



The Pursuit of Happiness

Week 6

Day 1: Finding Joy in Unexpected Places

Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Devotional: Philip's journey to the desert road reminds us that God's plans often lead us to unexpected places. Just as Philip found purpose in what seemed like a detour, we too can discover joy and meaning in life's apparent setbacks. Today, reflect on a time when God led you somewhere unexpected. How did that experience shape your faith? Remember, the path is part of God's plan. Ask God to open your eyes to the opportunities He's placing before you, even in unlikely circumstances.

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Day 2: God's Love Reaches Everyone

Reading: Isaiah 56:3-5

Devotional: The story of the Ethiopian eunuch showcases God's inclusive love. Despite societal and religious barriers, God ensured this man received the good news of Jesus. This passage in Isaiah even prophesies about God's acceptance of eunuchs. Today, consider: Are there people you've deemed as "unreachable" or "unworthy" of God's love? Pray for God to expand your heart and help you see others as He sees them. How can you be an instrument of God's inclusive love this week?

Day 3: Trusting God's Timing

Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Devotional: The sermon illustration about the long family road trip parallels our spiritual journeys. Often, we grow impatient, asking God "Are we there yet?" But like the father who chose a longer route to show his children beautiful sights, God's timing and path for us are purposeful. Today, reflect on areas of your life where you're waiting on God. Instead of focusing solely on the destination, ask God to reveal what He wants you to learn or experience in this current season.

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Day 4: Perseverance in Faith

Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

Devotional: The story of Cliff Young, the unlikely ultramarathon winner, illustrates the power of perseverance. In our spiritual lives, steady faithfulness often trumps flashy starts. Like Cliff who kept shuffling when others rested, we're called to keep moving forward in faith, even when progress seems slow. Today, identify an area in your spiritual life where you feel tempted to give up. Ask God for the strength to persevere, and remember that consistent small steps can lead to significant victories.

Day 5: God's Presence in Our Desert Seasons

Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19

Devotional: Desert roads, like the one Philip traveled, can symbolize difficult seasons in our lives. Yet, it was on this very road that a divine appointment occurred. God promises to make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Today, if you're in a "desert season," ask God to reveal His presence and purpose. Look for the "streams" He's providing - moments of grace, unexpected blessings, or opportunities for growth. Trust that even in barren times, God is working to bring about new things in your life.