



MON 3-14

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 71:15
- ✓ THOUGHT "My mouth will repeat your righteous acts and your saving deeds all day long. I don't even know how many of those there are!" [CEB] When we tell the stories of how God has made a difference in our lives, it not only helps others to know God's goodness, it helps strengthen our faith as well, as we remember and retell!
- ✓ PRAYER God of grace, I thank you for the numerous ways that knowing you has made my life better. Help me to remember to tell the stories so that the people in my life can experience your love as well. Amen.

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TUES 3-15

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Lamentations 3:25
- ✓ THOUGHT "The LORD is good to those who depend on him, to those who search for him." [NLT] When we are struggling with a tough situation, we sometimes default to trying to control or manipulate our circumstances rather than seeking God. Sometimes we have to trust, wait, and hope in God's faithfulness.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, you know this struggle that I am facing. It is out of my control. I pray that you would give me wisdom, patience, and strength as the situation resolves. Thank you for your faithful love for me. Amen.

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WED 3-16

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Romans 12:12
- ✓ THOUGHT "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." [NIV] Great advice! Paul's advice helps us as we endure the ups and downs of life. One constant source of strength for us is prayer. Repeat this breath prayer throughout the day today. As you inhale, say, "Almighty God," and as you exhale, say, "you are my hope."
- ✓ PRAYER Lord Jesus, remind me today to pause and repeat this short prayer. Transform my mind so that turning to you becomes my default response. Help me to acknowledge your presence with me, and experience your peace throughout each day. Amen.

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THURS 3-17

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Mark 16:15
- ✓ THOUGHT "He said to them, 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to every creature.'" [CEB] It is our willingness to share the good news of how Jesus has brought love into our lives that has such potential to impact the world. Our confidence in who Jesus is and the difference his love makes should prompt us to share our stories!
- ✓ PRAYER Lord Jesus I am so grateful for your saving love. Forgive me when I become embarrassed to share such a precious gift with those around me. Help me to speak with confidence about the difference you are making in my life. Amen.

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FRI 3-18

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:3
- ✓ THOUGHT "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples." [NIV] Declaring God's glory is one of our primary purposes. We can do that with our words, but just as important is showing his glory because of the ways we show love to others. What is something you can do this weekend to show love to someone who needs it?
- ✓ PRAYER God, inspire me with ways to meet the needs of those around me. I am not always as aware as I would like to be so I pray you would open my eyes to see whom I can bless by sharing my time and energy. Amen.

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SAT 3-19

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Micah 7:7
- ✓ THOUGHT "But me, I'm not giving up. I'm sticking around to see what GOD will do. I'm waiting for GOD to make things right. I'm counting on GOD to listen to me." [MSG] Are you wrestling with a particular problem in your life right now? Micah declared that God is the one he can count on. People can disappoint because none of us are perfect, but God is. Though we might not be able to understand how God is working, or control the timeline, we can count on the fact that God is good.
- ✓ PRAYER God of love, it is hard sometimes to keep believing through challenging circumstances. Empower me and renew my strength as I wait for answers, and listen to your wise guidance. Amen.

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DIGGING DEEPER

- ✓ **Intro** In order to demonstrate who he was, Jesus performed a number of miracles, which the apostle John referred to as "signs." The first of those signs was at a joyous occasion where Jesus turned water into wine. The second sign was in the midst of a heartbreaking circumstance in which a father desperately asked Jesus to heal his dying son.
- ✓ **Reflect**
- Give an example of something you believe (or believed) based solely on what someone else told you about it.
 - Tragedy can often cause people (even those who claim to not believe in God) to look up--whether it's questioning or shaking our fists. Why do you think that is?
 - Read John 4:46-54, where the apostle John recounts the story of Jesus healing a government official's son.
 - How familiar is this story to you? Is there anything that stands out as new information?
 - What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened?
 - In verse 48, what seems to be Jesus' main motivation for performing this miracle?
 - John tells us that the official and his entire household believed. How was this miracle not just a random act of kindness, but more of a strategic plan?
 - The official was desperate for Jesus to personally come to his son, but instead he ended up going home without Jesus. He didn't know for sure his son was healed until he was told later. In what ways do our lives mirror the wait that the leader had to endure until he got word his son was healed?
 - The testimony of others is what prompted the leader to seek Jesus for help. How might stories of our personal experiences cause people to seek Jesus?
- ✓ **Consider** Jesus recognized there would be people who would believe in him who were not eyewitnesses to his miracles, and he looked into the future and called us blessed--in other words, happy, joyful, and peaceful. "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. [NIV, John 20:29]



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✓ What did I learn? _____

✓ How might it apply in my life? _____

✓ What is a next step I can take? _____

