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Daily Devotions

Devotional Guide ~ March 16-22, 2026

Devotions are prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday: March 16

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:9 & John 11:1-45

Sometimes we feel like God is taking too long. We pray, we wait, and nothing seems to move. But Scripture reminds us that God's timing is never careless. His "delay" is often mercy, preparation, or protection. What feels like silence may actually be God arranging something better than we imagined. Trusting His timing means believing that He sees the whole picture, even when we only see the moment.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust Your timing even when I don't understand it.

Tuesday: March 17

Scripture: Psalm 34:18 & John 11:1-45

Jesus doesn't stand far away from our grief. He stands near. He feels what we feel. When we hurt, He understands. Even when He knows resurrection and restoration are coming, He still meets us in the moments that bring tears. You never cry alone. You never carry pain without His love surrounding you.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for being close to me in my pain.

Wednesday: March 18

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:3-5 & John 11:1-45

There are moments when a situation feels beyond saving. You feel like nothing can be done to make it better. But God specializes in lifting up what looks hopeless. He speaks life into dry bones. He restores what we thought was gone forever. Nothing is too far gone for Him. If God can revive a valley of bones, He can revive you.

Prayer: God, breathe life into the places in me that feel dry or hopeless.

Thursday: March 19

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 & John 11:1-45

Faith isn't just believing in God. It is being brave when we aren't sure what is next. It is trusting, when trust seems so far away. Sometimes God asks us to do something that doesn't make any sense. But He will ask anyway. The tasks that seem the most crazy, are the ones that we trust the least, but sometimes, God uses the most. We do it, even when the miracle seems far away.

Prayer: Lord, help me trust You enough to take the next step even when I can't see the whole path. Amen.

Friday: March 20

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1 & John 11:1-45

Sometimes we live wrapped in things that keep us from moving. It can be fear, shame, old habits, or lies we've believed for years. Jesus doesn't just give life; He calls us out of the things that tie us up; the things that weigh us down. He invites us to walk in His love. Day by day, we are asked to take those steps. When we take those steps, God's power shines through and breaks down all that seems to hold us back.

Prayer: Jesus, call me out of anything that keeps me bound.

Saturday: March 21

Scripture: Romans 8:28 & John 11:1-45

We don't always see how God is working in the middle of our pains and struggles. But Scripture promises that God is working, even in the hardest parts. Our pain can be a place where His glory shines. Our weakness can become a place where His strength is revealed. Nothing is wasted in His hands. God takes our lives and molds them for His good, for us, and for the world.

Prayer: God, use my story to show Your goodness.

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Worship at 10:00am

Title: Too Late

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Scripture: John 11:1-45