

FIRST things FIRST...

Daily Devotions

Devotional Guide ~ March 23-29, 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 23rd

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:10 & Matthew 26:14-35

Judas agreed to betray Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. It's hard to imagine making that choice, but it didn't happen all at once. Somewhere along the way, something else became more important to him than Jesus. The Bible says that the love of money can lead us into all kinds of trouble. We might choose comfort over doing what's right or stay quiet when we should speak up. Those small choices matter. They shape our hearts over time.

Prayer: God, help me to love You more than anything else.

Tuesday: March 24th

Scripture: Revelation 3:20 & Matthew 26:14-35

The disciples had to get a room ready for Jesus to share the Passover meal. They followed His directions and made sure everything was prepared. In the same way, Jesus wants to be part of our lives. The Bible says He stands at the door and knocks. But life can get so busy and noisy so we don't notice Him. Making room for Jesus doesn't have to be complicated. It can be as simple as setting aside a little time to pray, read the Bible, or sit quietly and listen.

Prayer: Jesus, I want You to be part of my life. Help me to slow down and spend time with You.

Wednesday: March 25th

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 & Matthew 26:14-35

At the meal, Jesus took bread and a cup and told His disciples to remember Him. He knew they would need that reminder. We forget things easily. We forget how much God loves us or how He has helped us in the past. That's why remembering matters so much. When we take time to remember what Jesus has done, it changes how we live. It reminds us that we are loved and not alone.

Prayer: Thank You, Jesus, for loving me and giving Your life for me.

Thursday: March 26th

Scripture: Philippians 2:3-4 & Matthew 26:14-35

Even during this important moment, the disciples were thinking about themselves, "Who mattered most?" They didn't fully understand what Jesus was showing them. Jesus taught that being great means serving others. Paul says we should not be selfish but instead think about others and their needs. That's not always easy. We all like to be noticed and appreciated. But following Jesus means choosing to serve, even when no one is watching.

Prayer: God, help me to care about others more than myself.

Friday: March 27th

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 & Matthew 26:14-35

Peter was sure he would never deny Jesus. He felt strong and confident. But Jesus knew that Peter would struggle when things got hard. Sometimes we feel the same way. We think, "I would never do that," or "I've got this under control." But the truth is, we all need God's help more than we realize. The Bible reminds us to be careful when we think we're standing strong. Temptation can come at any time. The good news is that God is always with us and helps us find a way through.

Prayer: Lord, help me not to rely on myself.

Saturday: March 28th

Scripture: Romans 8:38-39 & Matthew 26:14-35

Jesus told His disciples that they would all fall away. Even though they didn't want to believe it, it was true. They would fail Him. God's love doesn't go away when we mess up. Nothing can separate us from His love. That means even when we fail, He is still there, ready to forgive and restore us. We don't have to be perfect to be loved by God. We just have to keep coming back to Him.

Prayer: Thank You, God, for loving me even when I fail.

Sunday, March 29th

Title: Truth Hurts

Scripture: Matthew 26:14-35

Worship at 10:00am

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