



MON 6-6

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 37:5
- ✓ THOUGHT "Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you." [NLT] What a great reminder as you begin a new week! Rather than moving through your normal tasks in a rote manner, pray that God will help you bring intentionality to all your activities. How can you be a blessing to someone this week? How can you show love in a practical way in the midst of your routine?
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, open my eyes and bring a constant awareness in my life of what you are doing and how I can be a part of it. I need your help as I turn my focus toward you and others. Amen.

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TUES 6-7

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Proverbs 3:5-6
- ✓ THOUGHT "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; don't rely on your own intelligence. Know him in all your paths, and he will keep your ways straight." [CEB] Keeping our lives centered on God isn't easy! Our plans can easily get off track because it is difficult to trust when we can't understand. God is good--we can count on that! What plans need adjustment?
- ✓ PRAYER Almighty God, thank you for the ways you are always revealing your goodness to me. I am sorry when I don't recognize it and begin to doubt your ways. I want my ideas and plans to line up with how you are working in my life, so please strengthen my faith and trust. Amen.

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WED 6-8

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 13:5
- ✓ THOUGHT "But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me." [NLT] Our salvation is everything! We have been rescued from a life of darkness and enjoy the security of life with a loving God. Knowing that, we can keep our struggles in perspective. Give thanks that God is our rescuer!
- ✓ PRAYER Saving God, forgive me when I lose sight of what a gift salvation truly is. Help me to express my joy each day because of the light of your love in my life. Amen.

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THURS 6-9

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:12b-13
- ✓ THOUGHT “Be energetic in your life of salvation, reverent and sensitive before God. That energy is *God’s* energy, an energy deep within you, God himself willing and working at what will give him the most pleasure.” [MSG] Obedience isn’t always easy, but the power of God working in us makes it possible. God delights in our faith and trust, and God’s ways are always good!
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, I thank you for all that Christ has done for me. I need your energy to keep doing what you have called me to do. Help me to stay closely connected to you every day. Amen.

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FRI 6-10

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Hebrews 11:6
- ✓ THOUGHT “And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” [NIV] Keep on seeking God. The reward is great. A life of faith produces love, joy, peace, and hope!
- ✓ PRAYER God of love, I want love, joy, peace, and hope to be abundant in my life. Show me ways I can seek you more and develop an even deeper connection with you in my day-to-day life. Amen.

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SAT 6-11

- ✓ SCRIPTURE James 4:8
- ✓ THOUGHT “Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.” [NLT] The closer we become to God, the more we understand that God is supreme! We are called to consider God to be above everything else in our lives. That is a challenge every single day as our lives are filled with so much activity. Pause and ask God to help you focus your mind today.
- ✓ PRAYER God of grace, I am so glad that you want to be near me. Forgive me when I allow my circumstances to become more important than you. Take first place in my thoughts and help me to make decisions that honor you first. Amen.

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- ✓ **Intro** This week we looked at the story of Abraham. As our faith grows and we grow closer to God, we learn to trust and follow. We often have a hard time when we have to let go of something we have become used to in our lives, but growth and change are a part of our journey!
- ✓ **Reflect**
- Do you consider the good things in your life to be blessings from God? Why or why not?
 - Have you ever had to let go of a possession, job, or something else in your life that you loved? Why do you think it was a struggle?
 - Why do you think we tend to hold on tightly, even to the point of idolizing the good things in our lives?
 - When you hear the term *surrender*, what comes to mind?
 - In Luke 9:23-25, Jesus says, "Then he said to the crowd, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?'" [NLT] How can this apply in your life today? Is there a situation that might need to change in order for you to follow God?
 - Following God with every part of our lives requires trust. Would you say that you fully trust in God's goodness? If not, can you identify what has kept you from being able to fully trust?
- ✓ **Pray** **John Wesley wrote a covenant prayer that helps lead us down the path of surrendering to God.** "I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing: I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."



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✓ What did I learn? _____

✓ How might it apply in my life? _____

✓ What is a next step I can take? _____

