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INTRODUCTION

God has sounded The Battle Cry! He is raising up men of God to be True Warriors for Him. In our world, men are being portrayed as weak, dummies, incapable, immature, and mostly useless. We have been emasculated by the media for so long that many of us are starting to believe all the negative hype. The role of a man is, at best, confused! We are not fulfilling our God given desires to do great things in order to make a positive impact on this world we live in today. We no longer lead our families, lead our church, or lead in our communities. We are in a state of fear and failure!

Well, enough is enough! It is time to step up and be a real man--A True Warrior for Jesus! It is time to answer The Battle Cry! It is time to take back our place in this world. We need to lead our family in every way. We need to stand strong for what is right. We need to do a 180 degree turn around so that we can be in the center of God's will for our life!

This book is just one tool in that process. It has been put together in a way that suits men. The devotions are short and to the point. Each day you will be challenged to do something in light of what you have read. There is space provided for you to write down your thoughts and your actions for that day. This is a devotion that will only take a minute to read each day, but will give you something to think about all day.

Step into this 180 day guide with full confidence that you will complete it. Once you are through, go through it again. Let this field guide take you on an adventure that will strengthen you daily. Take to heart what has been written for you. Do one thing each day to be a stronger man of God. You can do this! Now stand strong in the Lord and His mighty power knowing that opposition will come as you move forward each day. The devil has no chance against the weapons of the Lord. Be a True Warrior for Jesus by answering The Battle Cry today!

My Prayer For You:

Lord Jesus, Give this man the strength to step into this time of renewal and deliberate change. I pray that you give him a thirst for your word each day. I pray that you open his eyes to your will for his life. I pray that you show him your destiny and purpose for his life. I pray that you guide him through each day and that he follows your lead. I pray for his family that they begin to follow his lead as he follows you. I pray for favor in his life as he presses on in you! Thank you Jesus for the heart of this man. Now mold it into what you want it to be--A True Warrior for You! In Jesus' matchless name I pray--AMEN!

DAY 1

Gen 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

This is the starting point for all that a Warrior for Jesus believes. His whole outlook on life is based of the first 4 words of the Bible--In the beginning God... There is no big bang! There is no evolution! There is no other god or coincidence that started this life. A True Warrior knows his creator, why he exists and where he will spend eternity. Start this journey off by letting God strengthen your faith in Him. Put all doubts, all concerns and all shortcomings behind you this very day. Live a life that will glorify God. Over the next 180 days be deliberate in all you do remembering that God has a destiny and purpose for your life. He knows you better than any other and He set up the plans for your life at the beginning of time. You need to be deliberate in all you do just as God is deliberate in all He does! Be strong in your commitment to be a True Warrior for Jesus!

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DAY 2

2 Corinthians 5:17, tells us, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Today is the day to show great resolve to live as a new creation in Jesus! Put the old self away...once and for all! Do not let the patterns of this world conform you any longer. Rather, let the power of God transform you into the new creation He has made you to be. Just do the next right thing!

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DAY 3

Prov 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

As you go through your day today, remember who you are to trust! Keep Jesus in front of you at all times. Let Him decide your path for the day! Then give Him full acknowledgement! Just do the next right thing!

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DAY 4

James 4:7-8 says, "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

It is important to remember that the devil has no power over you! Live in the light of our Lord and don't give the devil any power over your life. Be focused on your relationship with Jesus today! Turn your back on your old ways!

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DAY 5

Isa 6:8 says, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"

A true Warrior for Jesus will serve Him at all times in all things! You have to make yourself ready to go. You have to be sold out today and everyday! Today, make it your purpose to do whatever God is putting on your heart. Don't deny, delay or default. Just get out there and serve the Lord. Keep your eyes and heart open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Be willing to do something great for God today! Be a True Warrior for Jesus!

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DAY 6

James 1:2-4 says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

As you step into battle today, remember to persevere! It is not always going to be easy, but it will be worth the fight. Keep a smile on your face as you feel the attacks. Realize that these attacks are coming because you are drawing closer to God. Keep going! Be a mighty warrior in Jesus! You can do it!

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DAY 7

Prov 4:23-24 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Put away perversity from your mouth; keep corrupt talk far from your lips."

Today, take every thought into captivity. Be careful what you allow into your life. What comes in will eventually come back out! A true warrior of Jesus must not be caught up in the things of the world. So, guard your heart and let the words of your mouth glorify God!

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DAY 8

Prov 5:21 says, "For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths."

It is important for us to live in the light of our Lord with the realization that we will answer for everything we do! Don't go through another day "reacting" to life. Decide today to think about who you are in Christ and "act" out in the right way every time. Be a true warrior by doing what God has for you to do all day long. Live a life that glorifies God!

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DAY 9

Prov 6:16-19 says, "There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers."

This is what surrounds us each day. That is why we need to keep our eyes focused upon Jesus today! It is important that we watch out for the things that God does not want in our lives. We need to be careful how we live each day. Be a thinker. Act out in the right way today!

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DAY 10

Prov 8:13 says, "To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech."

Wow, do you hate these things or do you just put up with them as not to cause a problem? Hate means to put to death. Are you willing to put evil, pride, arrogance and perverse speech to death-completely? You should be! Today, be aware of what is going on around you. Don't get caught

up in the things listed above and don't allow them to go on around you. Be strong in the Lord and do the next right thing!

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DAY 11

Prov 8:1 says, "Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice?"

Are you listening? Today is the day to seek wisdom and to gain understanding. It comes from seeking God and reading His Word! Take time to read your Bible today. Try a chapter in Proverbs! Start reading one chapter each day. You will be blessed!

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DAY 12

Prov 9:9 says, "Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning."

Be sure to listen to good instruction. Pay attention to those God has placed around you who correctly divide the Word of God so that you may increase your wisdom in the ways of God. Let God speak to you through your Pastor, devotions, Bible reading, and other True Believers. Don't be a fool! Listen and Learn.

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DAY 13

Prov 10:19 says, "When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise."

Today, take every thought captive. Be sure to be wise in all you say. Don't let emotion take over your tongue. Let your words edify. Don't let sin reign in your words.

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DAY 14

1 Cor 10:13 says, "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is

faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.”

It is important to keep in perspective who we are in Christ. The devil cannot overtake us. If we stand firm in the Lord, study His Word every day, pray often, and think about our life in light of our salvation, we cannot be overcome. Today, don't allow temptation to become sin. Just say “NO!”

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DAY 15

Acts 1:8 says, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Today, take time to remember that you are a witness of the power of Jesus in your life. Share that experience of salvation with someone. Don't have fear as you have God's power flowing through you. Just relax in the fact that the Holy Spirit will direct you and help you share your love for God with others. You can do it!

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DAY 16

Phil 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

Really? Do you believe that statement? I do! I know that I will not fail in whatever I do because I am determined to be in the center of God's will for my life. You too, need to make the adjustments to do what God is asking you to do! No fear! Just step out in faith. God will do the rest. You can do it! Really!

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DAY 17

Rom 6:1-2 says, "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

Don't put Jesus back up on that cross! Remember that you are a new creation in Him. Put your sin to death and don't look back in that direction. Today, stay far away from the sin that once

tried to take you to hell. Look directly into the eyes of Jesus and remember the pain and suffering He did on your behalf. Let His grace be efficient for you!

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DAY 18

Mt 6:33 says, “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Too often we spend all our time self-seeking. We think we need all the things the world has to offer. Today, I want you to simplify your life. Just go after God. Put everything else behind your relationship with Jesus. Maybe it’s time to get rid of all the distractions and start focusing on Jesus. God will make sure you have all you need to do His will for your life! Give it a try!

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DAY 19

Jn 3:16-17 says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

The first part of this verse is very well known, but verse 17 is often overlooked. Remember today that you represent Jesus. Don’t go out into your world condemning it! We all know it is bad. Instead, breathe life into the people you interact with by showing them that there is hope in Jesus. The devil is the accuser. You be the one who points people in the right direction in a loving way that best represents who you represent—Jesus the Christ!

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DAY 20

Prov 16:16 says, “How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver.”

Where is your focus at these days? As a True Warrior for Jesus we need to seek after what He wants for us. The world says that is all the material goods we can get, but God wants us to seek wisdom and insight from Him. Today, reconsider what you are doing and why you are doing it.

Go after what God has for you instead of what the world is offering you! Go for what matters most--God's will!

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DAY 21

Jer 29:11 says, "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."

Aren't you glad that God is in control? Remember today that God's plans are so much better than your own. He wants you to be prosperous. He wants you to know that you do have a hope and future. Not prosperous in the ways of the world. Not a hope and future in stuff. Rather, prosperous in His Kingdom. A hope and future in Jesus! As you do battle in the name of the Lord, remember that your rewards are being stored in Heaven. Plus, God will take care of your every need here on earth too! Just relax and trust in Him!

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DAY 22

Rom 3:22-24 says, “This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

As you go about your day today, don't forget that we are all in the same boat. We have all sinned and fallen short of what God has for us. None of us are innocent. It is only by Grace that we are saved. Let the Grace that God has given to you be evident in your life today. Be a true Warrior for Jesus today. Live in the light of Jesus, not forgetting that you are not perfect and were once just as lost as the others out there who you meet. Be a light that directs their path to Jesus as well!

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DAY 23

Rom 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Today, it is important to remember what we were earning from our sin and what the free gift God gave to us. Don't go on earning complete separation from God (death). Live in light of

God's mercy and grace. Live with the excitement that a child has when they get a gift. His presence in your life should change all that you are and do. Do the next right thing! Live for Jesus today! Do something that reflects who you are in Jesus!

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DAY 24

Rom 10:9-10, says, "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

You may have noticed that the past few days have been all about living in the Light of our Lord and realizing that you are saved! Today continues on that path. Today, try to memorize these verses and use them to tell someone about your relationship with Jesus. As a warrior, it is your duty to share your salvation experience with others. You hold the key to their salvation in your hands. Please share it! You can do it. No Fear!

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DAY 25

1 Pet 3:15-16 says, “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.”

Are you ready to give the reason for the hope that you have? You should be. Just use the scripture that I have given you over the past few days. Tell your story of salvation. You are just a witness to what Jesus has done in your life. Be willing to share the great Good News. Pray right now for courage, willingness and opportunity. It will come. Be ready!

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DAY 26

Eph 6:10 says, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.”

Today, I want you to remember that you are a true Warrior in Jesus. I want you to stand strong for all that is right. You represent the greatest King to ever live. You have the Holy Spirit in you to guide you, direct you and make you strong. You are a mighty Warrior doing battle for Jesus! Be accounted for today. Make a difference in your world. Stand strong for Jesus!

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DAY 27

2 Tim 1:7 says, “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

Are you still shying away from what God has for you to do? Are you afraid? Well, don't be! You are a Warrior. You do not know timidity. You are bold and powerful. The Holy Spirit resides in you. You are self-disciplined. You need to put the old, fearful, ways behind you so you can fully realize the blessings God has for you today! Be tough. You can do this!

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DAY 28

Eph 2:10 says, “For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Just think about that verse! God hand crafted you in Jesus to do something great with your life.

To be used by Him to further His Kingdom. He has had plans for you since your creation. It is time for you to say, “Yes Lord!” Today is the day you step up to the next level and serve Him like never before. Get out there and make a difference. Get involved on a deeper level. You can do it!

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DAY 29

Rom 8:28 says, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

Okay! So are you getting it? God wants us to do great things for Him. He wants what He sees as good for us. It is just our job to get out there and do the things He is laying on our hearts to do. Today, you need to stop waffling and start living in the Light of the Lord. You cannot make it work your way. Just press in and press on in the name of the Lord. Let Him do good things with your life today. You just be ready to serve!

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DAY 30

Rom 12:2 says, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Have you let God renew your mind? It is important to let God transform you by renewing your mind. If you hang on to anything from your past, you must let it go now! Otherwise, it will destroy you. God needs all 100% of your life. Pray to God that He reveals to you what you are holding back and then let it go. Let God transform you. Let Him clean and renew your mind. You will be amazed at the clarity you get from him!

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DAY 31

Phil 4:6-7 says, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Life can be fast and furious at times. But just know that God has got your back. He loves you. He is here for you. He listens to you. He wants you to have peace. So, go to the one who

created you to find that peace that transcends all understanding. In the midst of all the stress, let God work in your life. Take a deep breath, pray to him with your need, be thankful and watch as He removes the stress! Receive His peace today.

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DAY 32

Mt 28:18-20 says, "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Our Commission remains the same! Jesus did not "suggest" to us that we need to go and make disciples. He commanded us to do so with all the authority that he has been given. This means that today and every day we are to be sharing Jesus with others, as well as, disciple them in the ways of our Lord. Are you doing those things? If not, today is the day to get started. You have to stand up and be strong in the Lord! Be a true warrior and do the right thing!

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DAY 33

Eph 2:8-9 says, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.”

GRACE stands for God’s Redemption At Christ’s Expense. FAITH is an acronym for Fantastic Adventures In Trusting Him. Your salvation saves you from your sin, but cannot be earned. There is nothing you can do to deserve it or earn it. Today, you need to give thanks to God for all that He did for you through Jesus! His pain is your gain. Each and every day should be started with the reminder of what Jesus has done on your behalf. Are you truly thankful? Tell Him!

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DAY 34

Gal 5:22-23 says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

A person should be judged by their fruit. It is one thing to say you believe in Jesus. It is entirely

another to live it out. When you look at your life, do you see the fruits of the Spirit? Does God have full control over you? If you want to be a true Warrior for Jesus, you need to exemplify the fruits of the Spirit. They have been given to you. Now you just need to let them become who you are in Light of your life in Jesus!

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DAY 35

Rom 12:1 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship."

Are you a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to the Lord? Is your relationship with Jesus the number one priority on your list? As a Warrior you need to be in a constant act of Spiritual Worship. This means that you are to lay down everything else in order to serve God. God doesn't just want your songs, or money, or time. He wants YOU! Be holy and pleasing to the Lord. Put Him first today and every day. Start by reading His Word and spending time talking with Him. He will direct you from there.

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DAY 36

Jn 10:10 says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

How do you live your life? Are you living it in the Light of our Lord, Jesus? Are you experiencing the freedom to have no fear and a full life in Him who created you and saved you from your sins? Or are you still letting the devil have rule over your life? Do you live in fear of sudden destruction or loss? A Warrior for Jesus will understand that today and everyday you must live in the fullness of Jesus. Go and do that very thing today!

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DAY 37

Gal 2:20 says, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

I hope that this is your mantra. I hope that you understand the great lengths that God has gone for you in order to save you from your sin. Since Jesus died for you, the very least you can do is

live for Him. Do that this day by submitting yourself completely to God. You can make this day a great one if you will only stand firm in Him! You can do it!

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DAY 38

1 Jn 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

It is important to confess your sins out loud to God. Don't just assume forgiveness. Be contrite in your heart and truly sorrowful for your shortcomings. Take time right now to go over the past 24 hours in order to let the Holy Spirit's conviction work in your life. By confessing your sins, you are taking them out of the dark and exposing them to the Light. In the Light they die. In the dark they thrive. Live in the Light!

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DAY 39

Jn 14:6 says, “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Today, it is important to make sure of your salvation. Have you truly called upon the name of Jesus for forgiveness? There is no other way. He paid the ultimate price for our sins. Be sure that you are accepting of what He has done for you. Nothing else will work. All falls short. Only that true relationship with Jesus. So, take time to be aligned with the True Savior, Jesus!

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DAY 40

Rom 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

As you deal with non-believers today and those who call themselves “believers” but are not. Remember that our love has to shine through. Jesus did not condemn you. He just loved you so much that He died for your sins. Since this is the case. We should be patient and loving to all those who have not found salvation in Him yet. Let your love show today as you deal with people. Remember that God loves them too and wants them to be saved from their sins!

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DAY 41

Phil 4:8 says, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things.”

Where are your thoughts today? How about yesterday? How do you look at the opposite sex? What do you think about the things going on around you? It is time to let God transform your mind. A true believer is going to focus on the truth. You need to memorize this verse so you can have a template to put your daily thoughts through. If they don't fit into the categories listed, then dispose of them immediately. Just do the next right thing!

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DAY 42

Isa 40:30-31 says, “Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but

those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

I can remember many times when I was totally exhausted from doing ministry all day long for several weeks. I can remember feeling the strain of my body as it was weary. But I also remember the renewing of my strength as I stepped out on stage to break things and talk about God’s power over sin. I remember the rush of the Holy Spirit going through my body as I led a Bible Study or preached in a church. God sustains those who serve Him. He gives us strength and empowers us to do what He has called us to do. If you are serving Him, you will never run out of energy to do what He is calling you to do. Soar like an eagle for Jesus today! Let the Holy Spirit stir in you and put you on the next level. It is awesome!

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DAY 43

Isa 53:4-5 says, “Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Most Westerners I meet do not really believe in the Power of God to heal us from what ails us. I have personally seen many, many miracles happen. A lame woman walk, a demon possessed man set free, a huge tumor disappear from a young man's head, a broken arm healed. I know the power of God. But I also know we have to take authority and believe. The mamby-pamby way of asking will not work. Be strong this day. If you pray for healing, then expect it to happen. It will. Even a headache is taken away just by commanding it in the name of Jesus! Have great faith today. Believe what God's Word says about healing!

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DAY 44

2 Tim 3:16 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Today's verse fits right into yesterday's verse and is really the basis for this whole book of devotions. Do you truly believe in God and His Word? If so, then let the Word of God transform you as you read it daily. Pray that God's Holy Spirit reveals much to you as you read His Word! Be a true man of God by studying your Bible! Keep going after the things God has for you. Be well equipped to do great things for Jesus! Read the Word!

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DAY 45

Heb 12:2 says, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

When you consider the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us, it is a bit overwhelming. How can we do any less than fixing our eyes upon Jesus! What you do today and everyday really matters. What is your motivation? Anything less than being in God’s will for your life is a huge waste of time. Fix your eyes on Jesus. Follow Him today in all you do. Every word, every action, everything about you should reflect Jesus. You can do it. Just focus, my friend, on Jesus!

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DAY 46

1 Pet 5:7 says, “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

This should be another “Aha” moment in your life. Quit letting this world overwhelm you. You are a child of God. Cast all your cares upon Jesus. He will take care of them for you; your job, your relationships, your bills, your kids, your friends. All of it needs to be given over to Jesus. Just do the next right thing by following Him. He will take care of everything else. Give it a try. He really does care about all of you!

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DAY 47

Mt 11:28-30 says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Today is an amazing day. In all your plans or lack of planning, you need to know that God loves you more than you could ever love someone. He is always thinking about you and always wanting to spend time with you. He wants you to be healthy, well rested and filled with joy. We burden ourselves with so much. God wants to take that yoke off of you and put His on you. In other words, he wants to make your life better by taking the bigger problems on for you. Today, will you relinquish your yoke of strife to Him who loves you so much? Find rest in the Lord. He loves you that much!

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DAY 48

Heb 11:1 says, “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”

As a blind person, I really have to have faith in things and people around me. I put my faith in some and they fail me. I put it in others, like my wife, and they rarely fail me. But, in Jesus, I know that all is perfect. Therefore, I know I can trust him to lead me the right way every time. Today, you need to let go and let God. Your abilities pale in comparison to His. He will always be there for you and guide you in the right direction. Unseen—Yes, but not unheard. You just need to put your complete faith in Him!

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DAY 49

Isa 41:10 says, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Isn't it good to know that God has got your back? Today, as you face the things of life, keep in mind that God is there with you. He goes before you, comes alongside you and has your back. Don't fear anyone or anything. Just continue to live in the Light of the Lord knowing that He has your best interests in mind. Whatever you may face, God has His hand on you! Stand firm and be tough!

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DAY 50

Gen 1:26-27 says, "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

WOW! Do you live a life that reflects who you are in Jesus? I mean, think about it! God created you in His image! He gave you full dominion over the creatures of this world. He made you His top priority. I think we can handle life today! I think that God is there for us. I think that God created us with destiny and purpose. Therefore, do something great for God today! Make a difference. Share your faith! You are a direct reflection of God. Live like it!

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DAY 51

2 Cor 5:21 says, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

Today, take time to remember what Jesus did for each of us. He did not have to take on the sin of the world. He chose to in order to save us from complete separation from God. He was so unselfish. The least we can do today is live like He lives by not being self-seeking today. Show others the love of God by being a great representation of Jesus. He did the work. All you have to do is share the message—The Gospel Message. It lives in your life. Share it with someone today!

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DAY 52

Rom 15:13 says, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Where do you place your hope today? Is it in your ability to make money? Your car? Your home? Your strength? Your popularity? Your talents? It is time to place your hope in God and God alone! Everything else will fail you, but God will never leave you or forsake you. He wants to fill you with joy and peace. In order for Him to do that you need to draw near to Him. Check your focus today. Where are your eyes fixed? Put your hope in Jesus!

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DAY 53

Jn 11:25-26 says, "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

How are you living your life these days? Do you live as someone trying to survive day to day? Or do you live with the realization that you have eternal life and this is just the stepping stone to forever with God? You need to remember that you will live forever. You need to believe with all your heart. The right perspective on life makes all the difference in how you live it. Live with an eternal perspective!

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DAY 54

Heb 11:6 says, “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

I believe that God is looking for a few good men, men who will earnestly seek after Him. Men who will truly believe in Him. Just think of all God can do through someone who puts 100% of their faith in Him. D.L. Moody once said, “We are yet to see what a man sold out 100% to God can do. I want to be that man!” Today, be that man! Earnestly seek after God. Put Him first!

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DAY 55

Jn 5:24 says, “I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.”

Once again we are talking about true faith or belief in God. Jesus wants us to not only hear, but believe. Believing in Jesus in such a way that we put our full trust and faith in Him and show

this through complete obedience in His will for our lives. The way we experience God is by complete obedience to His Word. Today, put shoes on your faith and begin to walk it out!

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DAY 56

Isa 53:6 says, “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Today is the day to put your life in perspective. What direction have you veered off into that is not where God wants you to be? Is it in an attitude? Relationship? Are you looking at things you should not be looking at? Do you harbor bad feelings or hold a grudge? It is time to step putting Jesus back up on that cross to cover your selfishness. It is time to fully accept all that he has done for you. Get back on the path set before you by God through your relationship with Jesus and directed by the Holy Spirit. Be focused. Do the next right thing!

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DAY 57

Acts 2:38 says, “Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

This is the message that God has sent us out to tell all who will listen. It is simple and direct. We must be a good witness for all to see what God can do in a life once bound to sin. Share with others today the simplicity of the Gospel. Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sin and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This is so simple. Now just share it with others. Tell one person your testimony today. Be willing to share the love of God with them through a relationship with Jesus! You can do it!

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DAY 58

Col 3:12-14 says, “Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

This really speaks for itself. Be nice to people today. It is really that simple. Show that God is

in control of your life by being nice to people. It all starts with a smile. Give it a try. It really doesn't hurt and people will either smile back or wonder what you are up to. Either way, it is a fun way to live life!

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DAY 59

Heb 12:1 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

Would you live your life differently if you knew that there were hundreds of people watching your every move? You know, that whole "Reality Show" thing. Well, there are a bunch of witnesses seeing your every move. It is time to live a full life in Jesus and not just when you think someone is watching. Don't let sin hinder your walk with God as He sees all that you do and knows all that you think. Today, work on being righteous in all ways. Be a thinker not just reacting to life as it hits you. Decide right now to be righteous in all you do and think today!

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DAY 60

James 5:16 says, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Do you have good accountability? Do you have a person that you can be totally honest with knowing that they will not condemn you but will lift you up in prayer? You need that kind of friendship. It is important to keep our sin in perspective. Sin hidden in the dark will thrive. Sin exposed to the Light through confession will die. We are not perfect, but we need to strive for perfection. In order to overcome, we must surround ourselves with other trusted believers. Seek out a friend that will stand by you today and everyday!

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DAY 61

Jn 1:1 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

The Word is Jesus the Christ! He was and is and is to come. He created all things. He made full

payment for our sins. He is the way, the truth and the light. No one comes to the Father except through the son. Make this declaration in your life. If you are going to be a true warrior for Jesus you must fully believe in Him. He is God! Serve Him with the full respect and honor He deserves!

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DAY 62

1 Cor 6:19-20 says, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”

This is so huge! Do you take great care of your temple? Do you feed it well? Do you keep it in good shape through proper diet and exercise? Do you make sure that nothing impure gets inside of it? Are you sexually pure? Do you keep cursing, harsh joking and filthy language far from it? Today you need to remember that you are the home of the Holy Spirit. You were bought at a great price (the death of Jesus). You entered into an eternal contract with God. He is keeping up His end of the deal. Are you? Start today.

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DAY 63

Jn 14:27 says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

It is very comforting to know that I have the peace that passes all understanding given to me. No matter how bad things seem to get out there in the world, I serve a great and mighty God who gives me an inner peace that no one can take away. This peace does not come from the things that are going on around me. It comes from the one who lives in me and is in full control of my life. It is a Warrior’s Peace. It is yours as well. Just accept it so you can live in it!

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DAY 64

Heb 4:12 says, “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

What a great template to put all your life through. The Word of God is a guide for our lives. Read it, study it, devour it. The Bible is what gives us direction as a true believer in Jesus. It is the plan of action for our lives. If you have a poor attitude or feel like God is far from you, it is because you are not deep in His Word! Try opening up that book and reading it. Press your every action through God's Word. You will be amazed at the change in your life!

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DAY 65

Jn 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

A person who lays down his life for another is called a "Hero." Jesus is the greatest hero of all times. He laid his life down for all of humanity. There is no greater love than that kind of action. We need to live in the light of what Jesus has done for us. As a warrior, you need to remember the cause you are fighting for. The devil has come to trick us, attack us without provocation, and destroy us. He is a terrorist. Jesus came to save us from our sin by laying His life down for us. I serve Jesus. You need to be a great warrior today and do the same. Be strong in the Lord and tell others of His great sacrifice made for them! What a great friend we have in Jesus!

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DAY 66

Micah 6:8 says, “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Justice and mercy are easy to give, but to be humble can be very tough. As a warrior for Jesus you have to be fully humble. You have to remember that it is not you, but rather, Jesus who is working through you. Never take credit for the things that God is doing through you. Just be an empty vessel that can be used to further God’s Kingdom. Give all the glory to God. Be on the side of justice showing great mercy! But most of all walk in humility today with God!

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DAY 67

Jn 1:12 says, “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

I have met so many people who want a title. They want to be called Reverend, or Bishop, President, CEO or CFO. There are those who want to be King or Queen. They desire titles to show others that they really matter. However, in God's Kingdom we do not need a title. A title like those above are belittling compared to who we are in Jesus. In God's realm of things we are sons and daughters. There is no higher title given to man than that of a son or daughter. We need to remember that God loves us so much that He has adopted us into His own family. That is huge. Live as a child of God instead of an employee!

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DAY 68

Rom 8:37-39 says, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

As a warrior, you have got to know this scripture well. I cannot stand in the name of Jesus without the assurance that I am a permanent part of His Team. I know that nothing can separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! I am a power to reckon with because I am a part of the greatest Team to ever exist—The Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Today, you need to

have a confidence in the Lord that will drive you to be all that He wants you to be for Him. Embrace the righteousness that God has given you through Jesus! You are a warrior for Jesus—not a wimp!

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DAY 69

Heb 10:25 says, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Are you going to church? Are you part of a Bible Study? Do you participate in a small group? It is so important to not give up on church. I know it is full of crazy people sometimes, but remember that they put up with you too! We need to come together if we are going to be effective for Jesus. We need each other. We need to rely on each other. That corporate worship is part of what God designed for us. You cannot be the lone ranger. You need backup. A great warrior is surrounded by other warriors. Get involved. Get over yourself. Get involved!

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DAY 70

2 Pet 1:4 says, “Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

Are you ready for today? Are you focused on God? Are you letting God fulfill His promises to you as you walk out your life before Him? My friend, God has so much for you if you will just draw near to Him. Don't keep trying to figure it all out on your own. Let Him be in control. So much less stress that way. If you try to do it all on your own, you are denying the power of God and you will be overcome by the corruption of this world that is caused by evil desires. Don't try to be God. Just let God work through you. Let go and let GOD!

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DAY 71

Heb 4:16 says, “Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

This is so great! We need to remember that we can approach God with complete confidence in Jesus. He wants us to come to Him with all our needs and desires. He wants to take care of us.

He can see that our life is lining up with His will for it so He is confident that our desires line up with His desires for our life. God is there for us. Today, take your needs to Him. Don't be double-minded thinking that He will not take care of you. He loves you. Let Him care for all your needs! A warrior is supplied by his king. Our King is the Great and Mighty God of all things seen and not seen!

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DAY 72

Ps 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Today is the day to really enjoy all that the Lord has done for you. Take a day to fully worship Him. Count your blessings. All day long, just thank God for all He has done for you. As a warrior you need to delight in your maker, supplier, guide, savior, comforter, and friend. Take time to thank God for all He is to you and has done for you. Bless Him with a grateful attitude and He will bless you!

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DAY 73

Acts 4:12 says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

There is power in the name of Jesus! No one has ever smashed their finger with a hammer and yelled, "Buddha!" or "Rick!" Today, be careful to remember that the power is in the name of Jesus! It is the only name we can call on to be saved! Share Jesus in the Light he belongs in today!

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DAY 74

1 Pet 2:24 says, "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed."

Have you ever noticed that there is always forgiveness of sin where there is healing? Jesus did a great miracle for us by dying for our sins and being raised from the dead so we could find freedom from sin. In doing that, He also made way for our body, mind, and emotions to find healing. But it all starts with accepting the penalty He paid for us on the cross. Instead of praying for healing in someone's life, maybe we should be praying for their salvation. If one is

saved then they will trust in the Lord and not fear sickness or death. It is more important to be saved then healed. So let your salvation bring healing to your life!

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DAY 75

Josh 1:8 says, “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

It is so important to actually read and study your Bible. You need to share it with your loved ones, your friends, your neighbors. Let it be the main topic of conversation with your children and spouse. If you would just take the time to read the Bible like you do things on the Internet, in the newspaper, or listen to on TV, you would find that your life makes more sense. The big problems will become very small. The worries will find great peace. The anxiety will be a place of laughter. Let God’s Word ooze out of your pores! Meditate on it day and night! Really! Read your Bible today!

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DAY 76

Col 3:23-24 says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Again, it is all about perspective! If you don't like your job or your life, it is because your focus is on yourself. You need to realize that God has strategically placed you where you are in order to reach the people around you for Jesus! You don't work for a man. You are serving the great and mighty God - the one true God. Change your perspective so you can serve Jesus with all your heart. The reward is well worth the effort!

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DAY 77

Mt 22:37 says, “Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

If you had a hard time focusing in on yesterday's devotion, then you need to continue to work on

your perspective. Jesus laid out the foundation of all we do in the verse above. We are to love God with all we are! It is the starting point of wisdom and understanding. In order to have the right focus, we must have the right focus! Today, put your eyes directly on Jesus! No selfishness!

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DAY 78

Mt 5:16 says, “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Let all that you do today be done for Jesus! Take time to make a difference in someone else’s life. If all you do is bless someone with a coffee or pay for their lunch, do so in the name of Jesus. Let them know that you are a true believer by doing what God asks you to do in order to show them the love of Jesus. Today be a human “doing” not just a human “being.”

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DAY 79

Isa 55:8 says, ““For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.”

It is important that you don't put God in a box today. A true warrior for Jesus will follow God, not try to do what he wants and get God involved somewhere in it. We need to focus on what God is doing so we can get involved with Him. Let His thoughts and ways permeate our thoughts and ways. Do you see what God is doing around you? Get involved!

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DAY 80

Heb 4:15 says, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-- yet was without sin.”

Cling to Jesus! Realize that you serve a great and mighty God. He understands what you are going through and is here to help you make it through and trial or testing. Cling to Jesus! Pray to the one who never sinned. He will lift you up. He will set you free. Cling to Jesus today in all you do!

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DAY 81

Jn 13:35 says, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

There are many days where we have to deal with other people. Sometimes the hardest to deal with are the ones who claim to be Christians. But even if they are not, it is important to remember that your life in Jesus is being watched by others who may not believe yet. It is important that in all things we show love to one another. Keep our voices tempered and our temper in check. Do not let a single word escape your mouth that will not glorify God. Let love be the rule today—not the exception!

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DAY 82

Josh 24:15 says, “But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the

gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

You do realize that you do not have to serve the LORD! You can do anything you desire. You can be all about self and lead your friends and family to hell. You can go in any direction you choose. Yes, you can be a fool. But choose this day who you will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD! This is the bold declaration you must make. Don't play with the false gods of this world. Stand up, stand firm and stand for Jesus! Be a true warrior for the one and only God! Live lie you belong to Him who created you!

Notes: _____

DAY 83

Phil 1:21 says, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

If you have chosen to live for Christ and Christ alone, then your life should reflect it in all you do. Do you believe what Paul wrote in the verse above for your own life? Do you live for Christ with the knowledge that it is all or nothing? Do you truly believe that to die would be a benefit in your life? It is all or nothing with God. Jesus didn't just “kinda” die for your sins. He went

all the way so you could live to the full. Today, make it your mantra. Say it out loud! “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.” Now live for Christ!

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DAY 84

1 Cor 2:4-5 says, “My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.”

This is my calling in life! I created the X-Treme Team to show people God’s Power! My words mean so little compared to the actions I take in order to show people God’s power over sin. Today, in your life, let your message be one of God’s Power. Let people see how God does amazing things in and through those who call upon Jesus for salvation. Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power! Go to www.tjmi.net to see more of God’s Power at work!

Notes: _____

DAY 85

Titus 2:1 says, “You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.”

As you share with others what you believe. Be sure to know what you believe comes from the Word of God. Your Bible is all you need to get a firm understanding of what you should believe. Don't just throw things out there you have heard. Check it against what the Bible says so that you can be confident in what you teach. If the Bible is silent on it, then you be silent as well. But more than anything, be a person who studies their Word so you do not lead people astray with non-Biblical thoughts.

Notes: _____

DAY 86

Eph 6:11-12 says, “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

A warrior for Jesus knows that the only way to overcome the enemy is on your knees. It all starts with prayer. Next we must fasten the full armor of God to our body so we are not overcome by the enemy. God, and God alone, will protect us from the enemy. The enemy is of

spiritual nature. We do not stand a chance against him without God. So, keep your perspective correct. Don't go to battle alone. Let Jesus do our battle for us. We just need to pray and obey!

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DAY 87

1 Cor 9:24-27 says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize."

It is so important that you take time today to train for this race you are running. You must take control over your body. Don't let it overeat. Don't let it see things it should not. Don't let it go without nourishment, rest, and exercise. Be sure to train hard. Realize that you are not in a sprint. Following Jesus is a life-time race. Take captive every thought, emotion, and action. Don't get disqualified because you lack perseverance. Don't take shortcuts. Each day, pray, read your Bible, share your faith and live for Jesus. You can do it!

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DAY 88

Acts 20:24 says, “However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.”

Once again, I am going to bring up perspective. I think that our perspective gets off as we travel through life. Circumstances can take our focus away from the true reason we exist. We are here on this planet at this time to be witnesses for Jesus. When it is all said and done and we stand before God. All that is going to count is what we did for Him who created us. Nothing else will matter. It will be the chaff that burns away. Today, be sure to be a good witness who testifies to the Good News of the Gospel message. Don't get caught up in the things that don't matter.

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DAY 89

1 Thes 5:16-18 says, “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for

this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

That’s right! You were created to give thanks and be joyful in all circumstances. Today, try to realize that it is not all about you. It is all about God! Live a life of great joy as you wrap your mind around all that God has done for you. You are a wonderful creation that God cherishes. Live with great joy. Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative and don’t mess around with Mr. In Between!

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DAY 90

2 Tim 4:7-8 says, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

See! There is a great reason to run a good race. This life we live now is just the preparation for eternity. That Eternity can be amazing with Jesus! Or it can be horrible, with the devil. Run this race that God has put before you in a way that will let you say the words that Paul said above toward the end of his life. Give your all in all you give for Jesus. Don’t slack off even for a

minute. A true warrior will never give up—never surrender to the enemy! Run today's leg of the race with all your might!

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DAY 91

Acts 20:20 says, “You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”

A true warrior for Jesus is going to do all it takes to please his commander. He is going to go everywhere and anywhere to proclaim the message that will overcome the enemy. In the same way, you must be willing to help those God places in front of you in the way He is showing you. You must go door to door, desk to desk, site to site, country to country, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. Let your life be your best example of the Gospel Message at work. Do what God is asking you to do—Today!

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DAY 92

Rom 1:16 says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile."

Please live your life today as one who is not ashamed of the Gospel. There are so many people out there who call themselves a Christian, but are not a True Believer in Jesus! If you are truly saved you will be compelled to tell others about Jesus because of what He has done in your life. If He has truly saved you from your sin and from an eternity in Hell, then you will not be able to stop yourself from sharing that life-changing, life-giving news with others. If you are faking it, then you will be able to keep your mouth shut because you haven't really been saved from sin and Hell. Where are you at today? Make sure you are right with Jesus. Then go and share! There is no shame in what Jesus has done for you!

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DAY 93

1Tim 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Today's devotion chimes in with yesterdays. You must not let anyone look down upon you.

You must be a great example for all in the way you speak, the way you love, in your life, in your purity and in your faith. You have to live as the new creation you are in Jesus. Be an example of what God can do in one person. Stand up and stand strong!

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DAY 94

Luke 9:23 says, “Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

What stands out most in this verse is the “deny self” part of it. As a man of God if I am going to be a great warrior for Jesus, then I am going to have to deny my selfish ways. It is not all about me. I have to put God first, others next and then me. I want you to do the same today. Don’t get caught up in your selfish ways today. Be a true warrior. Serve God by serving others. Show your intense love for God by denying yourself. You will survive and you will be blessed! Believe it or not—it ain’t all about you!

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DAY 95

Prov 13:13 says, “He who scorns instruction will pay for it, but he who respects a command is rewarded.”

Today, be sure to pay close attention to what God is speaking to you through His Word, other believers, devotions, and sermons! Be wise by following the directions of the righteous! Even more importantly, be righteous in the direction you give. Show wisdom in the way you direct others. Use the Bible as your guide!

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DAY 96

Prov 14:34 says, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.”

What are you doing to contribute to our nation being Righteous? There is enough sin out there! Be an agent of good today. Let your righteousness in Jesus reflect your life in this world! Be careful what you say and do! Remember who you are in the Lord! Do the next right thing!

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DAY 97

Prov 15:20 says, “A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish man despises his mother.”

How can you be a blessing to your mother and father today? Are you wise in the ways of the Lord or a fool in the ways of the world? Often times we get so caught up in our selfish ways that we forget that God commands us to ‘Honor’ our parents. Even if they treated you bad or you are in conflict with them now. It is better to honor them then to lower yourself to their same level and be in sin. Be the one who stops the conflict. Show your parents God’s love for them as you love them. Do something kind to bless your parents today!

Notes: _____

DAY 98

Prov 17:17 says, “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

Are you truly a friend to those you call friends? No matter how tough it gets or what a person is going through, if they are truly your friend then you will stick by their side. No matter what! Now take this to the next level. Your spouse is supposed to be your best friend! Are you living

this out with them? Today is the day you need to start! Jesus considers you His best friend and look at all He has done for you and been through with you! Take time to be a friend today!

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DAY 99

Prov 18:19 says, “An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.”

Is there someone you have offended? Or someone who has offended you? Today, go and make amends with them. It is better to live in peace than in strife. Be the one who brings peace by doing the right thing! It’s okay to set things right!

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DAY 100

Gal 6:9-10 says, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,

especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Don't forget to be generous today! Show people that they matter to God. Invest your time, resources and energy into God's Kingdom today. Pay for the order behind you at the drive thru. Take care of the lunch of that older couple near you in the restaurant. Help your neighbor in their yard. Sit with your kids as they do homework. Do something for the Lord today!

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DAY 101

Josh 1:9 says, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

As you head into this day, I want you to remember who has got your back! Do not be afraid to go and do the things God wants you to do today. Step out into faith so that God can do amazing things through you. The only thing that can stop you from be a Warrior for Jesus is YOU! Have courage. Be willing to share your faith. Go and do exactly what God is asking you to go and do!

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DAY 102

Prov 20:22 says, “Do not say, "I'll pay you back for this wrong!" Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.”

How many times do we get offended and take things into our own hands, even driving down the road? Do you get angry when someone cuts you off or races around you? Do you flip them off or say something bad? Well, you shouldn't. No matter what happens in life, remember that God will take care of injustice. You just need to relax as you keep your perspective. It is not your place to get vengeance. You are to bless others. Don't let others control your life. Let God be in control of all you do!

Notes: _____

DAY 103

Prov 21:21 says, “He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.”

It's all about your focus. If your focus is on you then you are being unrighteous and selfish. If

you focus on God and others, then you are on the right track. Be a person of honor today. Seek Righteousness and life!

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DAY 104

Prov 22:26 says, “Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts.”

It is so important to be debt free. The only debt that God wants us to have is that of Love! In our hurry up and have everything world, we constantly put ourselves into the bondage of debt. This causes us to have to work more hours to pay for things that we barely get time to enjoy. Things of the world are temporal. It is not bad to have stuff. It is bad to go into any kind of debt to get them. Work on getting debt free today!

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DAY 105

Prov 23:13-14 says, “Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he

will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death.”

In today’s world, parents are really messing up their kids by trying to be their best friend. God did not give you children so you could be popular. He gave them to you so you could raise them up in a way that glorifies Him. Don't try to be your kid's friend. Instead, be the one who trains them up in the ways of the Lord. Be the one who loves them by keeping them on track. They don't need you to be their best friend--they need you to guide them! Be strong, don't cower and be willing to apply the board of education to the seat of knowledge!

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DAY 106

Prov 24:10 says, “If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength!”

A measuring stick for your walk with Jesus will always come in times of trouble. Trouble will come. That is a guarantee of life. Heartache, death, loss, disappointment, failure and destruction are all on the horizon. It is how we act out in accordance with our faith that will measure our faith in Jesus. Those who are strong in the Lord will simply say, “The Lord gives and the Lord takes it away” “Blessed be the name of the Lord!” The weak will blame, curse, get angry, and

turn from God. A Warrior is strong in the Lord! Be strong in the Lord no matter what happens in your life!

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DAY 107

Prov 25:25 says, "Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land."

Today and every day we need to pray for our men & women serving in the US military overseas.

Pray that their families never receive bad news about them. Instead, let them be refreshed with good news that their loved one is doing great, is healthy and coming home soon in one piece.

Pray for good news from that distant land. Pray for God to bring peace!

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DAY 108

Prov 26:11 says, "As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly."

This may sound gross, but being a fool is gross! Don't go back to the things that God has delivered you from today or any day. Envision your past, foolish ways as vomit. Stay clear of it. Seek the Lord today and His ways! You are a warrior in Jesus. Live like it!

Notes: _____

DAY 109

1 Cor 13:11 says, “When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; But when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

A warrior for Jesus must man up! In other words, it is fine to have a childlike faith, but not a childlike disposition. You must think with maturity, understand with maturity, and reason like a mature person. Don't be petty, or argumentative, or jealous, or selfish. Just be a man of God who is maturing in Christ so that you may be complete and lack nothing!

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DAY 110

John 8:32 says, "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Today as you go about your life, be sure to remember that we are to seek after the one true God - the only God. There is a lot of noise out there. There is a lot of false doctrine and false teachings about Jesus. Today, be sure to seek the truth. It is only the truth of Jesus that will set you free and keep you free. Make sure all you buy into is backed by the Bible. No weird stuff, no fantastic, unbelievable, strange thoughts. Just let the truth found in scripture set you free. Be a proven warrior today!

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DAY 111

Phil 4:12 says, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."

Do you find peace and contentment in any situation you may be in as any given time? Do you know the secret to being content in all situations? It is very easy. Put your hope in Jesus and Jesus alone. Joy comes from within, not from what is going on around you. Decide today to be

satisfied with who you are in Jesus and all that He has given you. Any more is a bonus. Any less is just unneeded stuff. Be a content person no matter what the circumstance you find yourself in today!

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DAY 112

John 11:35 says, “Jesus wept.”

When was the last time you let your emotions out in a healthy way? It is not a good idea to hold it all inside. You must release the hurt, disappointment, heartache, brokenness, and any other emotion that wells up within you. It is okay to hurt and release that pain. Just be sure to give it to God so that the Holy Spirit can comfort you as He guides you through those times of pain. Sometimes, we must just let go so we can let God be God in our lives. Take time to be healthy emotionally when you need to weep!

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DAY 113

John 8:36 says, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

So often we question whether or not we are truly free from sin in our lives. We wonder if that sin still has power over us. The problem is that we don't realize the power of God to set us free from our sin through what Jesus did for us on the cross! Jesus did not, and does not mess around. If you have called upon Jesus to set you free, then you are free indeed! Not just a little free, but FREE! Live in that freedom by staying far from your old sin. You can do it. Be strong!

Notes: _____

DAY 114

2 Pet 1:3 says, “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”

Do you live in the divine power of Jesus the Christ? Do you walk with the understanding that God has given you everything you need for life and godliness? Do you still act like a wimp who is not living the life God has called you to live through His own glory and goodness? Today,

start living in the light of the power of God. Realize that you will do great things since you are an heir to God's Kingdom. Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power!

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DAY 115

2 Chr 7:14 says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

If only our hearts would truly turn toward God and away from our evil ways. If only the people of this world who call themselves believers would quit playing in the world and all its sinful ways! Today, I choose to humble myself, admit my weakness as a man, pray, and turn away from my evil ways. Oh God please heal our land. Will you join me in this prayer? Or are you too stubborn and filled with pride? Forgive us O' Lord!

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DAY 116

Titus 3:1-2 says, “Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.”

Man is not perfect! However, God puts man in leadership over nations on purpose. It is not our job to be defiant. It is our job to do what is good. Don't slander a leader just because you don't like their position or disposition. Be peaceable toward them knowing that they are there because God intended them to be there in order to accomplish His will. Be ready to do what is good. Don't be one of those haters. That is not of God! Just pray for God's will and for us to be able to handle what is coming.

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DAY 117

Rev 3:21 says, “To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.”

As a True Warrior for Jesus this is what we strive for each and every day. We serve God, put up with tons of garbage, and refuse to quit because we know that our victory is in Jesus! We know

that what is to come is worth the battle! Today is the day to press on no matter how hard things seem to get. Let every challenge become an opportunity to be victorious for Jesus! He will help you overcome all obstacles. Pray hard, stay focused, be strong, stand firm and praise God at the end of each day! You can do it!

Notes: _____

DAY 118

Ps 51:10 says, “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Make this your prayer for the day! Just ask God to create a pure heart in you. Let Him make a steadfast spirit in you. God is all about making you into something amazing. You just need to submit all of you to Him. If you will humble yourself, then He will be able to do His work in you. It all starts with a pure heart. Focus on Jesus! Let Him cleanse you from impurity today!

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DAY 119

Ps 139:13 says, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.”

We serve an amazing God. He knows you better than you know yourself. He created you specifically to do His will for your life. He created you with a destiny and purpose. Therefore, do something great with your life as you serve Him!

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DAY 120

Acts 3:6 says, “Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’”

I say to you today, “Whatever ails you—be healed in the name of Jesus!” We beg for a lot of things, but what I want you to have is good health in Jesus so you can be more efficient in doing His will for your life. Stop being the beggar and begin to live the life of an heir! You are loved by the all powerful God of the universe. It’s not about money or things. It’s about Jesus! Let your mind and body be healed as you have received the fullness of forgiveness in Jesus! Walk out your faith now!

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DAY 121

James 3:5 says, “Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.”

The tongue is a powerful weapon. It is so important that we think twice before we speak once. We do not want to cause dissention or stir up strife if at all possible. No man can control his tongue. It must be given up to the Lord as a sacrifice. Let God be in control of all you say. Like my mom used to say, “If you can’t say something nice, then don’t say anything at all!” Great wisdom in her words. Today, give God control over your tongue. Relinquish all that comes from your mouth to Him. It may be a quiet day for you!

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DAY 122

James 1:5 says, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

This should be our daily prayer. All of us lack wisdom. But we don't have to stay in that place. God is generous to those who ask Him for wisdom. Today, ASK! Then open your Bible each day so you can read from Proverbs. Wisdom can be gained if we ask God to give it to us!

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DAY 123

2 Cor 9:7-8 says, "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Don't be a slacker in your giving. God has already put on your heart what He wants you to give. So give to your church, that Missionary, that Evangelist or whoever can stay strong and do ministry. Don't be lazy or greedy. Give with a cheerful heart knowing that you have been given so much. Be a Kingdom builder through your generous and sacrificial giving.

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DAY 124

Prov 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

It is so important to have accountability in your life. You need to have other men around you to help you stay on track. Don't even get one degree off track. If you don't have at least one accountability partner, get one today. Having someone to share your walk with Jesus with makes a huge difference in your life. A true warrior for Jesus has good accountability!

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DAY 125

Exod 20:3 says, "You shall have no other gods before me."

This is God's first commandment to us. He does not want us to serve any other god. We need to be focused on who God really is! He does not want us to be moved by everything that rises up. There is just one true God. He was and is and is to come. All the other religions out there are not correct. There is but one true God. The rest are creations of man. It is time to give glory, honor, loyalty and praise to the one true God! Make sure you are not serving other gods in any way!

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DAY 126

Exod 20:4 says, “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.”

This sounds old fashioned and dated until you really think about it. Do you put sport stars or teams, hobbies or activities, your spouse, home, or children above God? We have lots of idols in today’s world. In just sports alone there are thousands. God does not want us to worship them in any way. So, think about it. Do you spend more of your time, energy, money, and life with an idol? Or with God? Get your priorities in order. God first in all you are and have!

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DAY 127

Exod 20:7 says, “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”

As a believer I hear others use God’s name wrong. They hide it in what I call “Christian”

cussing. They will say geez, or gosh, or dang. Well Geez is the son of Gosh and if you don't believe in him for forgiveness of sin, you will go to heck where you will experience eternal dangnation! You get the idea. Clean up your mouth. Remember that God is great and mighty—not just a curse word!

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DAY 128

Exod 20:8 says, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

It is important that we take one day a week and set it aside to worship our God. Dedicate one day to resting in Him. Don't just work your life away and don't think that playing on that day is good too. Just remember all that God has done for you. Give Him one day a week to show Him that you love Him! Rest in the Lord!

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DAY 129

Exod 20:12 says, “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Today, you need to remember that God asks us to honor our parents. Even if they are bad parents they still deserve our honor. This is not about you. It is about obeying God. Show honor to your parents by calling them, writing them a letter, obeying their wishes, showing respect toward them, or anything that will bring them honor. You don't have to agree with them. You just need to respect God by honoring them. This will strengthen you and bring honor and respect to you from your kids!

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DAY 130

Exod 20:13 says, “You shall not murder.”

That sounds easy enough. But what about hating someone? Jesus said that if we hate someone it is the same as committing murder on them in your heart. Be careful to not let your emotions get the best of you. God judges your actions, but He also judges the heart. Keep your heart pure

before the Lord. Let God take care of the injustice in your life. Today, you must stand strong for the Lord. Guard your heart!

Notes: _____

DAY 131

Exod 20:14 says, “You shall not commit adultery.”

Again, this sounds easy. However, Jesus said that anyone who lusts after a woman has committed adultery with her in his heart. How many affairs have you had in your life? You must guard your heart and your eyes. Don’t look upon a woman with lust. Be sure to keep your mind in check at all times. Sin is lurking at your door. Don’t let it in for even a second! Stop lusting. Pray for control!

Notes: _____

DAY 132

Exod 20:15 says, “You shall not steal.”

We have a tendency to think things are ours that are not. Office supplies, tools found on the job or in the road, dropped items. What about the person who gives you too much change back or doesn't ring up an item? If you keep it, you are stealing. Whether big or small, significant or insignificant, do not steal! Don't let anything get between you and God today—or any day!

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DAY 133

Exod 20:16 says, “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

It is so easy to get caught up in lying, especially if it benefits you. But God does not want us to lie. It is so important to tell the truth at all times, even if you are having problems with someone and see a way to get even through a lie. Don't do it. God sees and hears you at all times. Be a man of integrity—don't lie! Think twice before you respond today. Stop the lies. Big or small, they are still lies.

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DAY 134

Exod 20:17 says, “You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

This is one of the hardest things we deal with as humans. We see cars, trucks, toys, houses, women, clothes, phones, and more that others have and we have got to have one just like it or better. This is coveting. Do not compare yourself or what you have with others. Realize that you have been given plenty. Be content with all that you have. Do not lust after what others have. Find contentment. That will glorify God. It will also bring you peace.

Notes: _____

DAY 135

1Thes 4:3-4 says, “It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable.”

Immorality permeates everything in our world. Billboards, magazine covers, advertising of all sorts, sports, TV shows, and the internet is full of it. Even the way most women dress. It is

difficult to keep pure thoughts. But you can do it. Today, remember what Jesus did for you on that cross. Be self-controlled. Be holy. Be living in the light of sanctification. Just don't participate in sexual immorality of any kind. Ask God to purify your mind! You can do it! Be strong in the Lord today!

Notes: _____

DAY 136

I Kings 4:30-31 says, "Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the men of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt. He was wiser than any other man, including Ethan the Ezrahite-- wiser than Heman, Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his fame spread to all the surrounding nations."

Start praying today for the wisdom of Solomon! Read your Bible every day. Get into the book of Proverbs so you can find wisdom. Ask God who is willing to overflow your cup with great wisdom. Wisdom is the foundation for a great man of God!

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DAY 137

Gen 39:2-4 says, “The LORD was with Joseph and he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. When his master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned.”

Add to your prayer for wisdom for the integrity of Joseph. No matter what happened to Joseph, he never let his integrity fail. He was always upright as he served God and man. It is important that you be a man of integrity. Pray for the wisdom of Solomon and the integrity of Joseph.

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DAY 138

2 Sam 7:1-3 says, “After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.”

David was always willing to do whatever God asked him to do. When he went into battle against Goliath, he did not hesitate. He ran to the battle line. God said that David had His heart.

This is what we need to be as well. I challenge you to be willing to do what God wants you to do, when, where and how He wants it done. Don't hesitate or make excuses. Just willingly follow Jesus! Step out in faith today.

Notes: _____

DAY 139

Heb 11:1-3 says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible."

Pray that God gives you the faith of Abraham today. Don't be focused on the physical as much as the spiritual. If God says it, then it is true and will happen. Have no fear as you faithfully serve God. FAITH is an acronym that stands for Fantastic Adventures In Trusting Him! Get on the adventure so you can serve Him in a big way the rest of your life! No Fear!

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DAY 140

Judges 15:14-15 says, “As he (Samson) approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the LORD came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands. Finding a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he grabbed it and struck down a thousand men.”

Have you exercised today? What are you planning on eating? Did you read your Bible? What habit do you need to kick to get your body healthier? You see, I want the strength of Samson. I want to be strong enough to overcome the enemy every time. I want to be able to do the ministry that God has called me to do. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. I need to feed it well, get good rest, exercise every day, keep away from alcohol, cigarettes, drugs, etc, and I need to fill it with the Word of God. Pray that God gives you the strength of Samson!

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DAY 141

2 Pet 3:9 says, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

Think about this verse the next time that God prompts you to share your faith or when you deal

with a non-believing friend, family member, son or daughter. God was patient with you and I. He is not giving up on those who are lost. He is just being a gentleman by not forcing Himself on them. They know the truth. It is our job to live the Gospel before them, pray that God does whatever He needs to reach them, and share with them when prompted by the Holy Spirit.

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DAY 142

2 Cor 11:25-27 says, “Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.”

The Apostle Paul endured much for his faith in Jesus. He learned firsthand what it means to persevere. I want to challenge you today to hang in there. Persevere like Paul did. The reward you will receive is well worth the hardships you may have to endure. Consider it great joy when you have to endure things in the name of the Lord! Persevere, hang tough and know that God is making you mature and complete so you will not lack anything!

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DAY 143

James 1:12 says, “Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”

Once again, it is all about perspective. If your eyes are on the things of this world and what is happening now (the temporal). Then you are going to fall down a lot, be disappointed, and miserable. But if your eyes are on the eternal things that God has for you. Then you will persevere so that you will receive that crown that Jesus has for us when we enter Heaven. Live for the Eternal. Keep your trials in perspective. Kick the temporal to the curb! Persevere!

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DAY 144

James 1:13-15 says, “When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil

desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

Don't be overrun by temptation today. The fact is that the closer you get to God, the more the devil will throw temptation at you. Don't let temptation turn into sin. Sin leads to death. Stop it all right when you feel the temptation. Turn to God, resist the devil and he has to flee from you. Keep saturating your mind with scripture so you are ready to deal with temptation in a Biblical way. You can do this. Just be smart about it. Cloak yourself with the Word of God. There is no temptation that you cannot overcome!

Notes: _____

DAY 145

James 1:19-21 says, “My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”

Is the word planted in you that can save you? If you continue in the ways of this world, then expect the rewards of this world, which is actually a punishment of eternal death and destruction.

We need to focus on Jesus. You need to listen well, speak carefully, and rid yourself of unrighteous anger. This will be a big part of the transformation God is trying to do in your life!

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DAY 146

James 1:22 says, “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

Simple task ahead of you today. You are to step out in faith in order to do what God’s Word is telling you to do. It is so simple. You must take time to read scripture today and then do what it says. If it says to love your enemy, then love your enemy. If it says to share your faith in Jesus, then share your faith in Jesus. If it says to stop all the harsh joking and immorality then stop it.

You get the idea. Don’t fall short here. Be a doer of the Word!

Notes: _____

DAY 147

James 1:26 says, “If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his

tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.”

A true warrior is self disciplined. He knows that what he says matters. It is so important to live out our beliefs by letting our words match up with our walk. If you are blessing God and cursing man, you are so far from being a follower of Jesus. Tame the tongue today. Don't let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth. Don't put people down, speak harshly or inappropriately. Tame the tongue today!

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DAY 148

James 1:27 says, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

If you really want to be Christ like, then you need to care for the poor and needy. Not those who choose to be poor and needy through their desire for pleasure. But those who are in trouble—who have no one to turn to but God. If you dabble with those who choose to be needy, then you will see that you are being corrupted by the world just as they are. Be smart in the way you help people. Don't just enable people to stay in a bad situation. Do something that will help them move forward in life.

Notes: _____

DAY 149

James 2:1 says, “My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism.”

Let each person be equal in your eyes. Don't allow favoritism to be shown to a person because you think they can help you or further your cause. Be kind to all. Be willing to do as much for a poor person as you are a rich person, the homely as much as the beautiful, the weak as much as the strong. Be Jesus to all you meet today by not showing favoritism.

Notes: _____

DAY 150

James 2:19 says, “You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that-- and shudder.”

Today, you need to check the level of your belief in God. Do you just believe in your head and

do things that you are comfortable with doing? Or do you truly believe in Jesus with all your heart--your whole being? Are you willing to do the things that He is asking of you that are not so comfortable or even painful? Do you do them without complaining? Which side are you truly on? Step up to being a True Believer in Jesus!

Notes: _____

DAY 151

James 3:9-10 says, "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be."

How can a True Warrior bless God and curse his neighbor, or wife, or children? How can we say that we are devoted to God and also to the ways of the world? We cannot! If you are going to be a true man or woman of God, then you need to let your life show consistency. Let the things that come from your mouth be edifying to God and men! Don't be double minded! It really does not work. Work on your tongue today!

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DAY 152

James 3:13 says, “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.”

As you look at your day today, let the wisdom you have received from God go before you as you are directed by the Holy Spirit to do good things for others! Look around you. Do you see the woman who needs help loading her groceries into her vehicle? Do you see the kids in turmoil that could use some wise direction? Do you see the man whose care has broken down? What about the person who needs lunch bought for them? Or thousands of other opportunities. Be a warrior with purpose today. Find a way to help others. It is the wise thing to do!

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DAY 153

James 3:16-18 says, “For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”

Clear the clatter of disorder today. The reason we struggle so much in this world, even as a believer, is because we allow so much noise to enter into our life. Or we have never chased out the worldly things that cause that noise. Today, you need to focus on what is pure, holy and righteous. Do not chase after all those things that come from envy and self-ambition. Open yourself to the wisdom of God that says, "Jesus first, others second and then yourself. If you do this you will experience great Joy in your life!"

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DAY 154

James 4:1-3 says, "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

OUCH!! That just described most of America! We really need to check out hearts today. We really need to see what is motivating us to do what we do. Are you focused on the things of this world? Or on the things of Jesus? Do you want all the materialism so you can have more pleasure? Or are you focused on what God has for you/ Look deep inside as this is a very deep

rooted problem in our world today! Get your motivations in line with God!

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DAY 155

Prov 28:13 says, “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Sin only has power over you when it is left in the dark. Once you expose it to the Light through confession--IT DIES! Confess and be free! Jesus did not come to condemn the world, rather, He came to save it from its sin. Surround yourself with people of excellence who will not condemn you, but will help you move away from, and stay away from, your sin. It's called accountability!

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DAY 156

Prov 29:20 says, “Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

As you go about your day today, remember to think twice before you speak once. Don't be hasty in anything you do. The wise man will consider all things before opening his mouth. Don't let emotions take the place of good sense. It is better for people to think you a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt!

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DAY 157

Prov 30:5 says, "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him."

Today, I want you to take comfort in the fact that you are a man of God and that you belong to the God of the universe. You need to read His word and take refuge in it. That is the point of this entire devotional book. You need to saturate your mind with scripture. You need to know that God's word is a shield around you. Now stand firm and be strong. You are a warrior for the one and true living God!

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DAY 158

Prov 31:8-9 says, “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

If you are a True Believer in Jesus, then you need to step outside of your box and do something significant for the poor and needy. Today is the day to volunteer, give, help, or do something to make a difference in the lives of those around you who really need it. Yes, it is uncomfortable. But do it anyway! Use your resources to help those who need it most!

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DAY 159

Prov 1:7 says, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.”

Seek the ways of our Lord today. Don't be foolish and continue to make decisions from a worldly perspective. Let the Word of the Lord permeate your mind so that wisdom is found in all you do. Focus on God, fear the Lord, and be disciplined in all you do!

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DAY 160

Mt 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

What a great guarantee! Are you pure in heart? Have you let God transform your mind and heart from the old ways to the new? Do you think pure thoughts? Or is there something dirty behind the words you hear and say? Ask God to make your heart and thoughts pure and innocent. Don't let your heart be impure. Clean up your thoughts. Let your heart be pure!

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DAY 161

Prov 2:6 says, "For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."

This is why it is so important to read from the book of Proverbs each day. Each day, I read a chapter from Proverbs and write down my thoughts from what I read. Today, take a couple of minutes to read your Bible. Ask God for wisdom and understanding. He is generous in His gifts

to you. It will make you better in all areas of your life!

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DAY 162

Deut 7:9 says, “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

We belong to the one and only God who is so far beyond what we can wrap our minds around. He is faithful to us and the generations after us as we have placed our trust, confidence, & faith in Him. Therefore, today, be faithful to Him. Let your every action reflect that of a person belonging to God. Do not forget that God is with you and will never leave you. He has your back, so march forth so you can make a difference for Him today. Be a real warrior for Jesus today as you realize that God has got you covered!

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DAY 163

Prov 3:9-10 says, “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”

Is this a practice you take seriously? Are you a tither or a tipper? It is easy to toss a 5 or 10 dollar bill in the plate as it is passed around, but that is not what God asks of us. We need to give generously of our first fruits. You may wonder why you have to work so hard for so little. Well, it is because you are not honoring God with your first fruits. You need to get your perspective on giving in order. If you already give a tenth, then try giving more. God will honor you. You cannot out give God. He will take care of your needs!

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DAY 164

Prov 12:1 says, “Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid.”

So what camp are you in? Do you love discipline? Or do you love being stupid? It is really up to you. Show God that you are a true believer by seeking His knowledge through a disciplined life! I want to challenge you today to pray, read your Bible, share your faith and consecrate yourself

unto the Lord! Show some intestinal fortitude! Seriously! Do the next right thing!

DAY 165

Col 2:6-7 says, “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

A true warrior in Jesus will always be thankful for all that God has done in his life. He is constantly looking for ways to improve himself in the Lord. He is in the Word daily so that the Holy Spirit can strengthen him in all ways. Today, be thankful for all that God has given to you. Be willing to open your Bible to learn more about who you are in Jesus and what you should be doing. Stand strong and firm in the Lord!

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DAY 166

1 Tim 1:15-16 says, “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”

As you deal with people today, remember from whence you came! You, and I, were once terrible sinners and haters of God. God could have destroyed us! But instead, He showed great patience with us and delivered us from our sins through our belief and acceptance of Jesus. Give others a chance today. Show patience and grace to them. Let the Holy Spirit work through you today to reach them. A True Warrior does not destroy everyone. Just the enemy! That enemy is the devil!

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DAY 167

1 Tim 2:1-3 says, “I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

As a Warrior for Jesus, one of your main jobs is to pray for others. It is important to put your personal feelings aside and pray for those in leadership over you, for those you are having problems with, and for those who God places on your mind! Intercessory prayer is powerful. The greatest spiritual battles are won because of prayer. Once it is out of our hands and in the hands of our Creator, great things happen. Pray for others today. Take time to do so now. Let

your life be a life of prayer. It does make a huge difference!

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DAY 168

1 Tim 3:1-4 says, “Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.”

It is so important to remember that you have been put in a position of leadership. You are the head of your family. You should be a leader in your church, workplace and community. Paul instructs us to stand up and be a true man of God. A Warrior for Jesus is going to exemplify the above verses. Why? Because you want to be all that God wants you to be! Take time to pray right now that God helps you be what He has lined out for us as men. Be a true man of God!

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DAY 169

Eph 5: 8 says, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.”

As I live my life as a Warrior for Jesus, I have found that I have to be a True Believer 24/7/365. I cannot do things part way. I cannot be "light" just when I want to. I have to let the "Light" of the Lord shine through me at all times. I want my life to reflect Jesus at all times. This takes lots of prayer and a deep understanding of who I am in the Lord. The same goes for you. Today, realize what God has done for you. You were once darkness, but now you are a child of God! It is time to put Jesus first in all you do. Let the "Light" define who you are today and every day! Stand strong for the LORD!

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DAY 170

Eph 5:1-5 says, “Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of

this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”

As a True Warrior for Jesus, it is so important to keep all this stuff out of your life! Don't entertain even a hint of any of it! If you allow a little in, you will soon find yourself overcome by the sin. Today, make a decree in your life to stay away from, and not participate in anything that will cause you to sin. TV, Movies, Books, Friends.....all these can be great, but they can also help lead you down the wrong path. Be wise in your decision making. Be like God and choose well what you let into your life!

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DAY 171

1 Tim 4:1-5 says, “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.”

Be careful little ears what you hear and little mind what you believe. It is so important, as a Warrior for Jesus to test the teachings you receive. Even if it is from your Pastor, you need to be opening your Bible to make sure it is correct. Don't be fooled in these days by something that sounds good. It is only good if it comes directly from the Word of God. Let your mind be saturated with scripture and led by the Holy Spirit. Don't fall for all the garbage that sounds good out there. Study your Bible today and every day!

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DAY 172

1 Tim 5:1-2 says, “Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.”

A True Warrior in Jesus will take heed of what Paul is telling Timothy in this passage. It is so important to be respectful to others. It is so important to treat those around you with great honor, dignity, and respect. Make sure you are following the advice above. If you have crossed the line in any of your relationships, apologize, ask for forgiveness and begin to work hard at being the man of God you should be in all your relationships. Don't give the devil any kind of foothold. Treat people with the respect you would have them treat you with all the time.

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DAY 173

2 Tim 2:11-13 says, “Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.”

As a Warrior for Jesus, it is important to examine your heart each and every day. Are you truly on fire to serve the Lord? Do your thoughts, life and actions reflect what God's will is for your life or what your will is for your life? Today, be sure to be focused on God! Remember from whence you came and keep your eyes upon Jesus. God will always be faithful--Will you? I believe you will if you stay focused! Take time to pray for the correct perspective today!

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DAY 174

2 Tim 2:14 says, “Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.”

What a waste of time and energy it is to argue over senseless things. So much of your day can be wasted trying to convince someone that they need to change their views. It is so much better to tell the truth, pray, and let the Holy Spirit do His work. I want to encourage you to not get caught up in useless arguments that only lead to a waste of your time. Be smart in the way you handle yourself today. You cannot change anyone's mind--only the Holy Spirit can do that! Choose your words carefully as you meditate on the Word of God today. Be a Warrior for Jesus with great wisdom!

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DAY 175

2 Tim 2:15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

A True Warrior for Jesus is above reproach! He lives in a way that reflects the Truth at all times. He reads, studies and applies the word of Truth (Bible) to his life every day. He lets his walk match his talk and he lives in the light of the Lord at all times. You need to be that man! You need to realize that you are a mighty warrior in Jesus! You need to man up and live a life worth the calling on your life. God has set you apart to do great things for Him. It is time to be that man--that Warrior! Show the world what a true man of God looks like, acts like and is like today!

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DAY 176

2 Tim 3:1-5 says, “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”

In the times we are living, we are seeing more and more of the type of people described above. Paul was telling Timothy to watch out for these types of people almost 2000 years ago. It has always presented us with the same problem--selfishness! We are surrounded by the people described above. Don't get caught up in the things they are doing or are after in life. As a Warrior for Jesus you need to be the complete opposite of those things described above. Be humble, generous, pure, holy, wise, filled with integrity, and willing to serve God by serving others. Don't chase after the things of this world. Be a real man of God! Chase after what God has for you. Stay far away from the corruption of the world and the deceptive ways of the corrupted people of this world. Stand strong and firm in Jesus today and every day!

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DAY 177

Titus 1:6-9 says, “An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”

I just cannot emphasize these qualities enough! It is so important to exemplify the above verses in your life. You need to be in progress in all these areas. You need to speak into your children's lives so they can understand what it means to live for Jesus. You need to step it up a lot! It takes work to be a true Warrior for Jesus! I had to come to grips with my life as a man of the world when I became a believer in Jesus. I had to make big changes. I am still working on those things with God's help! I want to be all that and then some for the Lord. Look over the scripture above again, pray for strength, and then step into what God has for you as a man! Be a True Warrior for Jesus! Seriously!!

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DAY 178

Titus 2:6-8 says, “Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.”

We live in a world where we are supposed to tolerate everything. That is--everything but Christianity. For this very reason, it is so important to be mentoring a young man. If we allow the world to teach our young men what is right and wrong, we will have a huge mess to live in very soon. Actually, it is already here. A Warrior for Jesus must take time to speak into the lives of the next generation. The Bible needs to be the template that all of our actions are pressed through in order to be on track. Our young men are starving for someone to help them, to lead them, to walk with them through these influential years of their lives. Will you be that man? A Warrior for Jesus will step up to the challenge. Be a real man--mentor a young man!

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DAY 179

Philemon 8-11 says, “Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.”

Read the whole book of Philemon. It is the Gospel Message! Like Onesimus, there are people in your life who have done you wrong! It is not our job to hate them, destroy them, or completely ignore them or eliminate them from our life. It is our job to be Jesus to them. They may seem useless now, but, the minute they receive Jesus as their Savior and Lord, they become useful to us again. They are no longer an outcast to us, but rather, a brother in the Lord. It is time to start praying for those who have done you wrong so that they can be restored to you through Christ! That is what a Warrior for Jesus will do! It's hard, but do it anyway!

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DAY 180

Heb 1:1-4 says, “In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of

all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs."

As a Warrior for Jesus--you need to live your life in such a way that you reflect the power of Jesus! Jesus is God's last word to us! Take time today to live a life worthy of your Lord and Savior, Jesus. Be Christ like in all you do. Be fair, honest, loving, understanding, tough, just, and filled with mercy! Realize that God is speaking through you just as He did through Jesus and just as He did the prophets of the ancient times. Be aware of who you are in Jesus this day and every day!

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CONCLUSION

Now rise up oh man of God! Rise up great Warrior for Jesus! Rise up and be heard! Serve God with all your heart. Give God your best by doing what you have learned in this book. Make your Bible your daily companion so that the devil's schemes will not prevail against you. Be a man! Be a True Warrior for Jesus! Press in and press on in the name of our Lord Jesus! Don't shy away from anything that God has put before you. Be strong in the Lord and His mighty Power remembering that God is for you and nothing can come against you that will not be overcome.

My challenge to you is to go back and do another 180 days of deliberate devotions. Read your notes so you can see where you have come from and where you are heading. Continue to do something every day in the name of Jesus! The Battle Cry has been sounded! God wants to utilize the talents He has given you. Be a man! Be a True Warrior! Serve Jesus with all your heart and tell all who will listen about His great love for them and huge sacrifice He made for them on the cross!

God bless you as you go!

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