



# LIMITLESS

## EPHESIANS 3:20

# Devotionals

**Prayer is a vital role in  
our relationship to God.**

Join us this week as the Trinity family calls on God together in prayer. These devotionals are written by our own church family to challenge us each day this week. Read a devotional each day, and pause to pray about what God is calling you to do.





# DAY 1

## DEVOTIONALS



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*“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” — 2 Timothy 2:15*

This verse has had a large impact on my life. It has given me a desire to study God’s word daily and let God teach me His truths.

I was born deaf into a large Puerto Rican Catholic family in Rochester, NY. Growing up deaf, I had an awareness of God, but I didn’t know the depth of God’s love for me. I also didn’t know that I could have a personal relationship with Him. Around age 30, I met a Baptist minister who was also deaf. We became friends and with his help I began to understand about Jesus’ love and sacrifice, my sin, and my need for forgiveness.

I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior and began attending a Bible study class for deaf men led by this deaf minister. For the first time, I could ask questions in sign language. I learned how to search the Bible for answers. God began filling my heart and mind with His truths.

2 Timothy 2:15 “spoke” to my heart then and continues today. I must begin every day “talking” with God in prayer and reading God’s word. Then, throughout my day I know God is with me. He is guiding and protecting me and giving me His wisdom and the peace I need.

*by Augie Vargas*

### **Prayer Thought:**

One of the themes of our campaign is The Word of God. When we read the Word, He speaks to us. Pray that God will give you wisdom and direction as you read HIS WORD.



# DAY 2

## DEVOTIONALS



*"Our God will fight for us!... And I, my brothers, my servants, and the men of the guard with me never took off our clothes. Each carried our weapon, even when washing." — Nehemiah 4:20b, 23*

A few weeks ago, I was reading through Nehemiah in my personal Bible study, and I was struck by this moment of God's calling.

A little background: Nehemiah and the Jews had been given permission to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. Why was this important? The people wanted to restore the worship and lifestyle that God had called His people to live. Jerusalem would be a beacon to call people to the Lord. These verses tell of how God's people realized that God would be the one to do the fighting for them, but each of them must be constantly prepared to fight for God's will.

So, what does that have to do with us in this moment? God has called us to something big and the enemy is not happy. He knows that when God's people unite under God's calling, people's lives are changed and God is honored.

During my study a few weeks ago, I was convicted that I need to "keep my weapon with me" and "keep my clothes on" all the time. Clearly, that is symbolic, so, how do we do this during this several-year project? For me, it means being prayed up, sacrificing the way God calls me, praying constantly for the leadership, watching for the attacks of the enemy, and spending time with the weapon of God, His Word. I want to be like Nehemiah and his men - so prayed up, studied up, and in tune with God's call for our church that I'm ready at any moment.

*by Robin Watkins*

### **Prayer Thought:**

The prayer theme of our campaign is, "Lord, what are you calling me to do?" Will you join me in praying this prayer? Then, let's all be obedient to answer His call to each of us.



# DAY 3

## DEVOTIONALS



*"[The Lord said] Now go, I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." But Moses said, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it." — Exodus 4:12-13*

She stood there in the hallway with her royal gown made from a superhero cape and a crown of undergarments on her head. Defying me. My precious daughter had failed to obey in picking up her mess. I reminded her of her responsibility. She looked up at me, held her hands out, and said, "But mommy, I'm a princess. Princess hands aren't strong enough to clean up." She was dead serious. So was I when I told her we were redefining princess around this house.

The more I thought about this encounter I started to wonder how often I do the same. My daughter had a "Moses Moment". She was perfectly equipped for the job she was given, yet she tried to use weakness as an excuse for disobedience. I looked over the story of Moses in Exodus 3 and 4. We know Moses as a hero of the faith. Yet, his beginning was a little rocky. He had questions about who he was, who God was, and how the people would receive the message. Even after God provided the answers, along with some pretty amazing wonders, he proceeded with his final argument. Surely a flaw, a weakness such as his, excused him from answering the Lord's call. "O Lord, please send someone else to do it" Exodus 4:13.

How often do I use my weaknesses as excuses instead of viewing them as opportunities for the Lord to display HIS power? How many times have I essentially said, "O God, please ask someone else to do this"? It's amazing how much a child can teach you. But like the princess who somehow found the strength to clean up her mess, and like Moses whom God used in unbelievably mighty ways, He can use us too. He will equip us. He will provide. He's asking for a willing heart, a heart that can see the opportunity for his glory in our weakness.

*by Heather Carter*

### **Prayer Thought:**

Pray for God to give you an opportunity to serve Him in obedience. Ask Him to empower you and to not use excuses to withdraw from Him.



# DAY 4

## DEVOTIONALS



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*"I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ." — Galatians 1:6-7*

I have heard teaching in my life that was what they called new revelation. In fact, it was just man's translation of what they thought the Bible meant including what they thought God told them to add.

That is why it is so very important for us to study the Word of God for ourselves. We need to know the truth from fiction. It is easy to be convinced by someone who speaks boldly if you do not know what the authentic Word has to say.

Something might sound pleasing, but Paul tells us there is no other gospel. If it isn't written in the Bible, then it is not God's Word to us. The more you study the Word of God the more the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to the simplicity of salvation.

Christ wants us to believe in Him, give our hearts to Him and obey His word. We must realize we are all sinners in need of grace. Christ came, lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose on the third day. His sacrifice covers all who believe with His righteousness. He sits at the right hand of the Father so we can stand redeemed. That is the only gospel we need.

*by Philip Whitehead*

**Prayer Thought:**

Give thanks to God for His great mercy. Open His Word and pray He will reveal his mercy to you.



# DAY 5

## DEVOTIONALS



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*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” — Philippians 4:6-7*

In March of 2020, my whole world changed in a day. I was sent home from school with no return date. Church services were canceled. It was difficult to find typical items in the grocery store. The news reported rising death tolls on a daily basis. All because of some mysterious virus.

It might seem ridiculous now, but at the time I was terrified. I couldn't make any of it fit into my nice, neat little concept of how life was supposed to look. I was scared of getting sick and life never being “normal” again.

I could not live like this; I was miserable. I started walking around my back yard and praying every single day. Each day I asked God to defeat my fear, my despair that life would never be “normal” again, and my worry that leaving my house could mean serious illness. I thanked Him for bringing me victory over fear even when there was no victory in sight.

Gradually, I realized that the worry that had been enslaving me was simply gone. Victory had arrived. Even when I did eventually get Covid, I wasn't afraid. God had completely eradicated the worry that had been enslaving my heart and mind. I had given it to God, and He had flung it far, far from me. He guarded my mind just as He had promised in this Scripture.

This victory is available to everyone who struggles with worry.

*by Katie Duke*

### **Prayer Thought:**

Release your burden to God in prayer, be thankful for His response, and then prepare for a peace that transcends all understanding.



# DAY 6

## DEVOTIONALS



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*For “whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” — Romans 10:13*

This passage has brought meaning into my life in many ways. When I was younger and a newly born Christian, I would often wonder if I was really saved. I had already had a salvation experience and been baptized, but somehow doubts lingered.

God drew my attention to this passage during a life group lesson at a time when doubts were nagging me. This scripture has helped me realize that even when I have doubts, I don't have to hide that from God. I need to call on the Lord in prayer and He will be faithful to reassure me with His love and His Word.

I might not be comfortable voicing these concerns to other people, but I can bring them to the One who knows my every thought. That has helped give me the assurance that I need.

*by David Haga*

**Prayer Thought:**

“Lord, help me to set my trust in You and You alone.” Pray that God will give you the assurance that as you live for Him, to not doubt but to walk in faith.



# DAY 7

## DEVOTIONALS



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*"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*  
— Esther 4:14b ... *"And so I will go to the King, which is against the law, and if I perish; I perish."* — Esther 4:16b

We often hear we should "get outside of our comfort zone" or "step out in faith" in our Christian circles. We don't like this idea. After all, it's called a "comfort zone" for a reason. What does stepping out in faith look like? It can be intimidating, time-consuming, or tiring. In some parts of the world, it may be as "uncomfortable" as losing your life for sharing God's Word. God placed Esther in a position to save her people, but it required her to risk her life to serve God. In chapter 4 Esther asks her people to pray for her. When you step outside of your comfort zone to minister and share about Jesus, do not do it in your own power. God is the One who saves. You must act and decide whether sacrificing something to serve the Lord takes priority over the more temporary things of this world such as popularity, jobs, free time, or recognition. If our main goal as Christians is to spread the Gospel, consider God has placed you in your school, workplace, hobby, or family "for such a time as this".

I walked into my Calculus class during my first semester of college. The professor started to debate with his students: "If God is omnipotent, how can man have free will?" I came to math class expecting derivatives, not a theological debate. After much prayer and friendly counsel, I had an opportunity to share the Gospel with this professor. He was very knowledgeable about the Bible and much of Christian theology, and so I had to rely on the Holy Spirit to speak through me.

by Mary Katherine Keen

### **Prayer Thought:**

God, please show me where you want me to step out in faith to serve You and spread the Gospel. Please show me how you want me to prioritize my life to answer your CALL.