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Daily Devotions

Devotional Guide ~ March 30-April 5, 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 30th

Scripture: Isaiah 43:19 & John 20:1-8

There are times in life when life feels like it is going nowhere. We feel like there are walls to climb. We keep going, but nothing seems to change. Yet God speaks when we find ourselves in those places and says, "Watch what I can do." God doesn't need an open door to create a future. God can create a path in the worst of times. Easter hope means trusting that God is already working in the places where we feel stuck, preparing a way we can't yet see.

Prayer: God, when I feel trapped or discouraged, open a new way forward.

Tuesday: March 31st

Scripture: John 1:5 & John 20:1-8

Darkness can feel scary. It can feel heavy, or fear filled, or simply unsure when we aren't sure what is next. But Scripture reminds us that darkness never gets the final say. Even the smallest light changes everything. A single candle can create the greatest of light in the darkest of rooms. Easter hope teaches us that God's light is firm, strong, and ready to face what is ahead. No matter how deep the darkness feels, it cannot darken the light God brings.

Prayer: Lord, shine Your steady light into every shadowed place in my life.

Wednesday: April 1st

Scripture: Joel 2:25 & John 20:1-8

We all face moments when we feel like our times were wasted. Sometimes we assume those memories are gone. We can't get them back, and we can't fix them. But God is a restorer. God can redeem lost time, heal old wounds, and bring fruit. Easter hope means believing that nothing is beyond God's ability to make new. What we thought was gone, God can bring back to life in ways we never expected.

Prayer: God, heal what has been broken and renew what has been worn down.

Thursday: April 2nd

Scripture: Psalm 30:5 & John 20:1-8

Grief is real. We shouldn't ignore it. We need to recognize it. But Scripture promises that grief is not the end of the story. Morning always comes. Joy may feel so very far away, but it is never gone. God is quietly at work even when the hope seems gone. He holds us, strengthens us, and prepares us. Easter hope means trusting that God is leading us toward a future where joy comes again. It may be slow, it may be soft, but it comes.

Prayer: God of comfort, hold me through the tough moments and lead me toward Your joy.

Friday: April 3rd

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:14 & John 20:1-8

Does your spirit ever feel 'dry'? Maybe our passion isn't quite there or our faith seems missing. We go through the motions, but something inside feels tired. There is more because God speaks life into dry bones. God's Spirit brings life when we feel tired and worn. Easter hope means believing that God can breathe fresh life into us, restoring strength, purpose, and joy.

Prayer: Spirit of God, breathe new life into me today.

Saturday: April 4th

Scripture: Joshua 1:9 & John 20:1-8

Fear tries to take away our world. When we fear, we might feel like we aren't enough, or that there is nothing good to come, or that taking the risk just isn't worth it. But God's presence changes everything. Courage doesn't come from being fearless. Courage comes from knowing we're not alone. Easter hope reminds us that God walks with us into every unknown, giving us strength we didn't know we had.

Prayer: Lord, strengthen my heart and help me walk forward with courage.

Resurrection Sunday, April 5th Worship at 10:00am

Title: Spread the Word

Pastor Clint Phillips

Scripture: John 20:1-8