




# WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

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## Day 1: The Power of Lineage

Reading: Matthew 1:1-17

Devotional: As we read through Jesus' genealogy, we're reminded that God works through imperfect people and broken stories. Reflect on your own family history. How has God been working through generations to bring you to where you are today? Consider how your story, despite its flaws, is part of God's greater narrative.

## Day 2: Unexpected Heroes

Reading: Joshua 2:1-21

Devotional: Rahab, a prostitute, became an unexpected hero in God's plan. Her faith and actions saved lives and placed her in Jesus' lineage. Are there parts of your past that you're ashamed of? Remember that God specializes in redeeming our darkest moments. Reflect on how God might be calling you to use your experiences, even the painful ones, to help others. Ask God to show you how your story can be a testimony of His grace and redemption.

## Day 3: The Messiah's Humanity

Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Devotional: Jesus, fully God, became fully human to relate to us in every way. He experienced temptation, suffering, and human emotions. How does knowing this change your perception of Jesus? Reflect on a current struggle you're facing. How might Jesus' human experience comfort and strengthen you in this situation? Pray for a deeper understanding of Christ's empathy and the courage to approach Him with your vulnerabilities.

## Day 4: Overcoming Accusation

Reading: Revelation 12:10-11

Devotional: Satan, the accuser, tries to condemn us with our past sins and failures. But we overcome through Christ's blood and our testimony. What accusations do you struggle with in your mind? Write them down, then counter each with a truth from Scripture about God's forgiveness and love. Share your testimony of God's work in your life with someone today, reinforcing the power of your story in overcoming shame and guilt.

## Day 5: Sharing Your Story

Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:13

Devotional: Our experiences, though unique to us, are "common to mankind." Your story has the power to encourage others facing similar struggles. Reflect on a difficult experience you've overcome. How did God provide a "way out" for you? Consider someone in your life who might benefit from hearing this part of your story. Pray for an opportunity to share it, focusing on God's faithfulness rather than your own strength. Remember, vulnerability in sharing can be a powerful ministry tool.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**