



DO HARD THINGS

staying the course when you'd rather run

Do Hard Things Week 4

Day 1: The God of Second Chances

Reading: Jonah 3:1-10

Devotional: God's mercy extends beyond our failures. Just as He gave Jonah a second chance, He offers us new beginnings. Reflect on times when you've felt unworthy or disqualified. How does God's willingness to use Jonah again challenge your perceptions of His grace? Consider areas in your life where you need a fresh start. Pray for the courage to accept God's forgiveness and step into the calling He has for you, even if it seems daunting.

Do Hard Things

Week 4

Day 2: Overcoming Prejudice with God's Love

Reading: Acts 10:9-23

Devotional: Jonah's prejudice against the Ninevites mirrors our own biases. Peter's vision challenges us to see others as God sees them. How might your preconceptions be limiting your ability to share God's love? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any hidden prejudices in your heart. Choose one person or group you've struggled to love and pray for them daily this week. Look for practical ways to extend kindness to those you may have previously overlooked or judged.

Day 3: The Power of One Decision

Reading: Matthew 13:31-32

Devotional: Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree. Like the domino effect described in the sermon, our small acts of faith can have far-reaching impacts. What "small" decision have you been hesitating to make? It could be forgiving someone, sharing your faith, or serving in a new way. Take that step today, trusting God to multiply its effect. Remember, you may never fully see the results of your faithfulness in this life, but God is working through every act of obedience.

Do Hard Things

Week 4

Day 4: Finding Purpose in Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:18-28

Devotional: The story of Jonah and the subsequent history of Israel remind us that God's plans often unfold in unexpected ways. Even periods of hardship can serve a greater purpose. Reflect on a difficult season in your life. How has God used that experience to shape you or prepare you for something greater? Trust that God is working all things together for good, even when you can't see the full picture. Pray for the strength to remain faithful in your current circumstances, knowing that God is with you and has a purpose for your pain.

Day 5: Embracing God's Heart for the Lost

Reading: Luke 15:1-7

Devotional: While Jonah initially resisted God's call to reach Nineveh, Jesus consistently sought out the lost and celebrated their redemption. How does your heart align with God's desire to see all people come to repentance? Ask God to give you His compassion for those who don't know Him. Identify one person in your life who needs to experience God's love. Commit to praying for them daily and look for opportunities to show them Christ's love in tangible ways. Remember, just as God used Jonah's reluctant obedience, He can use your willingness to make an eternal difference in someone's life.