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There are times when my soul feels dry. Life's demands leave me weary and distractions fracture my attention. Before I know it, I'm trudging through the desert of daily life.

My prayers become shallow. My appetite for God's Word shrinks. My heart feels parched. Maybe you've felt that too—a dryness of spirit, a thirst for something more. A need to be **FILLED**.

That's why we're setting aside 21 days leading into **CHURCH CAMP**—to get our souls to the Well for refreshment. This devotional guide is meant to help you pause each day, draw near to Jesus, and drink deep of His presence. Each week will take us deeper into what it means to be **FILLED**, preparing us for three nights of corporate worship and prayer.

Use this guide each morning. Reflect on it through the day. Use it to lead yourself and your family to the One who has what you need most.

We'll each come to Him dry in our own way. And then, at **CHURCH CAMP**, we'll gather like the confluence of many streams—believing God to turn our dry places into wells of living water, flooding our church with renewal and vitality.

I can't wait to see you there. Come dry. Leave **FILLED**.

Pastor Josh

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Day 1: "They Will Be Filled"

Wednesday, September 3

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for **they will be filled**..."

-Matthew 5:6

"God goes where He's wanted." For those who seek God's presence, His Kingdom and His righteousness, God's promise in His Word is that their desire will not go unmet for long. He wants to give you these things; the question is, do you *hunger* and *thirst* for them?

If it's true that God goes where He's wanted, would He come to *your* house today?

REFLECT

- 1. Do the words *hunger* and *thirst* describe your desire for God's presence in your life lately? Why or why not?
- 2. Ask God to increase your hunger for His presence.

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, give me a greater desire for Your presence. I want to want You more: more of Your presence and Your power in my life. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, I ask that You would increase the hunger of Grace City Church for Your presence. We want to keep You central in our lives, in our families, and in our church family. Stir in us an even greater passion for Your presence. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 2: "Those Who Wait For Him"

Thursday, September 4

"Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your Name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for Him."
—Isaiah 64:1-4

Does waiting on the Lord mean inaction? Stagnance? Inertia? By no means. Waiting itself is an act of faith; it is an acknowledgement of dependence on God that is both tenacious and patient. Waiting on the Lord is not idleness; it's your fresh declaration to God that you are banking on His power, not your own, to be the difference maker in your life and in the life of your family.

Time in His presence will cause you to move forward in confidence.

REFLECT

- 1. How can waiting on the Lord help you take ground in your life?
- 2. Where is an area of your life you need increased clarity from God? Spend time asking God for His help and take the next step *today*.

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, I want to grow to trust You more. Help me look for more moments where I can listen for Your voice. Help me to wait on You, to seek Your face, no matter what I'm going through. Give me increased confidence in You so that I can decisively take ground in my life. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father in Heaven, shape our instincts to always be seeking You, even as we charge hard into the mission. Help us resolve to trust You with whatever we go through. Rend the heavens, and come down. We are longing for You to glorify Yourself in our midst. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 3: "I Want To Know Christ"

Friday, September 5

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

I want to know Christ..."

-Philippians 3:7-10

May lesser things pale in the light of the *surpassing worth* of knowing your Savior. Gains in money, power, wealth, status, riches, skills, relationships, careers, influence: all these are tools to be leveraged for God's mission and His glory. But all these are not the treasure itself...

A personal relationship with the King of kings is the true prize that far outshines all else.

REFLECT

- 1. Take a few moments right now and prayerfully acknowledge God's presence with you.
- 2. What sort of things are you tempted to desire ahead of Jesus?

PRAY FOR SELF

Lord Jesus, I come to You today. I want to know You more and more. Give me a greater hunger for Your presence in my life. Help me to acknowledge You throughout the day today. Thank You that I have the greatest treasure there is: being found in You. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, we come to You. You are our chief ambition, our greatest treasure. We want to be faithful to You. Mold us into a people that can be trusted with even more of Your abundance and blessing, so that we can continue to bring glory to Your Name. Amen.

Day 4: "Be Still"

Saturday, September 6

"Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"

—Psalm 46:10

God has given His people a mission to exalt His Name among the nations, to the ends of the whole earth (see also Matthew 28:19-20). But what is the order of events here in this psalm?

Knowing Him comes first, then the doing. Presence before progress. Encounter His majesty in order to be prepared for His mission. Small people who serve a big God can do big things. Trust that God will leverage your moments of intentional quietness before Him to maximize your forward momentum for His purposes.

REFLECT

- 1. What "big things" do you want to see Jesus do in His Church in our day? What is your part?
- 2. How does having a right view of God in your life make you more effective for His mission?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, thank You that You are always available, and I can spend time in Your presence whenever I want. Give me a hunger and a dream for the things You might want to do in my life, and in this generation. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father in Heaven, please pour out Your Spirit on the people of Grace City Church today. We want to have a right view of You, so that we have the right view of Your mission that we've been entrusted with. May Grace City Church be a body of believers who truly know You to be God. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 5: "Times Of Refreshing"

Sunday, September 7

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that **times of refreshing** may come from the Lord."

-Acts 3:19

How do you get refreshed in mind, heart, and spirit? Repentance is the doorway to times of refreshing from the Lord. God's presence refreshes us, but our sins get in the way of our enjoyment of God's presence. It is crucial that we regularly confess our sins and repent of any and all known sin. In the Psalms, David even repented of hidden sins in his life that he was unaware of! A broken and contrite heart before the Lord is a prerequisite to personal and corporate revival and refreshing. When God pours out His Spirit, we repent, and we are refreshed, strengthened, and encouraged. A healthy fear of the Lord is restored. When this happens, the Church, by God's refreshing presence, becomes irresistible to needy souls who are drawn to God.

REFLECT

- 1. Take a moment to confess any sin and repent of any ways your sin has muted your enjoyment of God's presence.
- 2. How much peace, strength, and encouragement are you currently experiencing from the Holy Spirit? Tell the Lord what you need.

PRAY FOR SELF

Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times I've been resistant to You. Forgive me for any attitudes, words, or actions that have grieved Your Spirit. Bring those to mind even now so that I might repent and be washed again in Your refreshing forgiveness. Help me live in the fear of the Lord. Keep me from sin. Strengthen and refresh me today. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, let us be a church family who is quick to repent and regularly experiences Your refreshing presence. Grant us protection from the enemy and strengthen us in this season to keep moving forward on mission with You. Pour out Your Spirit upon us and empower us to live in the fear of the Lord. Use us to help more people meet, love, and follow Jesus. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 6: "You Will Find Me"

Monday, September 8

"You will seek me **and find me** when you seek me with all your heart."

—Jeremiah 29:13

God is not hiding from his kids. He *wants* to be found by you. But what does it take to find Him? Simply this: seeking Him all your heart.

Maybe you have been distracted, divided, discouraged or downcast lately. Are you spending all your time looking at your *problems*, and no time looking to *Him*? Our Heavenly Father wants to comfort, encourage and strengthen you, and He will... Sometimes you just forget to ask Him to.

REFLECT

1. How are you tempted to get distracted and take your eyes off of God?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father, I'm grateful that You are not hiding from me. Help me refocus the eyes of my heart, and the compass of my life on You. Give me an undivided heart; I desire to worship You alone and leverage my whole life to follow You wholeheartedly. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, fill the people of Grace City Church with Your Spirit. Give us singular focus as we seek to know You and make You known. We want to lift high the Name of Jesus over and above all other names. May we find You to be the source of life, joy, and peace that You have promised that You are. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 7:

"If Your Presence Does Not Go With Us"

Tuesday, September 9

"The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'

Then Moses said to Him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.'"

-Exodus 33:14-15

This was a bold statement by Moses. But he knew that without the Presence of God, the Promised Land didn't mean a thing.

Your story, your journey, your effort, your striving, your hopes, dreams, aspirations and deepest desires... God is the one who gives meaning to all of these, because all these things find their beginning and end in Him. To love God is to cry out to Him, along with Moses, "God, You are the bedrock of my life; without You I have nothing, and *am* nothing..."

"...If You're not coming with me, then I don't wanna go."

REFLECT

- 1. Reflect on a time that you were confident that the Lord was with you as you took a step of faith. What was that like?
- 2. Where do you need to ask God to give you rest?

PRAY FOR SELF

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Presence that goes before me, and surrounds me. Holy Spirit, thank You for living in me and guiding me; fill me with Your Presence and be with me wherever I go. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Heavenly Father, we want to be where You are. Give us eyes to see where You are at work, so we can join You there. If You want it, Lord, then we want it as well. If You are moving in a specific way, then we want to move there as well. May the people of Grace City Church keep in step always with Your Spirit, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Day 8: "After They Prayed"

Wednesday, September 10

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

-Acts 4:31

Wild things happen when you pray: apparently God has placed prayer-induced earthquakes inside the realm of possibility!

When you gather with the people of God to lift His Name high, to intentionally seek Him with a heart of sincere faith, and to ask Him to move on your behalf, it's impossible to leave that place unchanged. May God use Church Camp this fall to fill us all with His Spirit and give us a fresh zeal and boldness to declare the Good News of Jesus to our family, neighbors, coworkers, town, state, and nation that so desperately need it.

REFLECT

- 1. When was a time you personally experienced God's power. What was it like?
- 2. Who or what in your sphere of influence would get "shaken" if you experienced a fresh and powerful filling of the Holy Spirit? What would that look like?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, fill me with Your Spirit today. I want to walk in the power and authority of Jesus. I want to have the courage to unashamedly declare the Good News of Jesus wherever I go, whomever I talk with. Give me an increased desire for prayer and communion with You. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, shake this town, this state and this nation with thunderous revival. Begin here with us, the people of Grace City Church. Have mercy on us, renew us, fall fresh on us and give us more opportunities to be used by You in Your mission. We want to see true, Spirit-borne revival in our day Lord, so let it begin here by shaking this house that we call Grace City. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 9: "Your Sons And Daughters"

Thursday, September 11

"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions."

—Joel 2:28

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out on all of God's people. And on that day, the *immediate*, *direct* and *personal* access to the Holy Spirit became the inheritance of the children of God. Hallelujah! It is of utmost importance that we pass on to our children the precious gift that God gave His people on that day: His very Presence—holy, alive, and living *in* us. What a miracle; what a gift.

May our sons and daughters be filled with that same Spirit as on the day of Pentecost: may they prophesy in power, may they receive visions from the Lord, and experience all kinds of potent manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence as they exalt His Name in their generation.

REFLECT

- 1. Take a moment and pray for your children (or grandchildren, or future children). What do you sense God bringing to mind that they need? Pray for those things.
- 2. Pray for the next generation of the Church: that they would be Spirit-filled, faithful, and walk in the power of Jesus; that they would carry the mission forward and take ground in a myriad of ways, by God's grace; that we would accomplish well the task of passing on the Gospel mission to our sons and daughters...

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, pour out Your Spirit on me, and on my family. Give me a holy discontent instead of my complacency. I eagerly desire your gifts; give me these gifts of Your Spirit, that I may employ them in the service of Your mission. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, pour out Your Spirit on our church family: pour out the gifts of prophecy, tongues, words of knowledge, teaching, discernment, healings, faith, miracles, etc. We need, and want, all that You are willing to give to us! Make us increasingly effective as we storm the gates of Hell in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Day 10: "Joy In Your Presence"

Friday, September 12

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." —Psalm 16:11

Spirit-filled people look for reasons to laugh and have fun. Too many people in the world have adopted the false view of our God as some sort of cosmic killjoy, just waiting to crush all the fun that they long to have. But nothing could be further from the truth—the presence of God is the true headwater of all things fun, joyful, happy, and enjoyable. The happiest people on the planet are not those who possess the most material possessions, or the highest education, or prestige and fame, or the accolades of the world; the happiest people are those who have been filled by the Spirit of joy Himself! Since we serve the God who invented things like family, smiles, and gut-splitting laughter, let's make it our aim to put on display His joy and the eternal pleasures found at His right hand.

REFLECT

- 1. When was the last time you *really* laughed with your family and friends? Do you regularly experience the joy of the Lord? Why or why not?
- 2. What would it look like for you to build regular time into your family rhythm to laugh, have fun, and enjoy the presence of God together as a Spirit-filled family?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, thank You that You have given me great cause to be joyful: You created me, You know me, You've been merciful to me, You rescued me from my sin and death, and every step I take is one step closer to a glorious eternity with You! Fill me with Your Spirit, and fill me with Your joy and happiness, no matter what I'm going through. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, I ask that a mark of Grace City Church at the Family Capital of the World would be that we increasingly put on display the sincere and total joy that comes from knowing You! May we be a Spirit-filled church, marked by laughter, rich memories, singing, celebrating, and a thorough and complete enjoyment of all that You have richly poured out on us. Whatever the season, the trial, the opposition, whatever difficulty, may we glory in Your Presence. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 11 "Children of God"

Saturday, September 13

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by Him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children..."

-Romans 8:14-16

Those who are filled with the Spirit of God are His children: they walk like Him, talk like Him, they love what He loves, they want what He wants. And this is not burdensome for us—the Spirit we've received is the Spirit of freedom, not fear! If you ever find yourself fearful or discouraged, ask the Spirit Himself to speak to you. You'll hear His voice reminding you, "Don't be afraid; you are the Father's child and He always takes care of His kids." Lift your eyes to your Father, be filled with His Spirit, and trade your fear and fainting for courage and confidence.

REFLECT

- 1. What sort of fears do you deal with? Make a list of all of them below on the left hand side of a column.
- 2. What are the truths of God in His Word that speak directly to your fears? Add them to the right hand side, corresponding to each of the fears you listed.

PRAY FOR SELF

Abba, Father! Thank You for revealing Yourself as just that—My Father. I want to trust You more today than I did yesterday. Thank You that I am not a slave, but Your child. Break off any strongholds of fear in my life, I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, give the people of Grace City Church the courage and confidence that comes from being filled with the Holy Spirit. We want to be about the things You are about, and do great things in Your Name and for Your glory. Rebuke and bind any spirits of fear, chaos, and confusion among us, and give us all a fresh anointing from Heaven to remind us that we truly are Your sons and daughters. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 12 "Streams On Dry Ground"

Sunday, September 14

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and **streams on the dry ground**; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." —Isaiah 44:3

You have been blessed in order to be a blessing. God has poured out His Spirit on you, and He wants you to be a vessel of His blessing wherever you go. When the Church is revived and filled afresh with the Spirit, lives are redeemed, families restored, and communities transformed; brokenness and meaninglessness give way to hope, crime and addiction turn to righteousness, despair to creativity and ingenuity; blessings cascade like a flash flood reviving a dry streambed. God wants to pour His Spirit out on the dry areas of His Church so that we can be poured out on all the dry ground surrounding us in this valley, this state, this nation.

REFLECT

- 1. What areas of your life are dry right now? Identify them and write them down.
- 2. Spend some time asking the Lord to bring renewal and fresh vision to these areas of your life.

PRAY FOR SELF

Spirit of God, send Your rain to revive me in any areas that I've gone dry. Reveal to me what those areas are. I want to be filled to overflowing with You, in order that I'd be a blessing to my family, my church, my friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Glorify Yourself in my life. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Spirit of God, pour Yourself out right now on the dry streambeds of Your Church, that we might be poured out on the dry streambeds of our valley, in Washington State, and our nation. Strengthen Your Church in Washington state, and we humbly and earnestly ask that you sovereignly, powerfully break through any spirits of despondency and apathy that would seek to get in the way of the Gospel of Jesus Christ going forth in this state and beyond. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 13 "Renewed Day By Day"

Monday, September 15

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being **renewed day by day**. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

-2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Your troubles and struggles from this life can't be compared to what the Lord has in store for you for eternity. Think about it: *eternal glory*—a future waiting for us in Heaven that is so weighty, so substantive, so *glorious* that even the most intense suffering and persecution in this life will seem "light and momentary" by comparison.

Perspective matters: if the Church is to be effective in *this* life, we must keep our eyes focused on the *next*. A fresh touch of the Spirit of God on your life will result in an intensified hunger for Heaven, and a relentless desire to leverage all of your life's energy to labor for His purposes. Don't lose heart! The dawning of immortal glory is on its way, and coming soon.

REFLECT

- 1. Why does being filled with the Holy Spirit help fix our eyes on the eternal glory of Heaven?
- 2. How does an increased hunger for Heaven make you a more effective Christian today?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father, fill me with Your Spirit, that I would fix my eyes on that great day to come—when my race is over and I'm welcomed into Your Kingdom for eternity. Give me perspective on all that I'm going through, that these struggles are light and momentary in light of Your eternal glory. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, pour out Your Spirit upon us as a church family. Whatever You have for us, we will fix our eyes on You, come what may. When we feel as though we are wasting away, would You renew us on the inside and stoke the fire of our faith hot and bright. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 14 "The Spirit God Gave Us"

Tuesday, September 16

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

-2 Timothy 1:6-7

Timidity is not a part of the inheritance of the child of God. Jesus Christ was the most Spirit-filled man in all of history, and even just a cursory reading in the Gospel accounts of His life and ministry could never be described as "timid." He walked courageously, humbly, boldly, and never caved to temptation, sin, or any of the many pressures to veer off His mission.

May we be filled with the Holy Spirit to walk in the power of Jesus, the love of Jesus, and the discipline of Jesus to ruthlessly and singlemindedly be about our Father's business. It's time for the Church to find her voice once again and unashamedly declare the Word of God that brings revival to the watching world.

REFLECT

- 1. Where do you need to trade timidity for boldness? What is holding you back?
- 2. Spend some time meditating on this passage; don't stop until you've memorized it.

PRAY FOR SELF

Lord Jesus, fill me with power, with love, and self-discipline. Thank You that we have not been given a spirit of fear or timidity. I want to walk in Your authority, the authority of the risen King. Help me to fan into flame the gifts You've given me. Make me courageous and bold, for Your Name's sake. Amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, I pray for our church, that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit to walk in the power of Jesus. Fill us with courage that is contagious to whoever we come into contact with. Help us grow into the sons and daughters that Your blood paid for us to be. In the mighty Name of Jesus we pray! Amen.

WEEK THREE FILLED WITH EXPECTATION

Day 15 "You Can Do All Things"

Wednesday, September 17

"Then Job replied to the Lord:
'I know that you can do all things;
no purpose of yours can be thwarted...
You said, "Listen now, and I will speak;
I will question you,
and you shall answer me."
My ears had heard of you
but now my eyes have seen you..."
—Job 42

"I know that you can do all things..." This is the refrain you're left with after spending time in the presence of God. When He fills you with His Spirit, your faith in His power is ignited, and your problems get smaller in His shadow. All of the sudden, our insecurities, fears, worries and complaints seem so petty and small in His overwhelming greatness and nearness.

Because it is one thing to hear *about* God... Along with Job, we acknowledge it is another thing entirely to be in the room when He is so palpably and undeniably *there*. May the inescapable reality of God's incontrovertible power simultaneously humble us, lead us to greater repentance, and strengthen our faith for what is possible as we ask Him to bring revival to His Church and our nation.

REFLECT

- 1. Take a few moments right now and meditate on the truth that God "can do all things." What comes to mind?
- 2. Think about a time you personally experienced God's power. What was it like?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, I know that You are the God who can do all things, and nothing is impossible with You. I humble myself before Your majesty and might. I receive from Your hand whatever You have for me today, this week, this year, and ask that You would use my life to glorify Your Name. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, show Yourself to be powerful in our day. Purify Your people, fill us with Your Spirit and restore the vitality in Your Church in order that we might see history's most powerful chapter of revival yet, and we would see more and more turn to Jesus and receive life. And Lord, Your people at Grace City are ready for You to begin with us. We want more of You: Your presence, Your glory and power. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 16 "Good Things"

Thursday, September 18

"He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with **good things**."

—Psalm 107:9

We serve an exceedingly good God. Far from being presumptuous, expecting good things from God's hand is actually directly in line with His promises contained in Scripture. He has promised us that whatever reaches our lives, having passed through His hand, is for our good and for His glory; what a great hope and comfort! Resolve to always be looking for the good and glorious things of God in all the moments of your life: big, small, difficult, exhausting, happy, sad, or otherwise. In every moment and experience, you can rightly ask, "What good thing does God have for me in this?"

REFLECT

- 1. What would it look like for you to build a culture of hopeful expectation in your home?
- 2. How will you help your family appreciate all the ways in which God's given you good things?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, You are the giver of every good and perfect gift. I am so grateful. For all that You've given me, for all that You've brought me through, for all the ways in which You've sustained me and provided for me, for giving me a hope and future, I say thank You! In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, Your people are grateful for all that You are doing now and all that we are believing in faith that You will do in the future! We believe that all the good things we have seen from Your hand so far is just the beginning. We remind ourselves that You own all things, You have power over all things, and You are working all things together for our good and Your glory. Reign in our hearts and fill us more with Your good things. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 17 "Hope, Riches & Power"

Friday, September 19

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the **hope** to which He has called you, the **riches** of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great **power** for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."

-Ephesians 1:17-21

Discipleship begins in the imagination—one's thoughts, affections and deepest desires—what Paul calls "the eyes of your heart." Paul wants us to grasp with our *imagination* what is already ours in Christ, namely *hope*, *riches and power*. **Hope**—not wishful thinking, but a rock-solid confidence based on God's own character. **Riches**—God's kids are not beggars, but heirs to an imperishable inheritance and a seat with our name on it at the table of the King of the universe. **Power**—the same power that rolled the stone away from the tomb now resides *inside* us.

Don't believe the lies of the enemy that you are empty, poor, and powerless. Seek Him today and expect to be filled afresh with the *hope*, *riches* and *power* flowing from His throne.

REFLECT

- 1. Where in your life do you struggle to believe that God has poured out His hope, riches, and power on you?
- 2. What are the world's counterfeit definitions of hope, riches, and power? How are God's better?

PRAY FOR SELF

God, You have poured out abundance on me. Increase my ability to take hold of all the blessings You've given me in Your Son. I boldly ask that You would fill me with more hope, more riches, and more power, according to Your goodness and love. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, send the truths of our inheritance down deep into the bones of the people of Grace City Church. Help us to walk in freedom, hope, power, and to take hold of all the wondrous riches of grace we've received from Your hand. Fill us with Your Spirit and do mighty things in us and through us! In Jesus' Name and for Your glory, amen.

Day 18 "How Much More!"

Saturday, September 20

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will your Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

—Luke 11:9-13

God delights to give good gifts to His kids, the greatest of these being the Holy Spirit. So don't hesitate! Ask, seek, knock—pray boldly. God responds to the persistent, not the passive. He waits to pour out His presence and power to those who come to Him humbly but *earnestly*. God's kids should be peeking around the corner, fully hopeful and desirous of the next answered prayer, the next miracle, the next provision, the next great gift from the best Dad in the cosmos. So today, take Him at His Word: what do you want to ask Him for? If He answered every prayer you prayed today, how would your life change?

REFLECT

- 1. What keeps you from asking, seeking, and knocking with bold persistence in prayer, and how does this passage challenge that hesitation?
- 2. What are you asking God for? Be bold. Write it down, or pray it out loud.

PRAY FOR SELF

Father, I thank You that You are generous, not reluctant, and never withholding what is best for Your children. Forgive me for the times I doubt You or grow weary in asking. Teach me to seek You with persistence and faith, trusting that You will open the right doors. Above all, fill me with Your Spirit—Your greatest gift. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Father, would You give us the tenacity to always be seeking, always be asking, always be knocking. Guard us from complacency, and give us a holy discontent that stems from wanting to see You gain more and more glory. We boldly ask that You would give us unmistakable evidence of Your miracle-bringing, chain-breaking, stone-rolling, and Hell-defeating power in this next season of ministry together. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 19 "Repeat Them In Our Day"

Sunday, September 21

"Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. **Repeat them in our day**, in our time make them known..." —Habbakuk 3:2

It's one thing to hear stories of the amazing things that God has done elsewhere and at a different time. But don't you want to *live* a story of God's awesome deeds and not just hear about them? The whole point of reflecting on what God did *yesterday* is to prepare your heart for what God wants to do *TODAY*.

Do you believe He is still parting seas, still bringing enemy walls down, still raising up valorous men to slay giants, that He still has the power to raise the dead? Will we pray and ask for these things today in expectant faith? Lord, all the wondrous things You've done: "...repeat them in our day!"

REFLECT

- 1. How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your faith for what He can do now?
- 2. What steps can you take to prepare my heart for God's work in and around me in this season?

PRAY FOR SELF

Father in Heaven, thank You for Your faithfulness and for all the great things You have done—things I've read, heard, and personally witnessed. Increase my hunger and expectancy for what You want to do in my life, and in the lives of those around me today. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, strengthen us in 2025 to keep moving forward on mission with You. Pour out Your Spirit upon us and empower us to live in the fear of the Lord. Use us to help more people meet, love, and follow Jesus. If and when people hear of Your manifest power and mighty deeds at Grace City Church, may it be to Your fame and to the praise of Your glorious grace. In Jesus' Name, amen.

Day 20 "The Lord Added To Their Number"

Monday, September 22

"And **the Lord added to their number** daily those who were being saved."
—Acts 2:47

God's mission to rescue and redeem lost sinners is at the center of the filling of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Spirit of God means our burden for lost people grows, and, as a result, we bear an increased passion to depopulate Hell! The Spirit of God is always moving in power, blowing where He will and breathing life and breath and vitality into dead people, dry marriages, and broken families, if we have eyes to see it. This begs the very exciting question: who does God want to "add to our number" that He's strategically placed near you?

REFLECT

- 1. Who do you want to see meet, love and follow Jesus this year? Make a list of 5 people and commit to regularly praying for them.
- 2. What's your next step with these people? An invite to church? To your City Group? Identify your next step and take that step this week.

PRAY FOR SELF

Father, give me a vision for sharing Your good news with the lost people around me. Renew in me a desire to see more people meet, love and follow You. Give me the boldness and courage to initiate conversations and invitations for the sake of their eternity. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Heavenly Father, we lift our praises to You. Thank You for the gift of salvation. May we walk in Your favor, and may all who see us be drawn to You. We ask that You add to our number, to Your Church, even daily Lord! Bring them in from near and far to hear the Good News of salvation and redemption found in only One Name, the Name of Jesus Christ. We pray in His Name, amen.

Day 21

"Salvation Belongs To Our God"

Tuesday, September 23

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

'Salvation belongs to our God,

who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

-Revelation 7:9-10

This day is coming, and we should be filled with expectation—because we will get to be there! Imagine this scene: the throne room of the Living God. This is the goal toward which all our efforts, energy, praise, and worship move—more people enjoying the presence of their Creator for eternity as God's presence dwells with His people, forever.

When we gather together at Church Camp to sing and praise the Name of Jesus, we begin to taste that glorious future day. So come join us tonight! Lift your voice, and open wide your heart, that the King of glory may come in (Psalm 24). Heaven is invading the Earth! Let us join in the song today: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne..."

REFLECT

- 1. In your own words, why is God worthy of your praise and worship?
- 2. ACTION STEP: Join us tonight for Church Camp!

PRAY FOR SELF

Lord, give me a sanctified imagination to imagine the praise of Heaven. Help me see and hear in Your word the glory and wonder of Your presence and the scene of Heaven around the throne. Help me join in that song today. You are worthy of MY praise. In Jesus' Name, amen.

PRAY FOR CHURCH

Lord, fill our church with the air of Heaven, the sound of Heaven, and the full-throttled worship response around Your throne. Help us prepare and practice now for that day in Your presence face-to-face. May there be a palpable sense of Your presence as we gather to worship You. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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