



MON 6-20

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Galatians 6:8
- ✓ THOUGHT "Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit." [NLT] Time to refocus! As followers of Jesus, the focus of our life is to continually become more like him. The things that distract us from this path can lead to entanglements that complicate our lives.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, help me to examine my choices and align everything I do with what will please you. Help me to recognize and change what is counterproductive in my life. Amen.

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TUES 6-21

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Romans 12:2
- ✓ THOUGHT "Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature." [CEB] Part of our spiritual growth is learning to sort out what is important to God and centering our lives around those things. How much of your week is dedicated to things God has for you to do?
- ✓ PRAYER Precious Jesus, too often, my mind focuses on the things in my life that don't truly matter in the long run. Help me become more aware each day of your presence with me and how you are changing my thoughts and actions. Amen.

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WED 6-22

- ✓ SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:9
- ✓ THOUGHT "But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong." [CEB] What wonderful words! We all take wrong turns in our lives, but God is faithful no matter the mistakes. We are always invited back into the arms of God and offered complete grace because of Christ!
- ✓ PRAYER Merciful God, confessing the things I have done wrong is never easy. Forgive me when I try to hide my struggles. I am grateful that I can be fully honest with you and never have to doubt your loving response. Help me to love you with all my heart, mind, and soul. Amen.

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THURS 6-23

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:13
- ✓ THOUGHT “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” [NLT] Sometimes making the choices that we know are right is very hard. It often takes courage and persistence to resist the urge to take the easy road rather than the wise one. Remember the power of the love of Christ that is your strength!
- ✓ PRAYER Lord Jesus, I want to rely on your power at work in me every day. Thank you for supplying the boldness I need to do the right thing rather than the easy thing. Amen.

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FRI 6-24

- ✓ SCRIPTURE James 1:2-4
- ✓ THOUGHT “Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.” [MSG] We can choose to look at difficulties this way and embrace the growth rather than become resentful. Ask God to give you a new perspective!
- ✓ PRAYER God, I am thankful that you work for good in all things. Even when trials come, help me choose to find the way you are bringing good in the midst of the struggle. Amen.

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SAT 6-25

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 18:30
- ✓ THOUGHT “God’s way is perfect. All the LORD’s promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.” [NLT] When you feel vulnerable, what is your first response? God is always with us, ready to bring us comfort and security; we must remember to seek it.
- ✓ PRAYER Almighty God, sometimes I forget to turn to you first when I am feeling insecure. Help me to remember that my security lies in your unflinching love for me. Thank you for your dependable presence in my life. Amen.

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- ✓ **Intro** **Though his life was far from perfect, David is known as "a man after God's own heart." We can learn valuable lessons from the life of David about the importance of keeping God as our central focus. When we become complacent and stop striving to please God, we can find ourselves walking a difficult path created by our choices.**
- ✓ **Reflect**
- Reflect on the beginning of your relationship with Christ. How did you feel? Is there any difference now in your level of enthusiasm regarding your spiritual journey?
 - In David's early life, we read about his bravery and faithfulness. After he comes into power, things eventually shifted. Why do you think power sometimes leads to shady choices?
 - Have you ever been in a situation where you made a poor choice because you were unlikely to get caught? What did you learn from making that choice?
 - Though David's serious mistakes had consequences, God still took steps toward restoration. Knowing that God desires restoration for each of us, why do you think we try to hide our mistakes from God?
 - Read Psalm 51:12-13. In these verses, David is repenting of his sin and still talks about how he will serve God. An important truth we learn from David's story is that God works through ordinary, fallible people. Why do you think it is sometimes difficult to see ourselves as "good enough" to serve and do the work God has for us?
- ✓ **Pray** **Loving Father, I am grateful for your grace and the newness of life that you offer each of your children, no matter what mistakes have been made. I want to serve you despite my weakness. Take my life and use everything I am to help show your love to others. Rekindle my desire to live like Christ, always growing and learning. Amen.**



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✓ What did I learn? _____

✓ How might it apply in my life? _____

✓ What is a next step I can take? _____

