# 1/1/1 Looking Forward, Not Back

### **DEVOTIONAL:**

It's easy to get trapped looking in the rearview mirror of life. Past mistakes, regrets, and disappointments can hold us captive, preventing us from embracing God's future for us. Just like Elisha who burned his plow when called to follow Elijah, sometimes we need to make a decisive break with what's behind us to move forward in faith. God often calls us to new horizons that require leaving familiar territory. While our past shapes us, it shouldn't define or confine us. God's plans lie ahead, not behind.

#### **BIBLE VERSE:**

"Jesus replied, 'No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." - Luke 9:62

### **REFLECTION QUESTION:**

What from your past might be holding you back from fully embracing God's future for you?

# **OUOTE:**

A past oriented mindset will be anchored to yesterday's regrets. A present oriented mindset will be consumed by today's problems. And a future oriented mindset will be catalyzed by tomorrow's hopes and dreams.

# PRAYER:

Lord, help me release the grip of past regrets and fix my eyes firmly on the future You have planned for me. Give me courage to move forward in faith, even when it means leaving familiar territory behind. Amen.

# 11472 The Heart of a Learner

### **DEVOTIONAL:**

Growth requires humility - the willingness to admit we don't know everything and the openness to learn something new. As followers of Jesus, we're called to be lifelong learners. This means approaching each day with curiosity and eagerness to understand more about God and His ways. True spiritual growth happens when we move beyond casual listening to deep engagement with God's truth. It requires us to challenge our assumptions and sometimes unlearn what we thought we knew.

#### **BIBLE VERSE:**

"Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you-and even more." - Mark 4:24

# **REFLECTION QUESTION:**

In what areas of your spiritual life have you become comfortable or stopped actively learning?

# **OUOTE:**

Listening is the multiplier in spiritual formation. Listening is the multiplier in spiritual learning. The more we listen, the more we learn.

# PRAYER:

Father, renew in me the heart of a learner. Help me to listen deeply to Your truth and be willing to grow in new ways. Keep me from spiritual complacency. Amen.

# 11/13 No Limits with God

### **DEVOTIONAL:**

How big is your God? Our view of God directly impacts how we face life's challenges. When we see God as limited, our problems appear insurmountable. But when we grasp His true nature -His unlimited power, wisdom, and love - our perspective shifts dramatically. Nothing is too difficult for Him. No situation is beyond His reach. No problem catches Him by surprise. When we align our thinking with this truth, we begin to see possibilities where we once saw only obstacles.

#### **BIBLE VERSE:**

"Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." - Jeremiah 32:17

### REFLECTION OUESTION:

What situation are you facing that needs to be reframed through the lens of God's unlimited ability?

### **OUOTE:**

With God, there is no big or small. There is no easy or difficult. There is no possible or Impossible.

### PRAYER:

God, expand my vision of who You are. Help me to see my circumstances through the lens of Your unlimited power and love. Increase my faith to believe nothing is impossible with You. Amen.

# 11.1 / 4 Breaking Free from Tradition

### **DEVOTIONAL:**

Sometimes our greatest obstacle to spiritual growth isn't external opposition but internal resistance to change. We can become so attached to familiar ways of doing things that we miss God's fresh movement in our lives. While traditions can be valuable, they should never become more important than following where God leads. Growth often requires stepping out of our comfort zones and embracing new ways God wants to work in and through us.

#### **BIBLE VERSE:**

"Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him." - Psalm 115:3

### REFLECTION OUESTION:

What traditional patterns or comfort zones might God be asking you to step beyond?

# OUOTE:

Sometimes the thing holding us down is our tradition. In fact, sometimes, here's how we look at our spiritual life. The future of our spiritual life is this way. And yet we're looking this way and we're saying to ourselves, wouldn't it be awesome if God would do that again?

# PRAYER:

Lord, give me courage to follow You even when it means leaving my comfort zone. Help me hold traditions loosely and Your leading tightly. Amen.

# 1)4/5 Embracing God's More

### **DEVOTIONAL:**

God's capacity to work in our lives always exceeds our expectations. Just when we think we've reached our limit, He reveals there's more. More growth. More possibility. More hope. More transformation. The journey of faith is about continuously discovering that God is bigger than we imagined and more capable than we dreamed. When we embrace this truth, we position ourselves for breakthrough even in situations that seem impossible.

#### BIBLE VERSE:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." - Ephesians 3:20

# REFLECTION OUESTION:

Where do you need to expand your expectations of what God can do in your life?

# OUOTE:

All of life is one long journey of learning to trust him more.

# PRAYER:

Father, expand my faith to believe for Your 'more'. Help me to trust You beyond my natural understanding and expect great things from Your hand. Amen.