



DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
LEARNING HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS FOR A LIFETIME

SURRENDER DAY 1

MORNING

READ MATTHEW 8:5-13

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that moment.

AFFIRM: I need God.

COMMIT: Today I will become aware of areas I have not yet entrusted to God.

PRAY: Father, not my will but your will be done.

EVENING

REVIEW THE DAY: In what areas of my life have I not entrusted to God?

AFFIRM: This is a lifelong journey and his mercies are new every morning.

PRAY: Jesus, I trust you will make all things right if I surrender to your will.

SURRENDER DAY 2

MORNING

READ MATTHEW 26:39-42

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

AFFIRM: I need God.

COMMIT: Today I resolve to not avoid or manage pain but to offer it to God.

PRAY: Father, not my will but your will be done.

EVENING

REVIEW THE DAY: How did I experience pain today and was I able to offer it to God?

AFFIRM: This is a lifelong journey and his mercies are new every morning.

PRAY: Jesus, I trust you will make all things right if I surrender to your will.

SURRENDER DAY 3

MORNING

READ ROMANS 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

AFFIRM: I need God.

COMMIT: Today I resolve to become aware of how my ego shows up.

PRAY: Father, not my will but your will be done.

EVENING

REVIEW THE DAY: Where did my ego show up?

AFFIRM: This is a lifelong journey and his mercies are new every morning.

PRAY: Jesus, I trust you will make all things right if I surrender to your will.

SURRENDER DAY 4

MORNING

READ GALATIANS 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

AFFIRM: I need God.

COMMIT: Today I resolve to relinquish my will or way to another.

PRAY: Father, not my will but your will be done.

EVENING

REVIEW THE DAY: Was I able to give up my own preference for another person?

AFFIRM: This is a lifelong journey and his mercies are new every morning.

PRAY: Jesus, I trust you will make all things right if I surrender to your will.

SURRENDER DAY 5

MORNING

READ MATTHEW 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it."

AFFIRM: I need God.

COMMIT: Today I resolve to become aware of areas I'm trying too hard to control (my image, other people, an area of sin).

PRAY: Father, not my will but your will be done.

EVENING

REVIEW THE DAY: In what areas am I trying too hard to control?

AFFIRM: This is a lifelong journey and his mercies are new every morning.

PRAY: Jesus, I trust you will make all things right if I surrender to your will.

SURRENDER DAY 6

MORNING

READ LUKE 9:57-62

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

AFFIRM: I need God.

COMMIT: Today I resolve to raise my awareness that all my possessions are from God and belong to him.

PRAY: Father, not my will but your will be done.

EVENING

REVIEW THE DAY: Was I able to acknowledge that all I own is a gift from God?

AFFIRM: This is a lifelong journey and his mercies are new every morning.

PRAY: Jesus, I trust you will make all things right if I surrender to your will.

SURRENDER DAY 7

MORNING

READ HEBREWS 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

AFFIRM: I need God.

COMMIT: Today I resolve to confess to a trusted person how I have struggled this week to surrender.

PRAY: Father, not my will but your will be done.

EVENING

REVIEW THE DAY: Did I confess to a trusted person? If not, why not?

AFFIRM: This is a lifelong journey and his mercies are new every morning.

PRAY: Jesus, I trust you will make all things right if I surrender to your will.