Day 1 – Created for Good Work

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

Reflection: God didn't create you by accident. He designed you intentionally, with passions, skills, and burdens that align with the good work He has prepared for you. But good work doesn't start with you; it starts with Him. He is both the source and the finisher of what He calls you to.

Reflection Questions:

- Where do I see God's intentional design in my passions, skills, or burdens?
- What is breaking my heart, or something that I feel burdened for? Could that be the starting point of my "good work"?
- Ask God: "What good work have You placed in my hands for this season?"

Prayer: Lord, thank You for creating me on purpose and for a purpose. Help me to recognize the good work You've placed in front of me and trust that You are the One who equips me to do it. Amen

Day 2 - Naming Distractions

Scripture: Nehemiah 6:3

Reflection: Not every opportunity is from God. Nehemiah knew his calling and refused to let distractions pull him away. If the enemy can't destroy you, he will try to distract you. What we call an opportunity, God may call a distraction.

Reflection Questions:

- What voices or influences tempt me to "come down from the wall"?
- Am I saying "yes" to things that look good but pull me away from God's best?
- Where do I need to say a firm but faithful "no"?

Prayer: Lord, give me discernment to see distractions for what they are. Help me not to mistake opportunity for calling. Teach me to say "no" when You are calling me to stay on the wall. Strengthen my focus on the work You've called me to. Amen.

Day 3 – Strength for the Work

Scripture: Nehemiah 6:9

Reflection: Nehemiah didn't pray for an easier road. He prayed for stronger hands. Distractions, fatigue, and opposition will come, but God gives us the strength to endure. When you feel tired or discouraged, make Nehemiah's prayer your own: "Now strengthen my hands."

Reflection Questions:

- Where am I weary right now?
- Do I find myself asking God for an easier road or for stronger hands?
- What would perseverance look like for me today?

Prayer: Father, I need You. When I feel weary, strengthen my hands. When I feel afraid, strengthen my heart. Give me the endurance to finish the work You've given me. Amen.

Day 4 - Opposition Will Come

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

Reflection: When you pursue God's work, expect opposition. Criticism, fear, comparison, and temptation will try to derail you. Even Jesus faced opposition, yet He never came down from His mission on the cross.

Reflection Questions:

- What forms of opposition do I face: criticism, discouragement, fear, or comparison?
- How can fixing my eyes on Jesus keep me from growing weary?
- Where do I need to pray for perseverance?

Prayer: Jesus, You endured the cross for me. Help me to endure opposition with faith and courage. Keep my eyes fixed on You so I won't lose heart. Amen.

Day 5 - Standing Firm in Faith

Scripture: Nehemiah 6:11

Reflection: The enemy tried to intimidate Nehemiah through someone he trusted, but Nehemiah refused to give in to fear. Faithfulness often means standing firm when it would be easier to compromise.

Reflection Questions:

- Where am I tempted to run instead of stand firm?
- How does fear try to steer me away from obedience?
- What would it look like to remain faithful even when it costs me?

Prayer: Lord, give me courage to stand firm when I am tempted to run. Teach me to resist fear, even when it feels easier to compromise. Help me to trust You when fear rises and remind me that obedience matters more than comfort. Amen.

Day 6 – With God's Help

Scripture: Nehemiah 6:16

Reflection: The wall was rebuilt in 52 days—not because Nehemiah was extraordinary, but because God was. The good work you do isn't about your ability; it's about God's power and presence working through you.

Reflection Questions:

- Where have I seen God's hand at work in my life recently?
- How does it change my perspective to know the outcome belongs to Him, not me?
- What step of obedience will I take today, trusting He will help me?

Prayer: God, thank You that the work I do in Your name is not by my strength but by Yours. I release control of the outcome to You. May everything I do bring glory to You, so that others may see Your hand at work in me. Amen.

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