Verse

James 1:12 NIV — "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 5:3-4 "Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."
- 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."







#### Devotional: Strength Through Trials Builds Character

The transition to civilian work can bring trials that test your resolve and spirit. James 1:12 offers encouragement that perseverance through these challenges often results in blessings far beyond what we can see.

Romans 5:3-4 teaches us that suffering produces perseverance, which in turn builds character and hope. These refining qualities equip you not only for opportunities ahead but for life's larger mission.

Galatians 6:9 reminds us not to give up but to continue doing good, trusting in God's promised harvest. Even when progress seems slow or doors slam shut, your faithfulness is building a lasting foundation.

Today, draw strength from God's promise: perseverance is itself a victory and leads to future blessings.







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	What challenges am I currently facing in my transition, and how can perseverance help me?
	How might God be using these difficulties to grow my character and hope?
3.	In what ways can I encourage myself and others to keep pressing forward?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a difficult season and how perseverance led to growth.
2.	Write a prayer asking God for strength to endure current trials.
3.	List encouragements or verses that inspire you to keep going.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Father, give me the perseverance to stand firm through every trial I face. Help me to see struggles as opportunities for growth and to trust Your promise of blessing in endurance. Strengthen my spirit when I feel weary and remind me that my steadfastness honors You. I ask for renewed hope and courage to continue following Your path. Thank You for being with me every step. *Amen.*  $\Sigma$ 















#### Your Verse

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

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 2 Timothy 1:7 "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
- Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through him who gives me strength."







#### Devotional: Step Forward with Courage and Faith

As you enter new opportunities, God calls you to walk boldly and without fear. Joshua 1:9 encourages strength and courage with the assurance that God's presence goes with you wherever you step next.

2 Timothy 1:7 reminds you that God's Spirit equips you not with timidity but with power, love, and self-discipline — qualities already deeply rooted through your military service.

Philippians 4:13 reinforces that you can accomplish all things through Christ's strength within you. This truth emboldens you to face unfamiliar jobs or challenges with confidence and grace.

Trust that with God beside you, each new door is an opportunity to thrive and fulfill your God-ordained purpose.







#### Reflect and Apply

1.	What fears do I need to release to God as I pursue new opportunities?
2.	How has God equipped me to face this next stage with power and love?
3.	What practical steps can I take to live boldly in faith each day?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how God has been with you through past transitions.
2.	List affirmations or truths from Scripture that help you walk courageously.
3.	Set goals for stepping forward in faith during this new season.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord, empower me with strength, courage, and love as I step into new opportunities.** Remove all fear and discouragement, replacing it with confidence rooted in Your presence. Help me to rely fully on Your Spirit and embrace this new season with boldness. May I glorify You in all that I do and honor the gifts You have given me. Thank You for going before me and standing beside me always. *Amen.* 🎇 💪 🙏







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