



Do Hard Things

Week 1

Day 1: Answering God's Call

Reading: Jonah 1:1-3, Acts 9:1-9

Devotional: God often calls us to tasks that seem daunting or even impossible. Like Jonah, we may be tempted to run in the opposite direction when faced with a challenging assignment from God. However, God's plans are always for our good and His glory, even when we can't see it. Reflect on a time when God called you to do something difficult. How did you respond? Consider how your life might be different if you had fully embraced God's call. Today, ask God to give you the courage to say "yes" to His plans, even when they seem risky or uncomfortable.

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Day 2: Finding Courage in God's Presence

Reading: Joshua 1:1-9, Psalm 23

Devotional: Fear often holds us back from following God's will. We may worry about the risks involved or feel inadequate for the task. But God promises to be with us always, just as He was with Joshua. His presence is our source of strength and courage. Think about the areas in your life where fear is holding you back. How might embracing God's presence change your perspective? Today, meditate on the truth that God is with you in every situation, and ask Him to fill you with His courage.

Day 3: Transformation Through Surrender

Reading: Romans 12:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: Like a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly, our spiritual lives often require a process of radical change. This transformation can feel uncomfortable or even painful, but it's necessary for our growth.

Surrendering to God's will is the key to this metamorphosis. What areas of your life are you holding back from God? What might change if you fully surrendered these areas to Him? Today, pray for the willingness to let go of your old self and embrace the new creation God is making you to be.

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Day 4: God's Persistent Love

Reading: Luke 15:11-32, Romans 8:38-39

Devotional: No matter how far we run, we can never outrun God's love. Like the father in the parable of the prodigal son, God is always waiting with open arms, ready to welcome us back. His love is persistent and unconditional. Reflect on times when you've felt distant from God. How did He pursue you during those times? Today, thank God for His unfailing love and ask Him to help you rest in the assurance of His constant presence.

Day 5: Embracing God's Redemptive Plan

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10, Isaiah 43:18-19

Devotional: God is in the business of redemption. He takes our mistakes, our failures, and even our rebellion, and weaves them into His beautiful plan. Just as He used Jonah despite his initial disobedience, God can use us too. What parts of your past do you struggle to see as redeemable? How might God be working to bring good out of those situations? Today, ask God to help you see your life through His eyes of redemption, and to show you how He might use your experiences to bless others.