

365  
DAILY DEVOTIONS



WALKING  
WITH  
GOD



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# INTRODUCTION

**W**hen we think of the early explorers who left their homes and their comfortable lives to discover the New World beyond their horizons, we often think of Christopher Columbus, who sought to find the East Indies by traveling west. Interestingly enough, what he sought and what he found were quite opposite. Instead of reaching the riches of the spice trade in Asia, he opened up subsequent voyages to the American continents and the exploration of the Western Hemisphere. While Columbus's navigational projections were wrong, he was able to make a great contribution to the world. But isn't that typical of life? What we seek and what we ultimately discover are often two different things.

Looking to God each day for direction and purpose is also a time of exploration and discovery. We go to the Word of God seeking to know more about the One who created our world and everything in it. And there we find treasures that were never sought but become so precious to us. Peace, comfort, hope, consolation in disappointments, and solace in loss—all of these and more are found in a daily devotional time. This 365-day devotional—*Walking with God*—is designed to give you a starting point each day with God. It contains a Scripture, a heartwarming devotional thought, and a quote to take you through the day. Make *Walking with God* a habit—and allow God to open new horizons to you as you seek His Word daily.

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# ATTENTION



*Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

PSALM 90:12

**E**ver since God issued the Ten Commandments, we've understood there's something special about that number. It serves as the foundation for our numerical system. Ten is the sum of the first four numbers (1 + 2 + 3 + 4) and the first two-digit number. It brings us full circle. We view ten as complete and perfect, which is why we often say, "On a scale from one to ten . . ."

Ten years make a decade. And since we only have about seven of those, we should pay attention. Verse 10 of Psalm 90 says that our current earthly lives are zipping by. Our years are "soon cut off, and we fly away." But God is our "dwelling place in all generations," from "everlasting to everlasting" (verses 1-2).

Starting the year *without* Christ is like jumping into a dark, unknown patch of the future. But *with* our Lord, it's like taking a step with the One who holds the future.

Lord, remind us to turn our attention to the importance of each day, each year, and each decade. Help us to make our lives count for Christ.



O Father, let Thy watchful eye still  
look on us in love, that we may praise Thee,  
year by year, with angel hosts above.

MEAUX BREVIARY

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# TRADING STRESS FOR A SONG



*Let us go into His tabernacle;  
let us worship at His footstool.*

PSALM 132:7

A Netherlands-based electronics firm created a bracelet that senses a person's emotional state and alerts the wearer when emotions rise to unhealthy levels. The product was developed chiefly for stock traders on European exchanges. When trading becomes too intense and the trader's blood pressure rises, the device issues a warning to the wearer to "take a time-out, wind down, or reconsider his actions," according to the manufacturer. The results are, hopefully, beneficial to both stockbrokers and investors.

If everyone on earth were wearing such a bracelet right now, how many devices would be sensing stress? Would yours?

The greatest antidote to stress is worship. Worship is recognizing God's greatness and glory and, in response, expressing our pleasure and praise. It's not about us, how we feel, or the kind of music we enjoy. It's about the One who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It's about who He is and what He has done.

To control stress, we don't need a bracelet on our wrists, but simply a heart of worship that adores and praises the greatness of God's glory.



God wants worshippers before workers;  
indeed the only acceptable workers are those  
who have learned the lost art of worship.

A. W. TOZER

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## DIVINE DELAYS



*Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, “Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”*

EXODUS 13:17

**N**ot a day goes by when our plans aren't changed by circumstances beyond our control. Natural disasters, house repairs or car trouble, unexpected illness, traffic jams on the freeway, a friend or neighbor with an emergency need—the list goes on. The question is: Can we trust that God is in those unforeseen challenges?

A rarely read verse in Exodus (13:17) tells how God led the newly freed Hebrew nation into the Sinai Desert instead of along the southeast coast of the Mediterranean Sea into the Promised Land. Why? So the Hebrews wouldn't encounter the Philistines who inhabited that region, be attacked, and return to Egypt for safety. The Hebrews grumbled loud and long about the Sinai sand and sun, but at least they were alive. If they had met the Philistines, many of them might have been slaughtered.

The next time your path is changed unexpectedly, trust by faith that God is in it and that the change was for a good reason (Romans 8:28).



Hope is the foundation of patience.

JOHN CALVIN