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INTRODUCTION



Times of change, trouble, or doubt can leave us looking for answers, wondering what God says about our situation. God includes more than seven thousand promises in His Word. As you read through these devotions each day, may God bring you encouragement and assurance through Scripture about the promises He has for your life. It is our hope and prayer that these 365 devotions will bless you as you read and ponder each day.



JANUARY



JANUARY 1

GOD'S PLAN FOR YOU



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

In Philippians the Lord urges each one of us to live in such a way that we “press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (3:14). And as we begin the new year, we often stop to contemplate and plan just exactly how to do that.

But for all our resolutions, we can achieve a life that reflects God’s plans for us only if the Lord is front and center in our lives every day. God promises that, when we live for Him, His plans for us are excellent and full of hope. Let this year be a new beginning of living and walking ever closer to our heavenly Father, with great joy in our hearts as we anticipate His plans for us.

Father, I believe You have great and wonderful plans for my life. In this new year, teach me to live closer to You so I might see those plans unfold.



JANUARY 2

GOD GOES WITH YOU



*“Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,
for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*

JOSHUA 1:9

Where will this new year take you? What new journeys, what new adventures, what new challenges will you face? Begin this new year trusting in the Lord, for He will be “with you wherever you go.” Call on Him—He is waiting for you to come to Him with open arms.

This year holds many opportunities for fulfillment. Fulfillment in relationships, careers, and interests. But the best and truest fulfillment is found when you focus your thoughts on Jesus Christ. Start each day praising His holy name. Spend time in prayer and in the Word, keeping an open mind and heart. When you do, He will go with you always, and He will bless you beyond your wildest dreams.

Lord, You are my strength and my courage. Because
You are ever with me, I can travel in peace.





JANUARY 3

THE LORD GUIDES



The LORD will guide you continually, and . . . you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

ISAIAH 58:11

The LORD will guide you continually”—what a beautiful promise! Each day we can look forward to His Spirit going before, clearing the way, lighting the path, and giving us the guidance we need. His presence is in each circumstance of our lives, whether good or bad. In every moment, He promises to draw us ever closer to Him and to His perfect will for our lives. And He promises to give us all the strength we need to follow Him.

But God doesn't stop at mere survival. He doesn't just satisfy and strengthen. Though there will be difficulties and times of drought in our lives, God guides us to His living waters. He enables us to flourish “like a watered garden,” where His blessings always bloom.

Father, when I walk through the deserts of this life, I will trust You to satisfy my thirst. Lead me in the way You wish me to go.



JANUARY 4

GOD LOVES US, PERIOD



God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8

The guilt that sin brings into our lives is often the stumbling block that keeps us from a deeper walk with God. We fear that when we miss the mark He has set, He is so disappointed that He simply gives up on us. But this verse from Romans tells us that God knew we were sinners—that we would continue to sin—yet He still loved us enough to send His own Son to save us.

The fact is, God stands ready to forgive us when we repent of our sin. His love is unconditional and abundant. Through His forgiveness, He wants us to grow to be more like Jesus. We are not perfect, but our heavenly Father looks beyond our mistakes and calls us to a deeper walk with Him.

Lord, sometimes it's hard to believe that You sent Your perfect Son to die for such an imperfect one as me. Praise You for Your saving love and grace.



JANUARY 5

JESUS GIVES REST



“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

MATTHEW 11:28

What a beautiful invitation the Lord offers us! In the midst of whatever trouble or conflict we face—no matter how huge or how trivial—we can go to Jesus. We’re not imposing, we’re not interrupting. We are wanted and welcome.

So why is it that so often when we face a problem or a challenge, He is the last one we turn to? We flounder along, trying to solve everything on our own, often failing and exhausting ourselves in the process. Jesus is just waiting for us to come to Him. When we develop a deeper relationship with Him, we learn to accept His invitation and surrender our will to His. Then He blesses us with the kind of rest and peace that only He can give. Turn to Him; He truly is the Way (John 14:6).

Lord, You have invited me to come to You with all my burdens, worries, doubts, and cares. I lay myself before You. Bless me with rest for my weary soul.



JANUARY 6

GOD WANTS TO BLESS YOU

Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. . . . You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

PSALM 128:1–2

Do you want to be blessed? Then turn to the Giver of all life's blessings.

Happiness is the desire of everyone's heart. We do everything we can to find it, to earn it, to keep it. But true joy—a joy that soars beyond the boundaries of any earthly happiness—comes to us as a gift when we walk faithfully with our God.

What does that mean? It means we fear the Lord. We give Him the honor and the respect He deserves. We choose to live this day, and every day after, loving and obeying Him. We let His light shine through our lives for all the world to see. And when we do these things, when we walk “in His ways,” God blesses with us with life abundant (John 10:10).

Lord, help me be the person You wish me to be. Fill me with Your joy, and bless me that I might bless those around me.



JANUARY 7

GOD IS YOUR REFUGE



*The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble.*

PSALM 9:9

A refuge in times of trouble.” That is what God has promised to be for us when we feel besieged, when we need a safe place to wait out the difficulties of life. We who know His name must put our trust in Him, believing in His absolute faithfulness.

God never abandons us, never leaves us on our own to face the dark times. When trouble knocks upon our door; when the mountains we must climb seem too steep; when we find ourselves in deep, drowning waters—He is there. Nothing can keep us from the love of God, and His arms are open to shelter us—every time—when we choose to hope in Him.

Father, when calamity strikes, help me to remember to run straight to You. You are always available to me, my refuge in troubled times.



JANUARY 8

GOD WILL EMPOWER YOU



When you roam, [God's commands] will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you.

PROVERBS 6:22

When we experience hardships, it may make us question God's will for our lives. And while we may be unclear about careers or losses or relationships, we must always remember that the most important thing in life is living in a way that pleases and glorifies our heavenly Father and His Son.

God tells us about the kind of life that pleases Him: love Him with all we are (Mark 12:30), love our neighbor (Matthew 22:39), and live out a love that reflects Jesus (1 Corinthians 13).

God will enable us to live according to these commands. He will empower us as we earnestly seek to live out His will, to love Him, and to love others.

Lord, I'm not sure exactly what's happening in my life right now, or what I'm supposed to do about it. But I do know that I will keep loving You and loving others, no matter what.



JANUARY 9

GOD IS OUR TREASURE



“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

MATTHEW 6:20–21

*T*reasure. What does that word mean to you? For some, it calls up images of a pirate’s chest brimming with gold and precious stones. For others, it’s big bank accounts, a bigger house, and the biggest, fanciest, grown-up toys. But the real question is, how does God define treasure? That forces us to decide what is an earthly treasure and what is a heavenly one.

Jesus tells us that those things moths and rust can destroy are earthly treasures, and they do not last. Our heavenly treasures are the promised riches of our Father’s love, His saving mercy, and His unmerited, boundless grace. Those are the treasures that last for all eternity. And *those* are the treasures we are to seek.

Lord, I do thank You for the earthly treasures You’ve given me, but I pray You would teach my heart to cherish Your heavenly treasures above all else.



JANUARY 10

GOD NEVER LEAVES US



The LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you.

DEUTERONOMY 31:8

Have you ever been left alone? Left to find your own way, fight your own battles? Have you ever been forsaken by family, by friends, by those you thought would stand by you? Then you know the power of this promise: “[God] will not leave you nor forsake you.”

When life darkens our door with its troubles and trials, Satan wants nothing more than for us to feel forsaken and alone—but we are not! God stands by our side; He guides, counsels, and comforts. Rest assured, no matter what you face in the coming year, *nothing* can separate you from the love of your Father (Romans 8:38–39). Therefore walk boldly into each new day, knowing that you follow the footsteps of the One who never leaves you.

Lord, when I feel lost and alone, remind me that You are there.
Help me to sense Your presence and leading in my life.



JANUARY 11

CHRIST RECONCILES US



If when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

ROMANS 5:10

When we were enemies . . . to God.” Do those words give your heart pause? How does it feel to know that you—before you trusted in Christ as your Savior—were an enemy of God? And how does it feel to know that, despite the enmity between you, He sent His Son to die for your sins anyway? Romans 5:8 says it this way: “God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

If God demonstrated that depth of love through the death of His Son, what will He do through the life of His risen Son? In this glorious promise, Paul tells us, “We shall be saved by His life.” Not merely saved *from* sin, but saved *to* a heavenly and eternal home with Him.

Father, thank You for not only saving me
from sin, but saving me to Your side.



JANUARY 12

THE PRIZE IS HEAVEN



*I press toward the goal for the prize of the
upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

We are daily in the race of life. We stumble, learn from our mistakes, start again, and try to run better from there on. Meanwhile God has called us to leave our mistakes behind us, to forget the stumblings of the past, and to make serving Christ our goal.

Through His Word, the Lord urges us to run the race of life in such a way that we may obtain the prize of the “imperishable crown” (1 Corinthians 9:25) of heaven. To do this, we must run with endurance while looking to Jesus (Hebrews 12:1–2), who doesn’t leave us to run alone. Rather He is our constant Companion, running alongside and giving us the strength and encouragement we need to keep running the race.

Father, empower me to run the race in a prize-winning way. Fill me with Your Spirit that my life will reflect Your love, endurance, and tenacity.