

Every Day
in His
Presence

365 DEVOTIONS

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APRIL 1

CLING TO THE PROMISE

“Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.”

JOHN 20:29

In the midst of great trials, it's normal to feel isolated, dejected, and helpless. But remember, *you're not alone*. Though it may seem as if all hope is gone, it's crucial you trust that your powerful Deliverer will be with you always (Deuteronomy 31:8).

There's no better example of this than the disciples after the Crucifixion. Though Jesus had warned them of what was about to happen, they didn't fully comprehend it. So when they saw their beloved Rabbi on the cross, they gave in to despair.

Just three days later He rose from the dead and not only restored their faith, He increased it a hundredfold. But how different their time between the Crucifixion and Resurrection would have been if they'd simply clung to the Savior's promises.

The same is true for you. There will be difficulties when God does not provide you answers but comforts you with, “Trust what I've said.” Do not give in to the darkness of the moment, but cling to His Word. Soon enough you'll see your hopes rise from the grave as well.

*Lord, thank You for never leaving or
forsaking me. I trust You to turn my moment
of mourning to songs of joy, amen.*



In His presence . . . believe He will be victorious.

HOW GREAT HIS LOVE

God . . . because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ.

EPHESIANS 2:4–5

The Lord Jesus—God incarnate—*chose* to endure the cross for you. Think about that truth. Crucifixion was the most horrible way a person could die—humiliating, horrifically painful, and reserved for the worst offenders. But realize, it wasn't only earthly anguish Jesus experienced on the cross—He also felt the unbearable spiritual agony of bearing the sins of the world. For the first time in eternity, He understood the profound hopelessness of being separated from the Father.

Why would Jesus make such a sacrifice? Because that's how deeply He loves you. He preferred to suffer an excruciating death among the worst criminals rather than be separated from you.

So the next time you feel unworthy or unlovable, remember what your Savior endured to save you and keep you safe for all eternity. He laid down His life willingly for you. And even now He holds nothing back so you can know Him. Surely that is reason for you to praise His name.

Jesus, I am humbled at all You've sacrificed for me. Truly, You are worthy of my love, obedience, and praise, amen.



In His presence . . . appreciate His sacrificial love.

APRIL 3

ACCEPTED

*If we are faithless, He remains faithful,
for He cannot deny Himself.*

2 TIMOTHY 2:13

Allow this truth to set you free: you don't have to be perfect to experience the Father's love and provision.

Do you constantly worry about how your next mistake might make God react toward you? Friend, this is an exhausting way to live. While it's essential you honor Him through obedience, He doesn't love you any less when you mess up.

What grieves the Father about sin is that it separates you from Him. You feel the shame of falling short of His holy standard and hide from Him as a consequence.

But what God wants is deep, uninterrupted, abiding fellowship with you, which is why He provided so perfectly for you on the cross. Now He readily invites you—no matter what you've done—to confess your sins to Him. Because when you do, you're promised He will forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Why is He so ready to pardon when you fail? Because of His unconditional love for you. He wants you back. He wants you close. Don't allow your imperfections to keep you separated from Him.

*Lord, I'm so grateful for Your love and acceptance. I
confess my sins. Thank You for forgiving me, amen.*



In His presence . . . know you're loved.

TRUTH FROM THE RESURRECTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection.

1 PETER 1:3

In the midst of painful circumstances, do you find it challenging to trust that your situation can be better or that good can come from it? It's understandable. After all, even the disciples who walked with Jesus were completely devastated after the Crucifixion. They couldn't see past their earthly circumstances to remember His promises.

But you don't have to get caught up in an attitude of defeat. Understanding the truth of the resurrection, you can see past your situation to your extraordinary Redeemer. What does His triumph over the grave teach you?

First, when you think all is lost is when Your Savior reveals His awesome power.

Second, God *always* succeeds in carrying out His plans for you—nothing is too big to stop Him.

Third, nothing—not even death—can separate you from His love.

So when you find it difficult to endure, overcome your doubts by applying these three principles. These triumphant truths from the resurrection can give you true and lasting victory—today and every day.

Jesus, You've overcome sin and death—truly You are worthy of my trust and praise! Amen.



In His presence . . . find victory.

APRIL 5

RESURRECTION POWER

God has fulfilled this promise . . . in that He raised up Jesus.

ACTS 13:33

The empty tomb is a beautiful reminder to you that all that God has promised you is true. Nothing—not even the grave—can prevent Him from keeping His word to you (Isaiah 55:11).

Friend, Jesus has risen from the dead! Sin—the most violent force that keeps you shackled—has been defeated. Death—the most painful foe you could ever face—has lost its grip on you. Your most brutal, insurmountable enemies were conquered, and the very power of the resurrection is yours forever as a child of the living God (Ephesians 1:18–21).

So today, consider: What stands in the way of God fulfilling His promise to you? Are there obstacles greater than sin and death that block your path? What problems do you face that require more power than was available at the resurrection?

You know the answer—the challenges before you are no match for the Lord. So trust Him and be assured that He will faithfully do all He has said.

Jesus, thank You for making Your astounding power available to me. No challenge I face is a match for You—and I am so grateful You are my Savior, amen.



In His presence . . . experience resurrection power.

APRIL 6

TO SUCCEED, BELIEVE

“Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”

JOHN 20:27 NLT

Thomas was missing when Jesus first appeared to the disciples, and he was also the one to voice the greatest doubts about the resurrection. He declared that he wouldn’t believe Christ had risen from the grave unless he touched Jesus’ hands and side (John 20:25). You can imagine the shock and embarrassment he felt when Jesus appeared.

Yet what happened to Thomas can be instructive for you today—especially if God’s made you a promise that you’ve waited a long time to see fulfilled. What you believe about Him will ensure either your success or your failure.

You may, like Thomas, demand the Lord show you signs, but when you do so, you only prove the weakness and immaturity of your faith.

But Jesus said, “Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed” (John 20:29). If you’ll unwaveringly trust Him to do as He says, you will receive a great blessing. You’ll not only see your dearest prayers answered, but you’ll glorify Him, and your faith will grow.

So don’t embarrass yourself by doubting Him. Trust that He is able, and that one day your faith will be turned to sight.

Lord, I do believe! Please help my unbelief and keep my trust in You strong and steadfast, amen.



In His presence . . . succeed by believing Him.

APRIL 7

HOLY DECISIONS

*Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will
instruct him in the way he should choose.*

PSALM 25:12

Life is one continuous decision-making process from childhood through the golden years. Thankfully, God is willing to give us clear guidance about every choice we make—regardless if it's major or minor. However, when He speaks, He expects us to respect Him—doing as He instructs.

In fact, His Word tells us, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10 NIV). In other words, if you're going to be wise, you must honor His direction, serving Him instead of yourself. And you do so because of your steadfast confidence in His sovereignty and character.

So consider—are you in the midst of a difficult situation today? Friend, understanding that the Savior is perfect in His knowledge, all-sufficient in His strength, and unconditionally loving toward you is key to submitting to Him for your future. So reevaluate your situation in light of His trustworthy character and obey however He directs you to proceed. Because you'll be sure to make excellent decisions when you do.

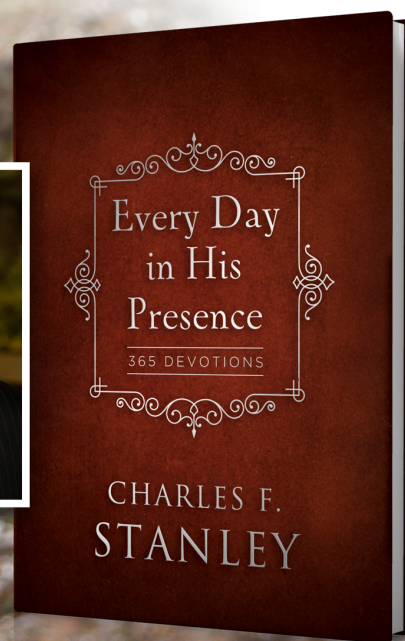
*Lord, I submit to Your unfailing wisdom.
Lead me in the way I should go, amen.*



In His presence . . . be reverent, yielding, and confident.

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