



KNEEL DEVOTIONAL

DAY ONE

AS A BELIEVER, THOUGH YOU ARE UNFINISHED, JESUS' WORK STILL IS.

"WHEN JESUS RECEIVED THE SOUR WINE, HE SAID, IT IS FINISHED..." JOHN 19:30

CHRISTIAN, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, WHATEVER YOU'RE STRUGGLING WITH, HOWEVER YOU FEEL, AT THIS VERY MOMENT GOD DOES NOT REGRET SAVING YOU. WHEN JESUS SAID THAT IT WAS FINISHED, HE WAS TALKING ABOUT YOUR SALVATION, AND IT WAS HIS DELIGHT TO SAVE YOU. THE WORK OF BRINGING YOU BACK TO THE FATHER WAS COMPLETED. THE GOSPEL TELLS YOU THAT THERE IS NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE IN CHRIST, THAT NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU FROM GOD'S LOVE, AND THAT YOU NOW LIVE UNDER A BANNER THAT READS "IT IS FINISHED."

"FATHER, THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME IN JESUS' WORK. FORGIVE ME FOR SOMETIMES FORGETTING THE GOSPEL. MAY MY HEART ALWAYS SING WITH CONFIDENCE THAT IT REALLY IS FINISHED, THE WORK IS COMPLETE, AND I AM FOREVER IN. AMEN"

DAY TWO

JESUS LOVES YOU IN YOUR MESS, AND THEREFORE YOU ARE ENABLED TO LOVE OTHERS IN THEIR MESS.

"WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US." 1 JOHN 4:19

JESUS LOVES THE REAL YOU. HE NOT ONLY LOVES YOU, BUT HE LIKES YOU. A LOT. JESUS LOVES THE YOU THAT DOUBTS. THE YOU THAT IS INSECURE. THE YOU THAT REBELS. THE YOU WHO IS IMPERFECT AND MESSY. BELIEVING AND ACCEPTING THIS LOVE, WE SHOULD NEVER WITHHOLD IT FROM ANYONE. NO MATTER WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO YOU, WHERE THEY'RE AT IN LIFE, OR WHO THEY ARE.

"IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, ABBA WILL NEVER CHANGE THE WAY HE RELATES TO YOU, CALLING YOU SONS AND DAUGHTERS: FORGIVEN, CLEAN, AND BELOVED." - ALEX EARLY

"FATHER, HELP ME TO BE AS LOVING, GRACIOUS, GENTLE, AND FORGIVING AS YOU ARE TO ME. GIVE ME YOUR EYES AND YOUR HEART TO SEE PEOPLE THE WAY YOU SEE THEM, AND LOVE PEOPLE THE WAY YOU LOVE THEM. AMEN."



DAY THREE

BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS HAS DONE, YOU CAN NOW MOVE FORWARD IN FREEDOM.

“IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. STAND FIRM, THEN, AND DO NOT LET YOURSELVES BE BURDENED AGAIN BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY.” GALATIANS 5:1

“YOU WERE DEAD BECAUSE OF YOUR SINS AND BECAUSE YOUR SINFUL NATURE WAS NOT YET CUT AWAY. THEN GOD MADE YOU ALIVE WITH CHRIST, FOR HE FORGAVE ALL OUR SINS.” COLLISIONS 2:13

JESUS CAME TO LIBERATE US FROM THE WEIGHT OF HAVING TO MAKE IT ON OUR OWN, FROM THE DEMAND TO MEASURE UP. HE CAME TO EMANCIPATE US FROM THE BURDEN TO GET IT ALL RIGHT, FROM THE OBLIGATION TO FIX OURSELVES, FIND OURSELVES, AND FREE OURSELVES. JESUS CAME TO RELEASE US FROM THE SLAVISH NEED TO BE RIGHT, REWARDED, REGARDED, AND RESPECTED. BECAUSE JESUS CAME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE, LIFE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A TIRELESS EFFORT TO ESTABLISH OURSELVES, JUSTIFY OURSELVES, AND VALIDATE OURSELVES. - TULLIAN TCHVIJDJIAN

CHRISTIAN, YOUR PAST NO LONGER DEFINES YOU. AS A BELIEVER, YOU’RE IN FOREVER REGARDLESS OF HOW BADLY YOU MESS UP. SO, NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, OR HOW YOU FEEL, YOU CAN KNOW THIS TRUTH: AS SOON AS YOU PRAY “LORD FORGIVE ME,” YOU CAN SAY “LORD, THANK YOU.” IN LIGHT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS OF US, WE CANNOT HELP BUT FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE WRONGED US.

“FATHER, HELP MY HEART TO BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN MY CHAINS, AND SET ME FREE. HELP ME TO STOP PICKING UP THE THINGS I’VE ALREADY LAID DOWN AT YOUR FEET. THANK YOU FOR TAKING MY PLACE SO I COULD HAVE YOURS, AND FORGIVING ME OF ALL MY SIN. AMEN”

DAY FOUR

WHY BE ASHAMED OF THE GREATEST STORY MANKIND HAS EVER HEARD?

“FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF CHRIST THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.” ROMANS 1:16

YOU HAVE HEARD THIS BEFORE... BUT IF YOU HAD THE CURE FOR CANCER, OR IF YOU KNEW 9/11 WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, YOU WOULD RUN AND TELL SOMEONE. WELL GUESS WHAT?! WE KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN SAVE ANYONE FROM DEATH AND DIED FOR US TO KNOW HIM. WHY AREN’T WE TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT HIM?

“FATHER, REVEAL YOURSELF TO ME IN A WAY LIKE NEVER BEFORE THAT CHANGES ME FROM THE INSIDE OUT TO THE POINT WHERE I’M UNABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT IF I HAVEN’T TOLD SOMEONE ABOUT YOU. YOU ARE WORTH MY LIFE AND I HAVE NO REASON TO BE ASHAMED OF YOU. AMEN”



DAY FIVE

FOLLOWER OF JESUS, YOU ARE SENT ON A MISSION TO MAKE OTHER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

“WE CANNOT STOP TELLING ABOUT EVERYTHING WE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD.” ACTS 4:20

WE HAVE THE GREATEST STORY EVER, AND WE ARE SENT TO TELL IT. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT GOD HAS SAVED US SINNERS THROUGH THE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REALLY SEE THE GOSPEL, AND NOT TALK ABOUT IT. YOU’RE SAVED! YOU’RE IN! YOU’RE FREE! THE WAR IS OVER, JESUS HAS WON! RIGHT NOW, WHEREVER YOU ARE, HOWEVER OLD YOU ARE, YOU ARE A MISSIONARY. WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE IF EVERY CHRISTIAN DIDNT LEAVE THE WORK OF EVANGELISM UP TO THE “PROFESSIONAL PASTORS,” AND TOOK JESUS’ MISSION SERIOUSLY BY BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK, GO TO SCHOOL, PLAY SPORTS, HAVE FUN, AND DO LIFE?

“FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD NEWS. MAY I KNOW IT SO DEEPLY THAT I CANT HELP BUT TALK ABOUT IT. MAY THE GOSPEL OVERWHELM ME SO MUCH THAT I HAVE TO TELL SOMEBODY THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD. PLEASE GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL, AND THE BOLDNESS TO TAKE IT. AMEN”