

The David Series: Week 6 Devotions

In week 6 of the David Series we explored the theme of trials in David's life. For this week the daily devotions will help us deal with trials in our lives.

Day One

Read:

Consider it pure joy my brothers whenever you face trials of many kinds, because the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work that you may be complete not lacking anything - James 1 vs 2-4

Engage:

God wants us to be complete and lack nothing. He wants us to be all that he has created us to be, and that can only come if we are tested in the truth that we have learnt in His word. Salvation is for our transformation, and how will you know if something has changed if you have not checked it? Trials only come to check how much we actually trust God. When our faith is tested, we receive an opportunity to reflect how faithful God has been and believe that he will come through for us again. Just like David, when everyone was upset by the Ziklag invasion, his heart went on to enquire from the Lord on what to do instead of being hopeless and trust in his own strength. He was exercising his faith and God came through for him in a big way.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus we want to be like you and we thank you that you make everything work for our good. May you give us the eyes to see opportunity of growth in all our trials. May we delight in choosing you as our faith is strengthened. Thank you that you are always with us through it all and you have rescued us before and we know you will do it again. We are happy that we can grow from all we go through. We love you Lord. Amen

Day Two

Read:

In the same way, I will not cause pain without allowing something new to be born," says the Lord. - Isaiah 66vs9

Engage:

Reflecting on the suffering our Lord Jesus had to endure on the cross, dying a shameful death. God used all that pain to give birth to eternal salvation for all nations and life in abundance. Just the fact that Jesus had to die once so we don't ever have to die again is a miracle that unfortunately came through great pain. Imagine if Jesus had not died on the cross, me and you would not have found redemption nor received the Holy Spirit

Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank you that your divine plan is bigger than any suffering we go through. We pray that you help us to see what you are doing in our time of trial and we pray for the boldness to ask you for that vision. Your word says you withhold no good thing from those who love you and we praise you for it. Thank you that none of our suffering is in vain and we look forward to the new things you are doing. Amen

Day Three

Read:

I have told you these things, so that you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16vs33 NIV

Engage:

The enemy is not concerned about his children that already living in darkness, he wants those who are in the light and have given their lives to Christ. He will therefore ensnare us with all sorts of troubles such that we are overwhelmed and unable to praise the Lord. However our Lord Jesus has already overcome all the trouble the world can offer. Everything that is under the sun was conquered on the cross and when we remain hidden in Christ nothing will overtake us. Let us then have peace because He who lives in us is greater than the one who is in the world.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you that you are a mighty warrior who has conquered the world. Today we hide ourselves in the cross of Christ and trust that all will be taken care of. Your word says that your name is a mighty tower and the righteous will run to it and be saved. We rest and believe in this truth and we thank you that in the midst of trouble we will be still and know that you are God and have already conquered for us. We love you Lord. Amen

Day Four

Engage:

Weapons will definitely attack us, as the Lord did say that trouble awaits us in this world. However they will not be able to harm us because we are covered in the full armour of the Lord as stated in Ephesians 6v10. In the book of Psalms the Lord says that thousands may fall at your right hand and hundreds on the left, but it will not come near you. Everything that is meant to hurt you, must be treated like rain on a umbrella. No matter how hard it hits, it will not penetrate.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus we thank you for your love and your powerful name. The name above all names, the name that breaks strongholds and gives us refuge. We pray that you give us the courage to walk through tribulation with confidence, knowing that we are protected and nothing will harm us; swords or words. Nothing! Thank you that your strength is bigger than anything we face and that your presence is always with us. Help us to delight in your word and put on your full armour daily. We love you Lord. Amen.

Day Five

Read:

Romans 8v18 "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us"

Engage:

Nothing is permanent, every situation passes and makes way for a new one. Even times of testing are not forever, restoration and reward soon follow. The beauty of this word is that the reward for bearing the suffering is definitely guaranteed and it cannot be compared to the joy that will come. You know like when you lose R10 to buy airtime you sort of know the value of talk time you will get from it. In this case however what you give is so many, many times less than what you will get.

Prayer:

Dear God, we know that your promises are true and sure. We thank you that we rest our trust in the living hope that is Jesus Christ. We believe that when we persevere and hold on to our faith in difficult times you are faithful to reward us with even more times of refreshing and beauty. We know all good things come from you and your word says that you withhold no good thing from your children. Help us to remember this promise as we lay all our troubles at your feet this evening. In the name of Jesus Christ our saviour we pray. Amen.

Day Six

Read:

Doesn't disaster come to the unjust and misfortune to evil doers? - Job 31vs3 (CSB)

Engage:

We sometimes get into the habit of thinking that certain things should happen to other people and not to us. Or we believe we run into misfortune because we have sinned. We must get away from the attitude of secretly judging people by deciding what they deserve. We are not God, He is the only judge. Likewise in our times of trouble let us stop accusing God why allowed because we "don't deserve it". We have learnt this week that trials are there to make way for better things ahead.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, today we repent of our judgmental attitudes and accusations of you. You are the only sovereign God and deserve praise through all seasons. We pray you give us humble hearts especially when are in pain. Teach us to accept your will and trust you through the storms. In Jesus name we pray Amen.