



MON 7-18

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** Psalm 25:4
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow." [NLT] Begin this week by asking the Lord to show you the way. We all have daily responses and decisions to make, and we will never know the full impact of those choices. God is the only one who possesses the knowledge and wisdom we need, and thankfully, we are invited to seek God daily.
- ▼ **PRAYER** God of wisdom, help me to slow down and seek you. Help me use logic and experience to think through the potential impact of what I do so I can make a positive difference in the world. Amen.

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TUES 7-19

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 10:31
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, you should do it all for God's glory." [CEB] Putting this verse into practice can shed light on important decisions we must make. If we begin to consider whether or not our choices will bring God glory, our sense of purpose will help guide us to make the right call.
- ▼ **PRAYER** Loving God, use everything about my life to point others to you. Forgive me when I act without thinking or make selfish decisions. Help me become more aware that I am always representing you to the people around me. Amen.

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WED 7-20

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** Psalm 37:23
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "A person's steps are made secure by the LORD when they delight in his way." [CEB] Seeking God's path for us leads to a place of peace and security. We may not always get it right, but when we are striving to follow, we can avoid some regrettable consequences that we might face when we are going our own way.
- ▼ **PRAYER** God of love, change my heart daily so that I begin to delight in your ways. Thank you for your steadying influence in my life and for the fact that I can count on you to show me the right way to go. Open my mind and give me the willingness to take risks as I follow your lead. Amen.

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THURS 7-21

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** Mark 8:34
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am." [MSG] What kind of feelings surface when you hear this verse? Are you comforted or scared? Jesus calls us to follow him completely, and that requires trust. Make a list of good things in your life and the ways God has helped you. Regularly read your list this week.
- ▼ **PRAYER** God, I know that you are good. Sometimes I forget all the ways you have influenced my life, but I want to recognize your goodness and show my gratitude each day. Build my faith and trust as I do this. Amen.

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FRI 7-22

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** Galatians 5:22-23
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" [NLT] When we allow the Spirit to develop these qualities in us, our choices begin to reflect these values. It is when we go on auto-pilot, doing our own thing, that we risk veering off course. Stay connected to the Spirit!
- ▼ **PRAYER** Holy Spirit, be my guide. I want to breathe you in each day. Inspire me to show Christ-like love in all my relationships. Build all these qualities in me so they will overflow and bless others. Amen.

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SAT 7-23

- ▼ **SCRIPTURE** 2 Timothy 2:13
- ▼ **THOUGHT** "If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is." [NLT] Faithfulness is something that cannot change about God. No matter how we fail, no matter the mistakes we have made, it is part of God's character to remain on our side.
- ▼ **PRAYER** Never-changing God, thank you for your enduring faithfulness towards me. It is something I cannot understand, but I am so grateful for it. Strengthen me so I can keep following you, doing my best each day to experience and share your love. Amen.

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DIGGING DEEPER

- ▼ **Intro** **We never know what or who hangs in the balance of the decisions we make. But we do know that our decisions determine the direction and quality of our life.**

- ▼ **Reflect**
 - Do you know someone who's a good decision-maker? What makes you think that about them? Would you consider yourself a good-decision maker? Would others consider you a good-decision maker?
 - Can you think of a decision you regret that could have been avoided if you had either asked more questions or seriously considered questions someone else asked you?
 - We all have talked ourselves into poor decisions at times. What makes the salesperson in your head so convincing? Why do you think we know better but don't decide better at times?
 - Read Proverbs 27:12. What stands out to you?
 - Have you ever "seen trouble coming" but kept moving in that direction anyway?
 - Have you "seen trouble coming" and taken refuge? What made the difference?

- ▼ **Pray** **Loving God, thank you for your guidance in my life. Open my mind to see and avoid the consequences of unwise choices. I want to remain focused on what you have called me to do. Help me to grow in knowledge and discretion as I grow closer to you. Amen.**



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▼ What did I learn? _____

▼ How might it apply in my life? _____

▼ What is a next step I can take? _____

