

10 Even there Your hand will <sup>10</sup>lead me.  
 And Your right hand will lay hold of  
 me.  
 11 If I say, "Surely the <sup>11</sup>darkness will  
 overwhelm me,  
 And the light around me will be night,  
 12 Even the <sup>12</sup>darkness is not dark <sup>12</sup>to You,  
 And the night is as bright as the day.  
<sup>13</sup>Darkness and light are alike to You.  
 13 For You <sup>13</sup>formed my <sup>13</sup>inward parts;  
 You <sup>14</sup>wove me in my mother's womb.  
 14 I will give thanks to You, for <sup>14</sup>I am  
 fearfully and wonderfully made;  
<sup>15</sup>Wonderful are Your works,  
 And my soul knows it very well.  
 15 My <sup>15</sup>frame was not hidden from You,  
 When I was made in secret,  
 And skillfully wrought in the <sup>16</sup>depths  
 of the earth;  
 16 Your <sup>16</sup>eyes have seen my unformed  
 substance;  
 And in <sup>17</sup>Your book were all written  
 The <sup>18</sup>days that were ordained for me,  
 When as yet there was not one of  
 them.  
 17 How precious also are Your <sup>17</sup>thoughts  
 to me, O God!  
 How vast is the sum of them!  
 18 If I should count them, they would  
<sup>19</sup>outnumber the sand.  
 When <sup>20</sup>I awake, I am still with You.

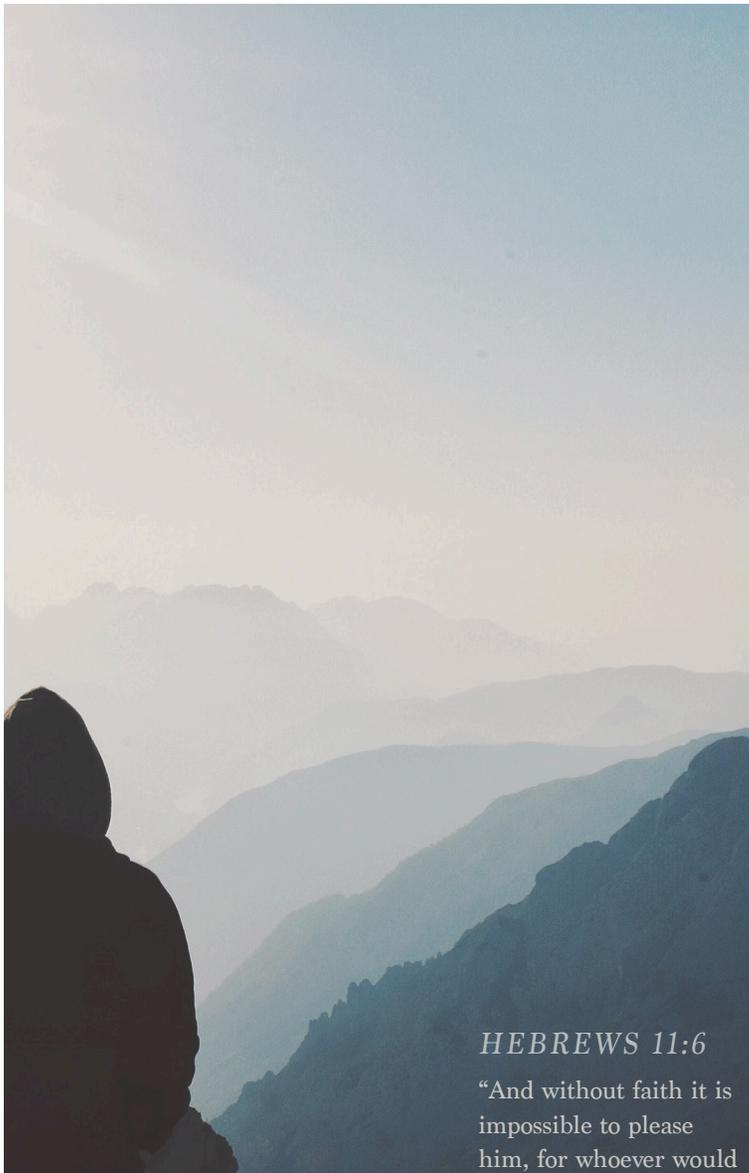
19 O that You would <sup>19</sup>slay the wicked,  
 O God;  
<sup>20</sup>Depart from me, therefore, <sup>20</sup>men of  
 bloodshed.  
 20 For they <sup>20</sup>speak <sup>20</sup>against You wickedly,  
 And Your enemies <sup>21</sup>take Your name  
 in vain.  
 21 Do I not <sup>21</sup>hate those who hate You,  
 O LORD?  
 And do I not <sup>22</sup>loathe those who rise  
 up against You?  
 22 I hate them with the utmost hatred.  
 They have become my enemies.  
 23 <sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my  
 heart;  
<sup>24</sup>Try me and know my anxious  
 thoughts;  
 24 And see if there be any <sup>24</sup>hurtful way  
 in me,  
 And <sup>25</sup>lead me in the <sup>25</sup>everlasting way  
 of Your truth.  
**Psalm 140**  
 For the choir director. A Psalm of David.  
 1 <sup>1</sup>Rescue me, O LORD, from evil men;  
 Preserve me from <sup>2</sup>violent men.  
 2 Who <sup>2</sup>devised evil things in their  
 hearts;  
 They <sup>3</sup>continually stir up wars.

by referring to its two extremes (merism), vv. 8-9 specify all spatial reality, the whole creation.  
**139:10** *lead me . . . lay hold of me.* Though this language occurs in 73:23-24 to indicate God's solicitous care, it here denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought of v. 5.  
**139:11-12** Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place (vv. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.  
**139:13-16** You yourself put me together in the womb and ordained the span of my life before I was born.  
**139:13** *inward parts.* Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idiom, the innermost center of emotions and of moral sensitivity—that which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person (see note on 7:9).  
**139:14** *fearfully . . . wonderfully . . . Wonderful.* You know me as the One who formed me (see vv. 15-16), but I cannot begin to comprehend this creature You have fashioned. I can only look upon Him with awe and wonder (see note on v. 6)—and praise You (see Eccl 11:5).  
**139:15** *in secret . . . depths of the earth.* Reference is to the

**139:17** *Your thoughts.* As expressed in His works—and in contrast with "my thought" (v. 2).  
**139:18** *When I awake.* The sleep of exhaustion overcomes every attempt to count God's thoughts/works (see 63:6; 119:148); and waking only floods my soul once more with the sense of the presence of this God.  
**139:19-22** My zeal for You sets me against all Your adversaries.  
**139:19** *O that You would.* Jealous impatience with God's patience toward the wicked—whose end will come (Is 11:4). But the psalmist leaves it to God.  
**139:20** *take Your name in vain.* Perhaps by calling down curses on those trying to be the faithful servants of God.  
**139:21-22** A declaration of loyalty that echoes the pledge required by ancient Near Eastern kings of their vassals (Is 49:16): "With my friend you shall be friend, and with my enemy you shall be enemy," from a treaty between Mursilis II, a Hittite king, and Tette of Nuhasa, 14th century B.C.).  
**139:23-24** Examine me, see the integrity of my devotion and keep me true (see 17:3-5 and note).  
**139:23** *heart.* See note on 4:7, *anxious thoughts.* See 94:18

# PRAYER WEEK 2022

## Daily Devotionals



*HEBREWS 11:6*

“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

## FAITH TO SEEK GOD.

Faith starts with God. It is God who ignites faith in our hearts by the workings of His Spirit. He enables us to believe – making Him the initiator of our faith. However, He is not just the initiator of our faith, He is also the recipient of it. It is God who is the main object of our believing. All our faith is directed toward Him. And because of His work we have been enabled not just to believe but to keep believing. The greatest work to keep believing, to becoming faith-filled, is to seek the One who is both the starting point and main point of our faith. The writer of Hebrews in this verse defines faith as (1) believing that God exists and that (2) He rewards those who seek Him. One of the ways God rewards us is by increasing our faith – by giving us a greater measure of expectation as we seek Him and see Him, and believe in Him. When our faith seems to shake, dwindle, or lose heart, we have to get back to seeking God. He ignites our hearts to be persuaded once again. We believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

## FAITH FOR THE REALITY GOD HAS CREATED.

Jesus did not come that we may live life to the full but that we may have life to the full. To have, is to possess. Jesus has come that you may possess something. Jesus died in order that you may have and possess eternal life; this was His purpose while on earth. What the devil wants is to steal, kill and destroy. In essence, his purpose is to try remove something from your possession.

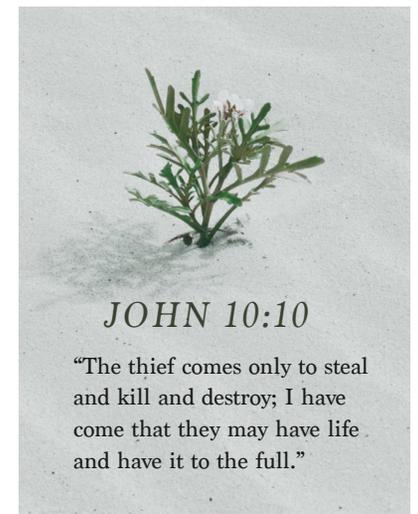
When the devil cannot take something from you, he will do everything in his power to keep you distracted so that you never let what you possess change your reality. In other words, even though Jesus died to give you eternal life, it has not changed your person and purpose.

Your value still comes from what you do and not what Jesus did. You still live in shame.

You have a hard time loving people and loving yourself. And all of a sudden you find yourself living in alternative reality that is shaped by sin, the devil and our broken world but it is not the reality that God has created for you.

Eternal life is not just the future we all long for as an escape from the pain and evil in this world. Eternal life is to know Him (John 17:3). And it is in knowing Him that we experience change, and we discover who He created us to be. This is what Jesus wants us to possess. This is why Jesus came and died.

He came that you may have life and have it to the full. This reality changes both your person and your purpose. This is what we are pressing into – this is what we are believing for.



*JOHN 10:10*

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”

## FAITH ATTACHES TO THE WORDS OF GOD.

In a world full of uncertainty and inconsistency, it is our faith that brings us assurance and conviction. It keeps us steadfast and resilient. But faith does not conjure up out of thin air, assurance and conviction. Faith responds. It responds and attaches itself to the Word of God before it becomes the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. The assurance and conviction of faith is predicated on the Word of God. It is the Word of God that allows us to live with faith. And the more we hear the Word of God the more our faith increases (Romans 10:17). As long as we keep hearing, we will keep believing.

This means that when we stop believing we either stopped hearing or we began listening to an alternative word. What do you hear? What have you been listening to? Is it building assurance and conviction or are you becoming uncertain and inconsistent? Come back today to the Word of Christ. Let your faith attach to the Word that moves mountains, brings the dead to life, heals marriages, restores vision, and gives rest to the weary. Let this faith grow in you and let it become the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.



### *HEBREWS 11:1*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

## FAITH THAT GOES BEYOND ME; MY FAITH CAN CHANGE THEIR FUTURE.

Birthdays are wonderful because they celebrate life. They celebrate our life irrespective of our accomplishments. They celebrate your reality and existence; that you were born in this world. But the moment we started following Jesus we adopted a new reality. The reality that you were not just born into this world but that you have been sent. You were born in this world to be sent in the world.

But you were not sent by yourself. You were sent with every person that has received the forgiveness of Jesus. They have been sent with you. They join you on the mission field of life.

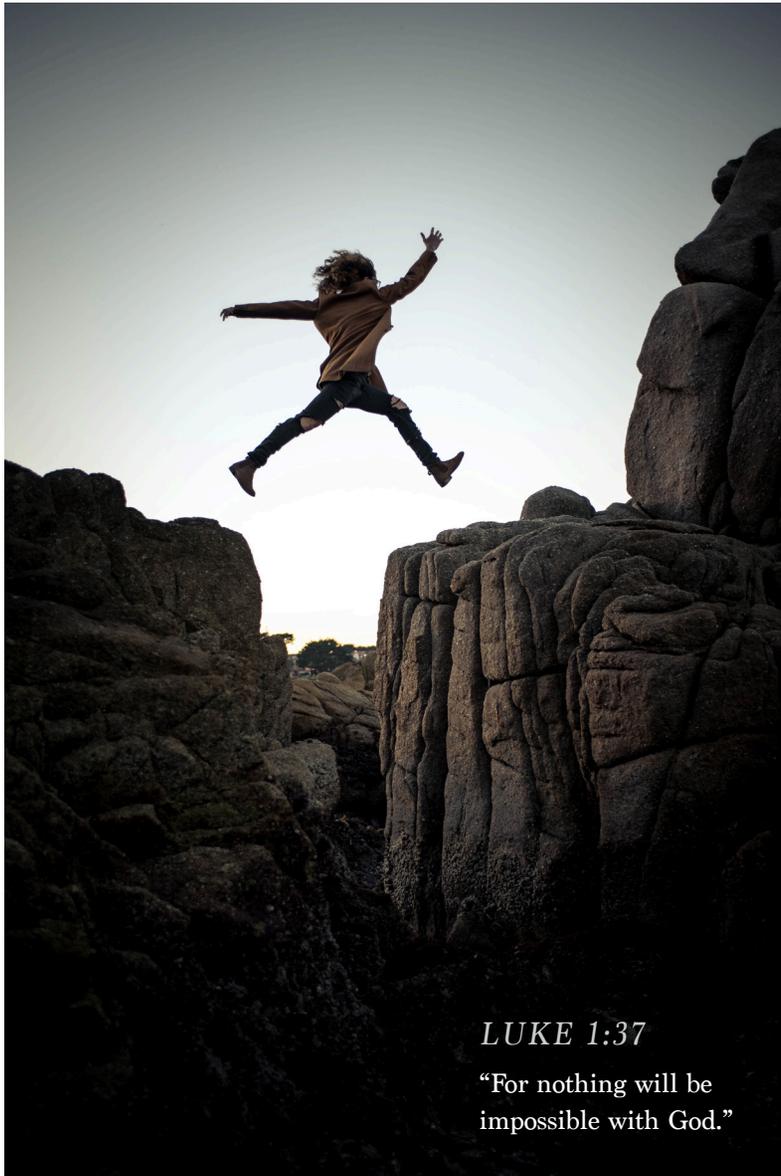


Not only are other believers sent with you but Jesus Himself goes with you. As we go Jesus goes with us by His Spirit. “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” ~Jesus in Matthew 28:20. Jesus is waiting for you to invite Him into the lives of those who need Him. He is waiting for you to bring Him to areas of pain in this world. Your faith is not meant to end with you. Your faith moves mountains not just in your life but in the life of others. So let your faith go beyond you. Let it go where Jesus wants to send it.

As you sent me into the world, so  
I have sent them into the world.

*JOHN 17:18*

## FAITH FOR HIS GREATEST WORK.



*LUKE 1:37*

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

What is the greatest work of God we see in the Bible? Is it the healing of the blind? The red sea crossing or even the account of creation? These and many more are great works of God but there is one work even greater. A work God did then and continues to do today. This work was made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus. This work is you. More specifically, it is God bringing you from spiritual darkness into spiritual light; it is God bringing to life that which was dead. It is God changing your nature. This work is referred to as, “God’s masterpiece” (Ephesians 2:10 NLT). We must learn to see ourselves as God’s masterpiece. We must learn to see this work of God as His greatest work. This work is proof that God has not withdrawn from His world. It is proof that He still speaks and moves and does wonders. The result? Our life and our relationship with God become the proof that nothing is impossible with God. If God can and has brought to life that which was dead, what remains impossible for Him? Celebrate the impossible work God has done in you. The work that ancient Israel waited centuries for, was done in you, and you get to experience it! Let this work, catapult you into a life that is free to believe for the impossible. For nothing will be impossible with God.