

Daily Insights for PEACE

Day 1 – Message

Day 2 – The PEACE Plan

For the next 40 days you and I are embarking on an incredible journey to PEACE. From the very beginning of time God's plans have created, sustained and shaped the world around us. His ways are all powerful and ever-lasting. As you and I begin to live out the PEACE Plan I encourage you to take a few moments and consider the times you have tried, in your own wisdom, to find THE solution to the problems around you. The Scripture teaches us that left alone we not only have difficulty finding the right answers to life's questions, but we can never find the KEYS to life. The Scripture puts it this way: "without faith [in Him] it is impossible to please God." (Heb. 11:6)

Remember: making a God-difference in our world requires aligning our mind; will and heart to do God's will His way. It is our responsibility to begin the planning process and it is God's commitment to determine the direction of our steps. Proverbs 16:9 says, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."

The PEACE plan is a practical guide to bring the Good News to our world. As you walk through this Journey to PEACE, I encourage you to take a few moments each day to read and meditate on the Daily Insights, study Scripture provided and memorize the "*Truth to Live*." You will find your perspective on the world around you starting to change and your confidence in God will grow. Before you know it you will be bringing His PEACE to your own heart, to your friends and family, your community and to the nations.

Let's get started!

Journal:

Day 2 -- You are Incredible, God!

A Truth to Live – God's destiny for me requires my complete devotion to Him.

Scripture – *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself.” Mark 12:30-31?*

God, You are incredible! To think that before my day began you had already carefully designed a way for me to find meaning and purpose in my life. I don't even have to search to find the bounty of your love for me. You made the world, the sun, the moon, the stars and everything good on this earth.

It is to you that I devote my best. I give you the emotions and passions of my heart. You have the freedom to shape my personality and character, to create in my mind a reflection of your wisdom. Your plan for me is so great; your eternal destiny beyond description, my only response is to honor you with who I am.

Take total control of me today. I commit to you that I will take care of my whole being...every part of me is yours. Use me to bring PEACE to your world.

Journal:

Day 4 -- Today I Choose to Join Your Mission

A Truth to Live – My purpose in life is found in living out His purposes

Scripture – *“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the Devil’s work.” (I John 3:8)*

God, today I ask for your wisdom to increase in my life. There are so many tasks and responsibilities that pull on me every day. In fact, most of the time, my life seems too busy to add just one more thing. Sometimes I lose the priority focus that made Jesus’ life so fruitful and satisfying.

Would you take me beyond what I think is important and place in me the determination to live like Jesus? Through the power of your love I want to destroy the work of evil and make a difference in my world. To my family, my friends and colleagues I want to see the crippling impact of evil be destroyed by the simple, but powerful, demonstration of your never ending and gentle love. It made all the difference in my life, now I want to see your love change those I know are trapped by the evils of this world.

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Day 5 – You Have Ascended with Authority over this World

A Truth to Live -- God has transferred His eternal authority to those who follow Him

Scripture – *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 28:18-20)*

Today can be my best day ever. When I choose to no longer seek the accolades of men, nor the comforts of this temporary life, my life gets plugged into the authority, power and mission of Christ!

From now on I will live in the eternal destiny which God has laid out for me. I will walk in His spiritual authority and share the simple, but powerful good news with my world. I know that this means much more than reciting words – I must also be your hands and feet. Help me, Lord, and grant me the strength to obey You and teach others to do the same. Even when I feel hesitant or alone to do your will, I will remember that your very presence is with me when I walk according to your Word.

Thank You, God. You are empowering me today to live beyond myself. You want me to be involved in the BIG plan of the ages – taking your Good News to every person in every community on earth. Show me today how to take the first steps in your grand purposes!

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Day 6 -- You Made Us to Love

A Truth to Live – God is love and loving God means loving others.

Scripture – *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first commandment. And second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39)*

I was made to love. From the beginning of time God’s original design was for me to love others. I John 4:7 says, “Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” This is how I can know that the power of the Gospel rules in me – if I have love for all people regardless of their race, religion, gender, or behavior. You loved me and I am to love others.

Today I commit to love you with every part of my being. I will use all my energy to grow in my relationship with you – learning and listening for your voice throughout my day.

And, just as I will use my heart, soul and mind to love You, I will also use my all to love others. I will begin today looking at my family, my colleagues, my schoolmates, my neighbors, my friends and Your world through the eyes of love.

Lord, I ask that you pour Your love out on me today so that I can give it freely to others.

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Day 7 – It's Time to Make A Difference

A Truth to Live: God wants to give His supernatural power to me so that I can be a witness for Him in my world.

Scripture: *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

The greatest treasure in my life is that the God of the universe chooses to work through me! Even though I am undeserving and not qualified, His promises are still true. I can count on His power working through me today. In fact, Jeremiah 1:12 says that He is “watching to see that [His] Word is fulfilled.”

Heavenly Father, today I choose to spend time in your presence, waiting for the power of your Holy Spirit to guide and empower my day. I will listen to your voice and follow the path that you lay down for me. You have promised that I would play a role in seeing the Good News spread from me to those near me – to family and friends, to my community and to the whole world.

Thank you for allowing me to participate in your master plan for redemption. I commit to listen and obey. I am ready to be used to see my world transformed.

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Day 8 – Message

Day 9 -- Living on Purpose

A Truth to Live – God has given me a divine purpose for my life!

Scripture – *“For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep...” Acts 13:32*

Today is a day of divine destiny for my life. Because God promises to “direct my steps” (Proverbs 16:9) when I honor Him with my life, I can count on God’s interaction and intervention at every turn.

I am asking You, Lord to visit me today and to instruct me in the “way that I should go” (Psalm 32:8). Reveal to me your divine destiny so that I can fulfill Your purposes in my life. This means more to me than the compliments of others or the momentary pleasure of a task accomplished. I live for you and will walk according to your purpose.

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Day 10 – Commissioned to the World

A Truth to Live – God’s purpose for me is to deliver His message in my world.

Scripture – *“As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” (John 17:18)*

You are my example, God. How awesome you are to send me a Savior, Friend and Guide. There are times that the distractions in my life make it very hard to actually know what I am about and where I should be going. It’s in these times that I am so grateful that you sent Jesus into my life and commissioned me in the power of Your Spirit to live a life modeled after Jesus.

I admit that on my own this is impossible, but also acknowledge that with you “nothing is impossible.” (Luke 1:37) So today, I stand on the reality that you make the impossible possible. You have placed me in your Body and you promise to use me - with all my shortcomings - to deliver the Good News to your world.

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Day 11 – He is in Charge of My Destiny

A Truth to Live – I can rest assured that the God who created me is able to fulfill His promises in me.

Scripture – *“The Lord works out everything for His purposes.” (Proverbs 16:4)*

God is all powerful. As I begin my day I can take comfort in the reality that God is working out the details of my life for the good. From the beginning of time He has had my best interests in mind. Rather than trying to work harder to “get things right” today I begin with the first step toward my own destiny – I surrender to the plans that God has for me.

Lord, I put my life in your hands. Mold me today into a useful vessel in your Kingdom. Set in motion your destiny in my life – to bring your PEACE to my world. I look forward with great expectation to see your hand at work in me and through me.

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Day 12 – He Has Good For Me To Do

A Truth to Live – God has already planned out His destiny for my life.

Scripture – *“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)*

God is in control. The circumstances around me do not define me because God himself is in control. He is the one who has crafted my very existence, designed my personality, given expression to my interests and passions. He has taken interest in me!

How grateful I am to you, God. You not only set the universe in motion but you also have taken care to insure that my life finds meaning in something greater than myself. You have planned out my days and, when I listen to you, I find hope in learning that you have prepared my life’s path with good things to do.

Today I choose Your way, Your works, and Your presence. I will not yield to the cravings of my own flesh, nor the demands of my circumstances. I will seek You and Your Kingdom and then watch You go to work in me and through me!

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Day 13 – My Life Is Made With Purpose

A Truth to Live – I have been given a purpose to accomplish in life.

Scripture – “...*I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.*” (Acts 20:24)

I was made for one thing. My gifts, abilities, passion, experience and personality have been uniquely combined for one single reason. It is THE task of my life to testify to those around me of the good news of God’s grace.

Lord, I need you to remind me of my destiny. There are so many distractions surrounding me each and every day that I can easily forget what really counts. You are the only thing worth living for. You have made such a difference in my life, and I want to testify to others of your greatness. I ask you to create opportunities in my conversations today, and grant me the privilege to share Your good news with others.

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Day 14 – God Has Given Us Work to Do

A Truth to Live – I bring glory to God when I fulfill His mission in my life.

Scripture – *“I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.” (John 17:4)*

Jesus, You are my example, and I want to follow in Your steps. You brought glory to your Heavenly Father by completing your work here on earth, and I choose today to do the same. The work that you have given for me to do will become my highest priority.

I will make wise choices today to honor You with my behavior, my conduct, my conversation with others and the integrity of my own thoughts. I know that you have divinely placed me at home, school or work to make an impact for You, and I will share Your story in my life with those around me.

Beginning today, knowing that my life gives You glory is the only satisfaction that I need. I ask, Lord, that Day 12 – He Has Good For Me To Do

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Day 15 – Message

Day 16 – Your Life As An Adventure

A Truth to Live – Following Jesus is the Adventure of a Lifetime!

Scripture – *“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”* Luke 9:23

God has my absolute best in mind. Sometimes it seems that God’s ways are more difficult or personally challenging. But, I know from experience that going my own way does not often end in good. In fact, left to my own directions my path usually comes to a dead end.

Today, I will start a new path, chart a new course. I will forego my own impulses and ideas, choosing instead to follow the Jesus way. It is not the way of self-promotion or self-satisfaction, but it is the way of fulfillment. Following you Jesus requires thoughtful discipline and a consistent choosing of the Kingdom way. Lord, empower me today to carry your cross and inspire me to follow your better way.

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Day 17 – God’s Anointing is For Me

A Truth to Live – God’s Direction for My Life Involves Blessing Others.

Scripture – *The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor, He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.” Isaiah 61:1*

God you have chosen the right direction for my life. When the clutter and busyness of my life crowd Your purpose for me, help me to remember that my real fulfillment comes when I give back to others. In fact, when I concentrate on my own needs, I am left with my own feeble wisdom to try to solve the problem. But when I bring the good news to those in need, Your anointing flows through my life – bringing healing to me and to so many others around me.

Help me to remember that Your intended purpose for me is really simple. Just as You gave Your life for me, I should spend my life serving others. Your blessing flows in my life when I help meet the needs of the poor, encourage the brokenhearted, help those bound in emotional pain, and care for those in prison. Place my life today, Lord with others who are in need. Give me the chance to pour out so that I can be a vessel filled with Your eternal never ending goodness.

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Day 18 – God Alone is the One Who Grants Eternal Blessing

A Truth to Live – God grants mercy to those who love Him and judgment to those who oppose Him.

Scripture – *“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me...to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God.”* Isaiah 61:1-2

Today, Lord I ask for strength to be about Your business. You have asked me to proclaim to others Your great favor and forgiveness. You desire for every person to experience bountiful blessing when they respond to you in love and submission. I can not imagine my life without your direction and leadership. I gladly turn over my fears of what others might think of me, trading them in for your anointing and provision.

Grant me wisdom in my interaction with others, that I might be able to share Your nature and character with them. You desire to show mercy and love to all those who call upon you to be saved. If people resist You, then they are choosing a Day of Judgment and vengeance. I trust you to right all wrongs and to bring every person to an opportunity of forgiveness and blessing. You are filled with love, mercy and wisdom. I trust you and know that Your heart is for them. I pray today that my friends and family, plus those in this world would find favor in Your eyes.

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Day 19 – God Uses His Servants to Bless Those in Need

A Truth to Live – God’s blessings flow through those who meet the needs of others.

Scripture – *“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me...to comfort all who mourn and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.”* Isaiah 61:1-3

God, You have chosen me to make an impact in my world. It is no longer enough to cry out to You for my own needs. You desire me to meet the real and practical needs of those who are wounded, those who mourn and those whose life is torn apart by despair. With access to Your Word and the Authority of the Spirit of Jesus residing in me I can do it! I can do all things through You.

I am prepared today and ask for Your grace to begin bringing hope to those who are wounded by the hardships of life. Grant to me supernatural wisdom and understanding to pass along Your goodness to others.

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Day 20 – The God of the Universe Desires to Work Through You

A Truth to Live – God can do the impossible through me.

Scripture – *“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?”*
Jeremiah 32:27

Sometimes, Lord, I am faced with difficulties that seem too hard for me. The impact of these trials clouds my thinking and distorts my understanding. This is when I cry out to you and ask for your Word to begin to work in my life.

I admit that most of my life, even my walk with You has been about me and not about You or your world. Do the impossible in my life and take me down a new path that focuses on blessing others first. I know that the impossible will start in my life when I begin passing along Your goodness to others. This will take a miracle for me, but I entrust my future to Your hands; they are more than capable.

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Day 21 – God’s Power Can Be at Work in Me

A Truth to Live – God’s Spiritual Power is Available to Those Who Follow Him.

Scripture – *“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*
Acts 1:8

God, Your promises are true, always true. They are true when You promise that Your own Spirit will be poured out on all of Your followers. I admit that many days I start off in my own strength and intentions. I do not wait for your Spirit’s instructions and power.

Beginning today, things will be different. I will LISTEN to Your Holy Spirit and obey Your Words. I expect Your miracle working power to begin to work through me. I commit to join with others to make a difference in my world and even to those in other nations. I expect Your power to move through me!

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Day 22 – Message

Day 23 – Everyone Can Know

A Truth to Live – There is One Way for the Whole World to Know Him

Scripture – “*By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*” John 13:35

Your greatest command is to love. I know that above all else I should love You, and I should love others. Easy words to say, but honestly actually loving others is not the easiest to live. For me, my own desires seem to easily drown out the demonstration of my love for others – especially when it is an inconvenience to my own plans.

But you have a different plan for me. It is not a plan that requires heroic effort in my part or super-human talent. You are asking me today to love others with my words and actions. For me the simplest way to accomplish this mission is to stay focused on the unequalled love you have shown me.

Lord, today I yield to your love and I ask you to grant me the privilege of passing it on to others.

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Day 24 – Encourage One Another!

A Truth to Live – The World is Waiting to See Us Demonstrate His Love

Scripture – *“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”* Hebrews 10:24

Thank You, God for surrounding me in a community of believers. Though I sometimes act without their input and guidance, You have my best interest in mind by providing me meaningful relationships to challenge and grow me as a person.

Today, I choose to connect with those You have placed in my life. I will encourage them to stretch beyond their patterns of comfort and love others by what they do and say. At the same time I ask you Lord to make me teachable, so that I can learn from others and see Your goodness poured out in my life through them. As we commit to encourage one another, surely those around us will see You shining brightly in our world.

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Day 25 – God Designed Me to Grow

A Truth to Live – We Learn Best by Doing Life Together

Scripture -- *“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42*

I choose to follow Your truth today, God. Even though there are so many “things” that I could give my attention to, I have decided that from now on, I am going to do it Your way. Not only will I place You first in my life, but I will also connect myself with those You have placed in my life. You created me to share my life with and to learn from those who have walked farther down life’s journey.

Lord, today I position my self as a learner, ready to soak in Your truth and to grow. I commit to follow through with what I learn and begin to put it in to practice. In order for me to stay consistent I choose to make myself accountable to others who are growing in the same direction. Together we can experience the best that You have for us.

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Day 26 – You Can Do More Together

A Truth to Live – God Blesses Those Who Work Together

Scripture – “*All the believers were one in heart and mind.*” Acts 4:32

Lord, today I desire to experience Your divine power in my life just like the believers did in the 1st century church. They had a special relationship with one another – sharing their possessions with one another and living out their days with the same heart, the same passions, and the same focus.

I ask today that You would grant me the privilege of locking arms with other believers to better accomplish the tasks You have put in front of me. I will no longer go it alone, but will instead seek to discover your wisdom, understanding and direction at work in the lives of those you have brought in my path. Together we can be stronger, than we could ever be alone.

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Day 27 – God’s Commissions Those He Loves

A Truth to Live – When I Seek God, I Can Expect His Direction

Scripture – “*Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.*” Acts 13:2

Lord, Your destiny for my life is not a haphazard thought on Your part. You have already declared that before ideas spring into being, You are there to shape my mind and heart to be ready for your abundant blessing. I am eager to belong to a spiritual community where, through prayer and worship, we can receive Your revelation. Just as You sent out Barnabas and Saul for a specific work, so You desire to do the same in my life.

I am ready to be connected with Your spiritual family and commissioned into Your world. I will LISTEN and OBEY Your promptings today, expecting great and mighty things from you.

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Day 28 – God’s Grants the Power to Obey and to Go

A Truth to Live – He has the Power to Shape My World

Scripture – *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8

God, just as the disciples waited to receive power from You, I choose to wait for the presence of Your Holy Spirit to saturate my life. I know that through my own strength the obstacles before me can not be moved. But with you all things are possible!

Baptize me anew today in Your purity and power. I shake off the hindrances that keep me from going 100% for you. Fill me with supernatural power and move through me with your spiritual gifts. I will be your witness today, wherever you choose and whenever you direct. I know that You have a plan for me to do “normal things” that will change the world. I choose to place my expectations on You and You alone. I make my self available to be used by You today.

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Day 29 – Message

Day 30 -- Knit Together for Life

A Truth to Live – God has given you people to learn from and share with

Scripture – *“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Tim. 2:2*

God, You are all-wise and all-knowing. I depend on you everyday for wisdom and guidance, both for the big plans and the everyday decisions. Even though you threw the stars into their place and set even the most finite detail of our world in motion – .today I am amazed at how You take time for me.

I will listen to those you place around me. Whether a colleague or a family member, I trust you to speak through them. I will watch and learn from the leaders you have given me. AND, I will be an example to those I influence. In this way Your influence can spread from one generation to another, till the whole earth knows You!

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Day 31 – Ordained for a Purpose

A Truth to Live – God Has Ordained You to Share the Good News

Scripture – “*Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.*”
Acts 16:31

I have confidence in my day, Lord, because the world You created is still in Your care. From the beginning of time You chose to place me in relationship with people who need Your love. I commit today to allow my own inhibitions to give way to the enormous compassion You have for my friends and family.

Today, I choose to be a conduit for You. You have empowered me to share the simple but powerful truth and I will be faithful to You. I expect conversations to “go there” and to be able to answer to the questions I am asked. I will gently guide my friends and family to You and watch You do amazing things through me.

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Day 32 -- Guided by the Holy Spirit

A Truth to Live – God is Active in My Every Day Life

Scripture – *“During the night Paul had a vision of a man...begging him to ‘come over to Macedonia and help us.’ So Paul...got ready at once to...preach the Gospel to them.”*
Acts 16:9-10

God, You desire to make Your will known to me. Whether I am going about my daily routine, or sleeping; I will look today for your supernatural direction. I am confident that You are orchestrating my circumstances so that those near to me will be open and receptive to Your encouraging Word and the transforming story You are working in me.

Today, Lord, is the day You have created. I look forward to LISTENING and ACTING on Your Word so that I might bring the revelation of who You are to others.

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Day 33 – God Sends His People to Fulfill Their Destiny

A Truth to Live – God Empowers His Children to Meet Every Challenge

Scripture – “*The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit.*” Acts 13:4

God, You are the only one who satisfies. Your Spirit empowers me everyday and provides me the daily direction I need. I am so grateful that as I face my struggles You bring clarity and purpose. Rather than try to find my own way today, I choose to allow You to direct my path, order my steps and make clear the words I am to share with others.

My destiny will be fulfilled when I cling to Your ways and willingly follow the gentle whisperings of Your Spirit. Speak to me today, Lord and I will obey Your word.

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Day 34 – God’s Spirit Assures My Destiny

A Truth to Live – Your Spirit Compels me to Fulfill My Destiny

Scripture – “*Compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem.*” Acts 20:22

I choose to be dependent on You today. You can see ahead of me and know the path I should walk. Rather than attempt to discover my steps, I will await Your direction, knowing that Your destiny for me is wrapped up in Your heart for the world.

Use me Lord, beyond my own plans and dreams. Help me to focus on changing Your world, not just the familiar. You deserve to receive glory from the whole earth. I commit to use the gifts and skills you have given me to make a difference for You

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Day 35 – God’s Power is for a Purpose

A Truth to Live – God Empowers Me to All Nations

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Today, though I am one small piece, I commit to join Your work in the earth. I will not stop until every person, in every culture, in every nation has heard of Your great love.

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Day 36 -- Message