

# 21 DAYS OF PRAYER

Gaining God's Heart in Prayer

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## From the Author

Hi, I'm Brian Considine, and together with the staff and leaders of Christ Fellowship, we invite you to our second annual "21 Days of Prayer," as we begin the New Year. This year's journey is designed to help us know God better. Regardless of how long you have been a Christian, God tells us that He will be found when we seek to know Him better. We can know God better when we seek Him with all our hearts.

What makes me qualified to share about knowing God better? Like most of you, I'm not a pastor, not a Biblical scholar, don't hold a theology degree, so I possess no special training. I was raised by a Roman Catholic mom and an agnostic dad, so I possess no spiritual heritage that makes me qualified. For more than two-thirds of my life I had no or very little knowledge of God, even rejected Him for a time, and only came to faith at 36. I'm just a person, like you, that God has had on a journey of discovery.

What makes me qualified to discuss prayer? Here I can share not only some of my own experiences but also some of my résumé. In 2001, the Lord opened the door for me to join the ministry of Concerts of Prayer, Greater New York. One mission was to mobilize prayer. The Lord also opened the door to start a worldwide mission--the Global AIDS Prayer Network, to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS pandemic. I'm not sure why God gave me these unique opportunities, for I wasn't really a person of prayer.

In July 2005, with my wife Debbie and our two children, Michael and Alexandra, we relocated to McKinney and made Christ Fellowship our church home. At the time, it seemed like God was leading us here to expand my ministry, but things quickly changed. Life became one battle after another. I became ill in late 2006, and in April 2007 was diagnosed and had major surgery for a very rare form of cancer. Recovery from that time was extremely difficult. In fact, it was so difficult, I began to question God--if He cared, if He was even there.

In January 2008, after months of suffering, I actually sent Bruce an email telling him I was done with God. If this was how God wanted to treat me, I didn't want anything more to do with Him. Hopefully, you've never doubted as much as I did. If you have, I pray that you learned that God understand our doubts. I believe that He even welcomes our doubts because then at least we are thinking about God. He is able to handle our doubts, and like the loving Father, He draws us back again.

In August 2009, my cancer returned and I was diagnosed with several metastasized tumors. By December, it became clear that my cancer was developing rapidly. Before the end of 2009, Debbie and I went to Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to explore further options for treatment. On December 29, my new oncologist informed me, "You have fast growing tumors." Life would be difficult and tough. "Well, gee thanks, Doc," ...but I appreciated his honesty. On New Year's Eve I had yet another scan, but this one was different. The technician prayed for every cell in my body to come into the obedience of Christ.

On January 5, 2010, I returned to Tulsa for the results. My oncologist walked in with verdict in hand as I braced myself, wondering how quickly my cancer was progressing. Would I even make it through 2010? "You're doing remarkably well!" I was informed. "The PET scan shows no active cancer in your body." Huh? An MRI that same day confirmed that the tumors were dead. Over the coming months, several follow-up trips, and noticeable shrinkage of the scars left behind, I was informed in August that no sign of cancer remained. Was it a miracle? Did the medication I was taking--and still take--finally start to work? All I know was that the prayers of that unknown technician, and those of many friends and family for the months prior, had been answered. God works through medicine and miracles.

Are the prayers of everyone who prays for healing answered? Obviously not. But that doesn't change who God is. It simply means that God is doing something different. Does it mean that there is a lack of faith? Not at all. It simply means that God does what God knows best. We can learn to know God better either way. What my healing means for me is that God wasn't done with me yet. I recognize that fact now, but it's a mission that God has been on in my life for the past fourteen years, since accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Actually, He's been working on me my entire life.

It's a mission God has been on in your life as well, whether you acknowledge the fact or not. When we recognize that truth, we can say like Job, "My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you." Our prayer needs to be "Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, so I can see you." When we do, we will know God better.

It is my privilege to share with you some of what I've learned about God through this 21 Days of Prayer Guide. I wrote this as my reflection on 21 attributes of God--those qualities that make God who He is. Please personalize this time between you and the Lord as you read, pray, and study God's Word. May your journey be filled with great discovery!



## How to use the 21 Days of Prayer Guide

This 21 Days of Prayer Guide explores 21 attributes of God, those qualities that make God who He is. By knowing these attributes, we can know more about God. As we pray and personalize these attributes, we come to know God better. As we pray and know God better, our faith grows and life's challenges take on new meaning. Here are some simple steps to using this guide.

1. In order to make this journey successful, please devote 12-15 minutes per day to this study.
2. Before beginning each day, invite the Lord to open your heart and enlighten your understanding.
3. Read the day's devotional through once.
4. Look up the scripture references.
5. Reflect on the day's attribute.
6. Write a prayer and journal your thoughts in the space provided.
7. Ask yourself, "How can I apply this in my life?"



## Prayer to Begin Each Day

"I pray that out of your glorious riches, Lord, you may strengthen me, my loved ones, and my church family with power through your Spirit in our inner being, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith. And I pray that we, being rooted and established in love, may have Your power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:16-19 personalized)

## Day 1: God is Self-Existent

**Truth:** God is life within Himself; His existence is not dependent on any other.

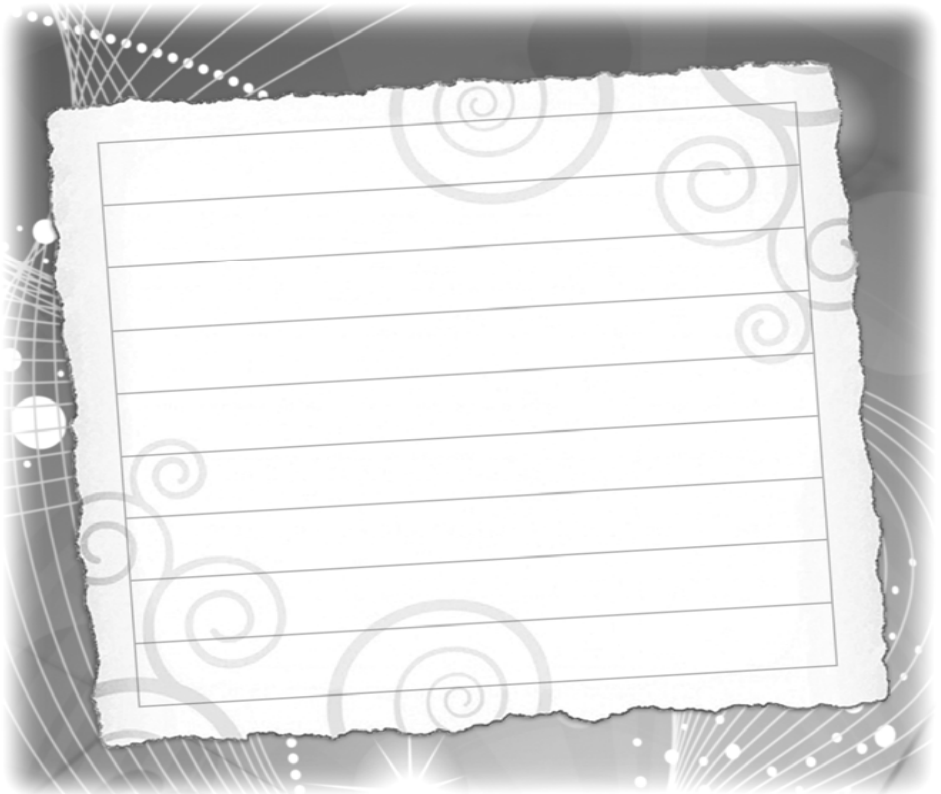
**Read:** Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3:14; John 5:26; Acts 17:24; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16

**Think:** "We have received life, yet this life and Christ are inseparable. Upon our accepting Him, we still must live in Him. Though we have received Him, we are yet to depend on Him.

Accordingly, we cannot be independent in anything. The Lord alone is head, and He is the sole resource of our life." -- Watchman Nee

**Reflect:** God must of necessity exist as the single independent life, in need of nothing, dependent on no one, simply being. In comparison, even in my professed independence, I am dependent, since my very life is contingent on God. How much I depend on God varies moment by moment, as I recognize my need for Him. As I know God better, I will trust Him more. The more I recognize my need for dependence, the greater the resource God's independence becomes, and I become truly free in my dependence. My primary task is to know God better. That is why I must pray.

**Pray:** God, thank you for your being. To live dependent on you is truly freeing for me. Help me to be more dependent on you today.



## Day 2: God is Creator

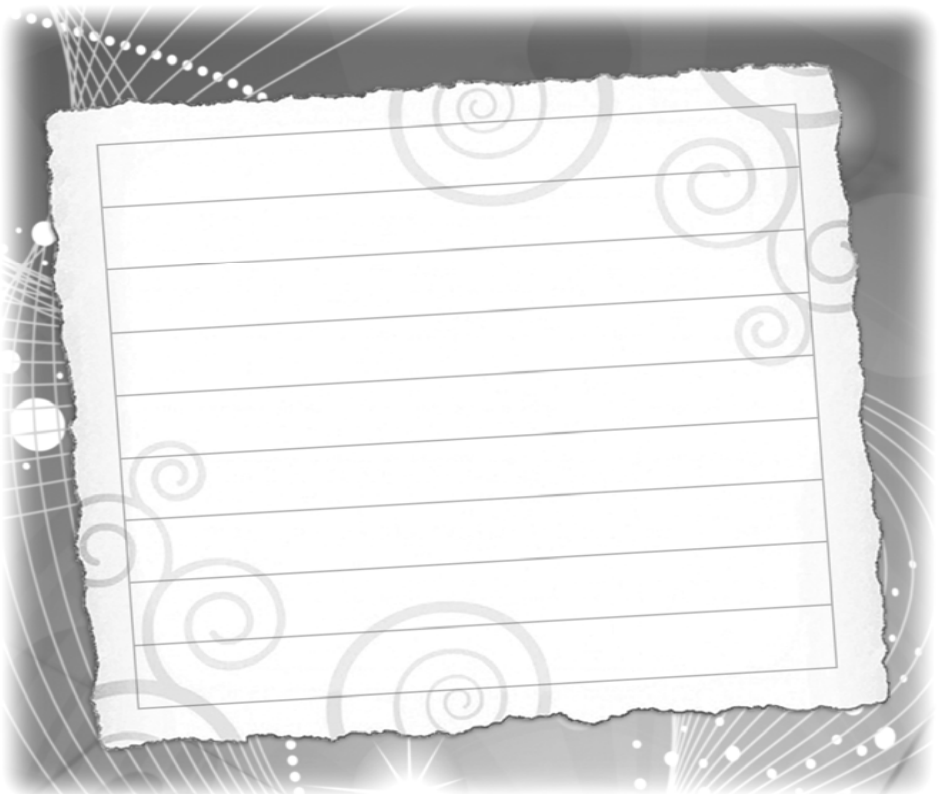
**Truth:** The whole of creation came into existence through the will and power of God.

**Read:** Genesis 1:3; Job 38:1-41; Psalm 33:6-9, 102:25-27; Isaiah 44:24; 45:18; Acts 14:15; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 4:11.

**Think:** "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus." -- Blaise Pascal

**Reflect:** God created all things, everywhere, and made me in His image, His "imago Dei." But I am incomplete apart from His life in me because of sin. Not living the way I was created to live, I am separated from God and have a void in my life only He can fill. Because God is Creator, He has made a way for me to be re-created - made new again. God fills the empty space in my life through Jesus Christ. With Christ in my life, I am made into a new creation and can grow to be more like Him. Therefore, I must pray.

**Pray:** God, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit in me. Help me to be more like Jesus today.



## Day 3: God is Life Giver

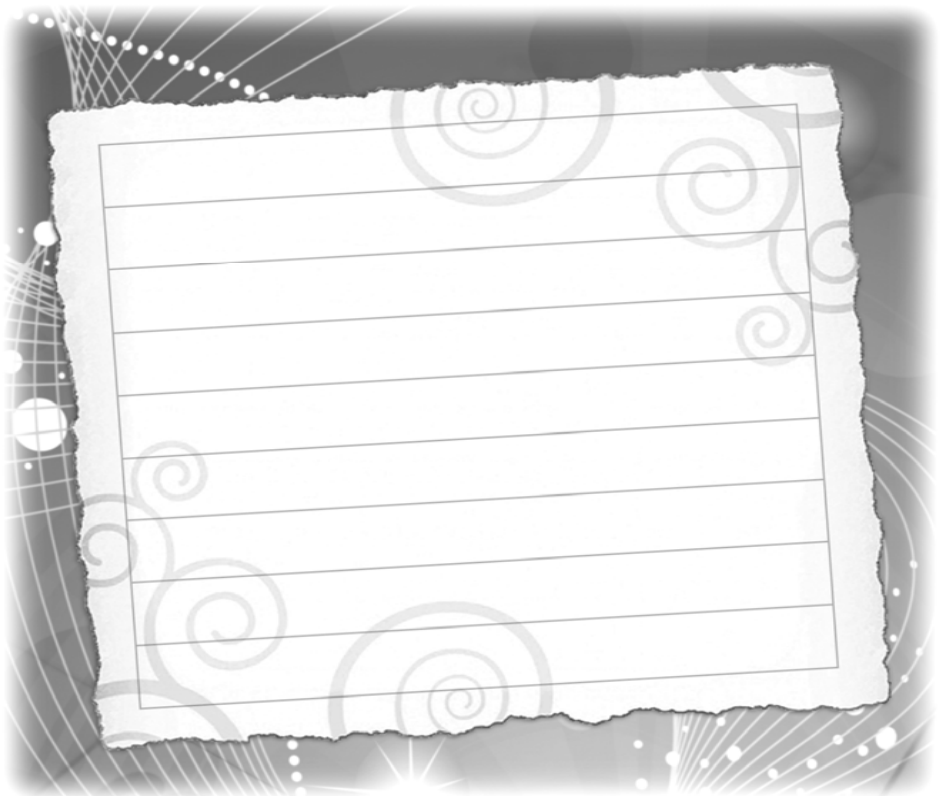
**Truth:** All of life was created by and is dependent on God.

**Read:** Genesis 2:7; Psalm 36:9, 139:14; Job 12:10; Acts 17:25;  
1 Timothy 6:13; Revelation 22:1

**Think:** "If a man loses his reverence for any part of life, he will lose his reverence for all of life." -- Albert Schweitzer

**Reflect:** God thought so much of me that God gave me life just as I am. God says, "I will make you distinct, unlike any of my other children." Because God created me uniquely, I must revere how I was made, rejoicing in the life God has given me. I am fearfully and wonderfully created by a God who puts His stamp of approval on me. The challenge is recognizing when I have lost reverence for how God has made me, not living as created, but trying to define life on my own terms. Apart from my Life Giver, there really is no life; however, prayer gives life.

**Pray:** God, thank you for the life you have given me. Help me to live my life fully, with reverence, as a precious gift from you today.



## Day 4: God is Spirit

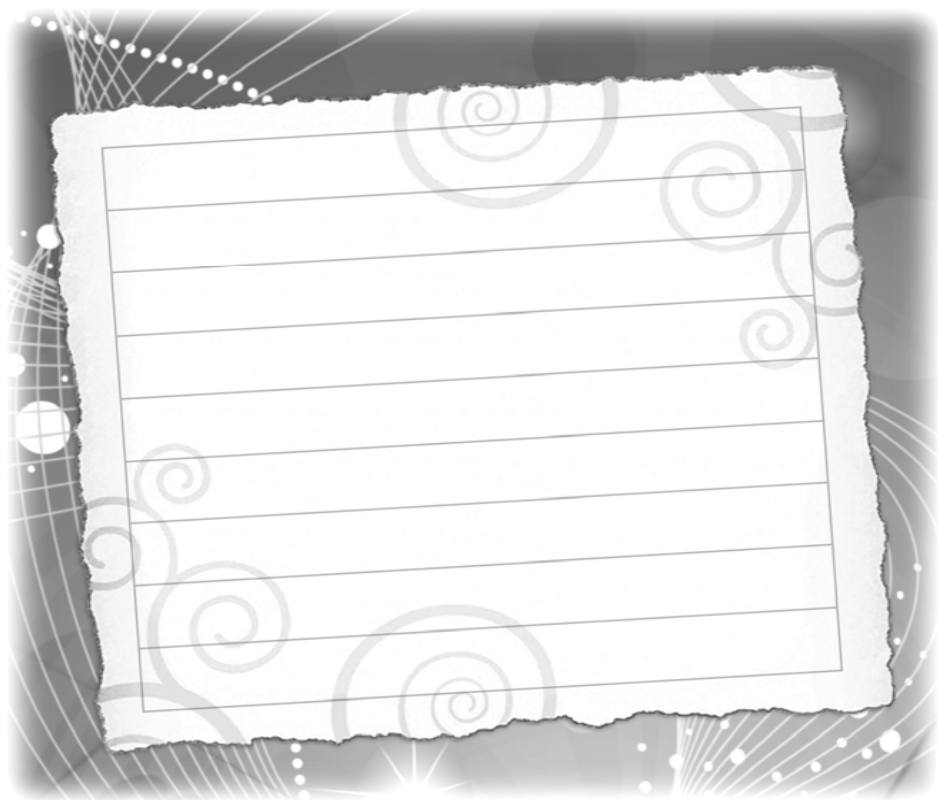
**Truth:** God's existence is immaterial, non-physical, and distinct from His creation

**Read:** Genesis 1:2; Exodus 34:5-6; Job 35:14; John 1:18, 4:24; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; Col. 1:15; 1 John 4:12

**Think:** "Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible." -- Corrie Ten Boom

**Reflect:** God is beyond my understanding. It seems difficult to comprehend, but I know that is what makes God distinct. My faith helps me to understand God. It provides the evidence of the impossible, making it possible to know an otherwise unbelievable reality that God exists. What's even more incredible is that God puts His Spirit in me, by which I can pray "Abba, Father" and enter a personal relationship with my Creator and Life Giver.

**Pray:** God, I know that I cannot see you, but I know you are here with me now. Please help me to see more clearly who you are today.



## Day 5: God is Personal

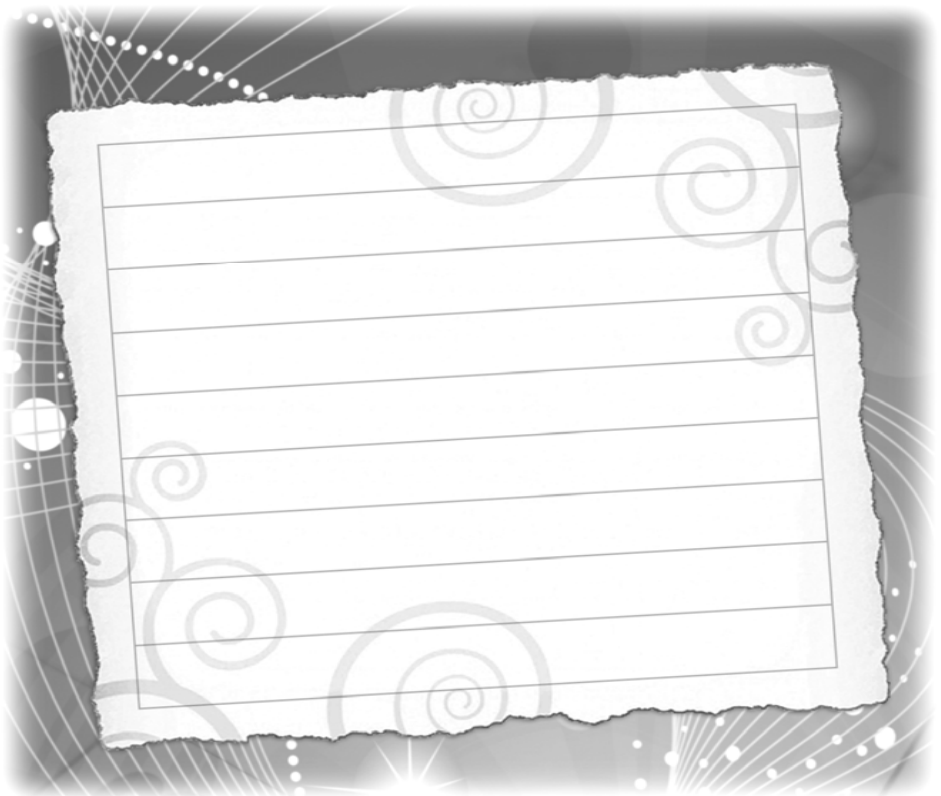
**Truth:** God is a self-conscious Being, capable of thought, will, and interaction.

**Read:** Gen 26:3; Exodus 20:1-3; Proverbs 3:19; Isaiah 55:8; Matthew 6:9-13; 2 Corinthians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7.

**Think:** "We can never know God as it is our privilege to know Him by brief repetitions that are requests for personal favors and nothing more." -- E.M. Bounds

**Reflect:** "God is personal" means that He knows me. Because He knows me, He knows my wants and needs. Because He knows me, God grants what He knows is best at the time. To be so known by a God so personally is truly amazing. The problem is, I may not always put my personal relationship with God first and even when I think I do it may not be as personal as it should be. The question I should pray each day is, "How am I doing personally with you, Lord?" Because God is personal, I can wait on an answer.

**Pray:** God, it is amazing to be known by you. Help me to know you more personally today.



## Day 6: God is Omnipresent

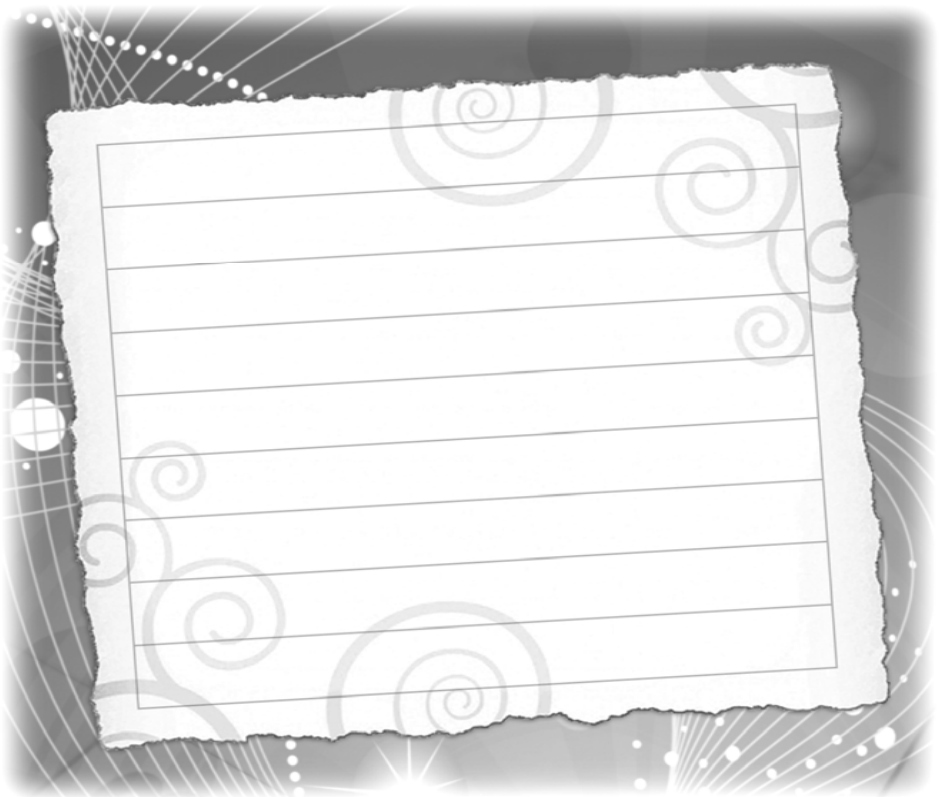
**Truth:** God is present in all places at all times.

**Read:** 1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 73:23-28; John 4:20-24; Acts 7:48-50; Acts 17:26-28; Ephesians 4:6

**Think:** "God dwells in His creation and is everywhere, indivisibly present in all His works. He is transcendent above all His works even while He is imminent within them." -- A.W. Tozer

**Reflect:** God is in all things and at once in all places, but all things are not God. Wherever I go, God is there. When I need God most, God is there. When I think I need God least, God is there. Even at those times when I don't want God there, God is there. When I'm at home, at business, traveling, relaxing, or having fun, God is there. I might as well get used to it -- God is always present. Because God is ever present, I can always pray.

**Pray:** God, I know you are here, thank you for being so. Please help me with that knowledge today.



## Day 7: God is Omnipotent

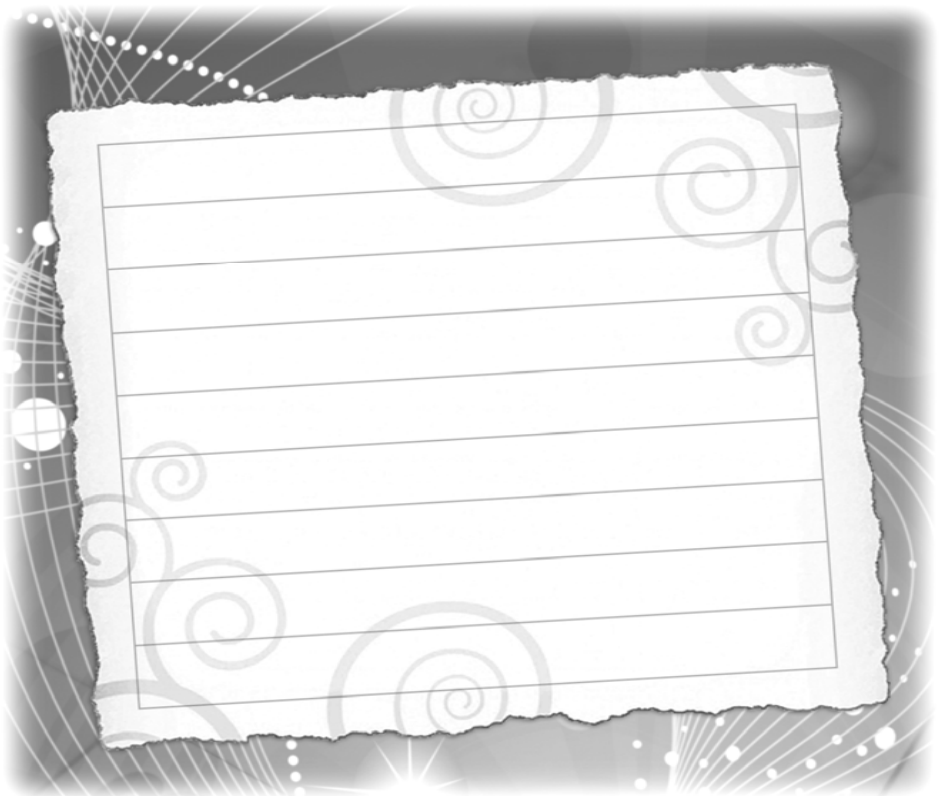
**Truth:** God can do all things with an unlimited amount of power.

**Read:** Deuteronomy 32:39; 2 Chronicles 20:6; Psalm 33:6-11; Isaiah 14:24-27; Jeremiah 32:17, 27; Matthew 19:26; Luke 1:37; Luke 18:27; Romans 8:31; Revelation 19:6

**Think:** "God works powerfully, but for the most part, gently and gradually." -- John Henry Newton

**Reflect:** God is capable of anything that God's nature allows. God works in my life by His great power -- to shape gently or to refine with fire gradually, sometimes more so than others. Though God can act quickly (creating the universe in six days), God works at a pace that He knows is best for each situation. God has made me in His image, and through His power, is remaking me into the image of His Son, a work that takes a lifetime. By prayer, I cooperate in that process toward accomplishing His work.

**Pray:** God, I know nothing is greater than your power. Thank you for shaping me gently and gradually by your mighty power, to be all you can make me to be today.



## Day 8: God is Omniscient

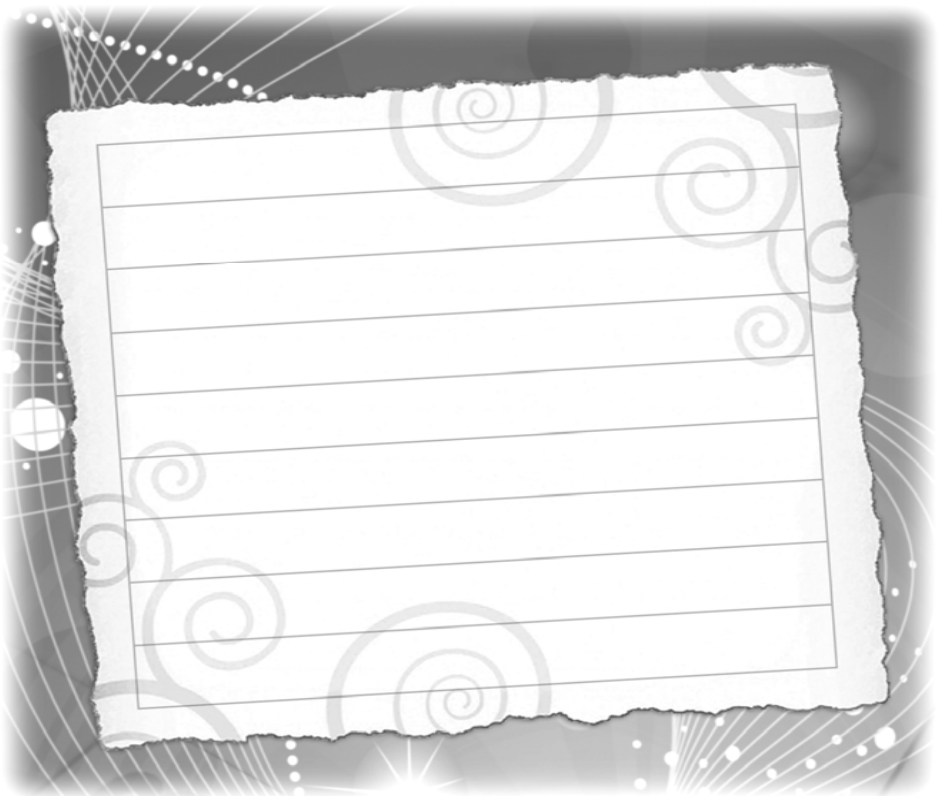
**Truth:** God knows all things.

**Read:** 1 Kings 8:38-39; 1 Samuel 2:3; Psalm 33:13-15; Proverbs 15:3; Isaiah 29:15; Matthew 10:30; Roman 11:33; Hebrews 4:13; 1 John 3:20.

**Think:** "God knows our situation. He will not judge us as if we had no difficulties to overcome. What matters is the sincerity and perseverance of our will to overcome them." -- C.S. Lewis

**Reflect:** God knows all things. Since God is in all places including my thoughts, God knows my heart and mind even better than I do. He knows my thoughts, concerns and fears. God knows my anxieties and complaints, as well as my dreams, ambitions and desires. I cannot hide anything from God. It's amazing, but God wants me to share my innermost thoughts with Him. By acknowledging in prayer what God already knows, I overcome and become all that God wants me to be in this life.

**Pray:** God, what can I hide from you? You know my deepest thoughts. Cleanse my mind so that my thoughts may be pleasing to you today.



## Day 9: God is Providential

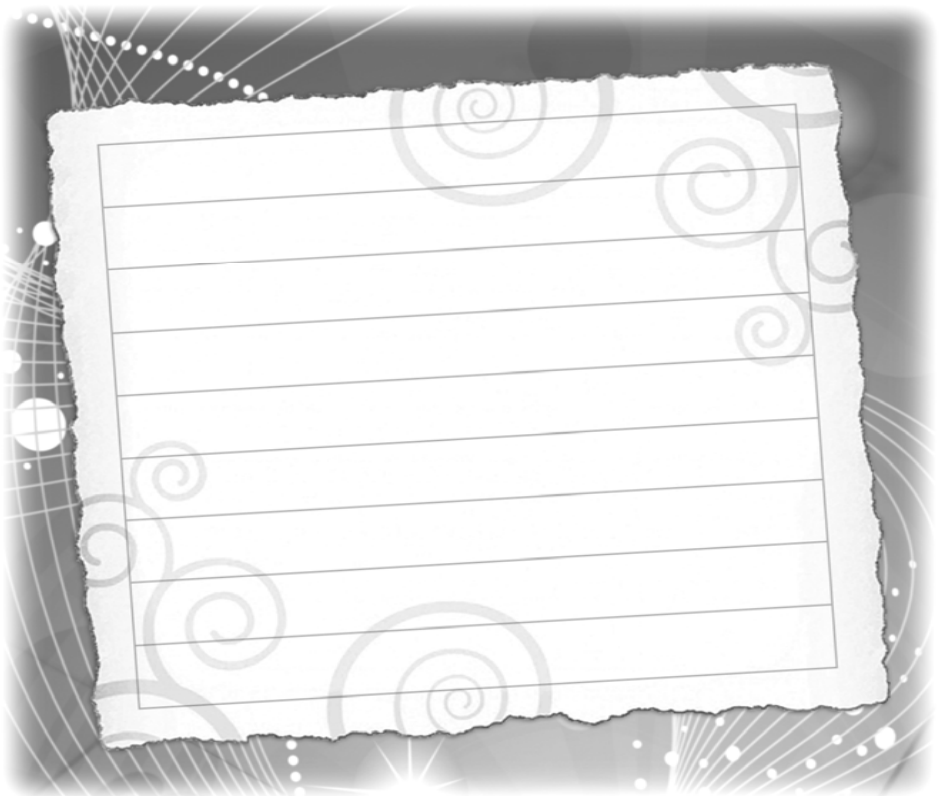
**Truth:** God's omniscience knows all that will come to pass before it occurs.

**Read:** Genesis 15:13; Exodus 3:7-10; Deuteronomy 31:15-18; Jeremiah 1:5; 29:11; Matthew 2:4-6; Acts 15:16-18; Romans 8:28-29; Philippians 1:6

**Think:** "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence." -- Augustine

**Reflect:** God knowing all things means He knows my future, not just my past and present. Because God knows my future, whatever may come, God will be there. More than that, I can enter the future knowing that since God is all-powerful, all obstacles can be overcome as I trust Him. I can trust God that everything will work out, some way, for my benefit. Even better, God has a plan for my life, and the work He has begun He will complete. Prayer is how I ask God to work out His plan for me.

**Pray:** God, I place my future into your hands. Help me to leave it there for your safekeeping and shaping today.



## Day 10: God is Sovereign

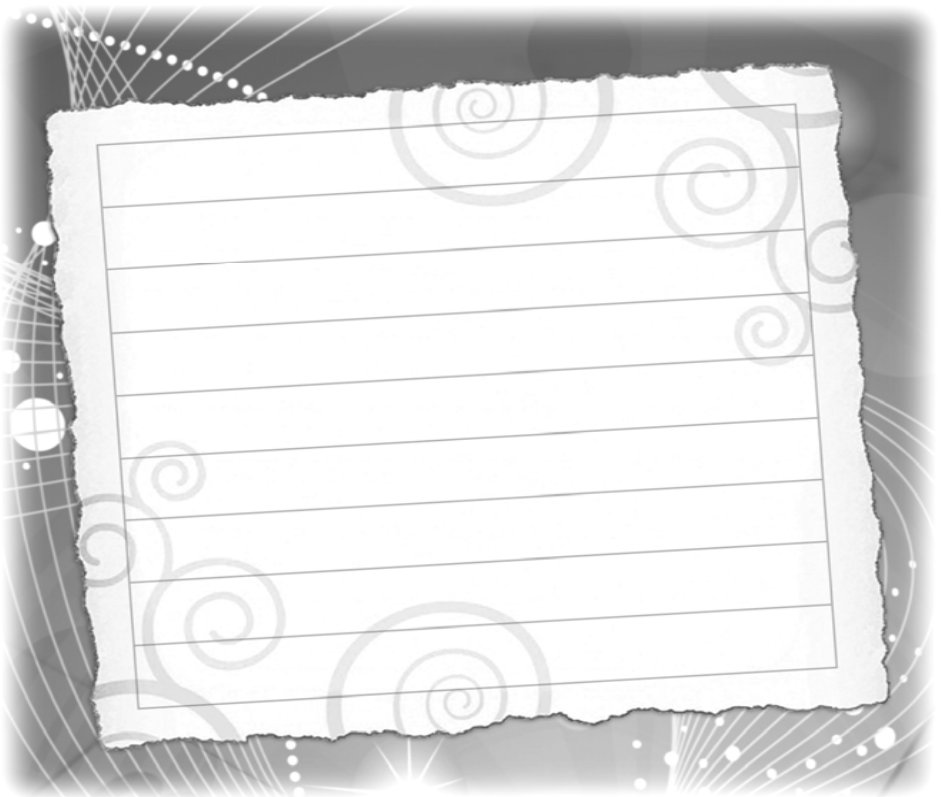
**Truth:** God has absolute authority over creation.

**Read:** 1 Samuel 2:6-10; Lamentations 3:37-39; Job 40:1-8; 42:1-6; Psalm 2:1-12; Daniel 4:35; Matthew 10:29; Acts 17:24-26; Romans 9:20; James 4:13-15.

**Think:** "In the total expanse of human life, there is not a single square inch of which the Christ, who alone is sovereign, does not declare, 'That is mine!' " -- Abraham Kuyper

**Reflect:** God is ruling and reigning over every moment of life. Nothing happens without His knowledge of it. In my rebellion, God is sovereign. In my brokenness, God is sovereign, but He doesn't leave me that way. He knew beforehand and He knows the outcome, but He draws me to Himself. In my need, God is sovereign. He provides according to His will. Over every square inch of my life, God is sovereign, for He is always there. Because God is sovereign, I know my prayers will be answered.

**Pray:** God, you are sovereign over all of my life. Help me to live in your sovereignty today.



## Day 11: God is Eternal

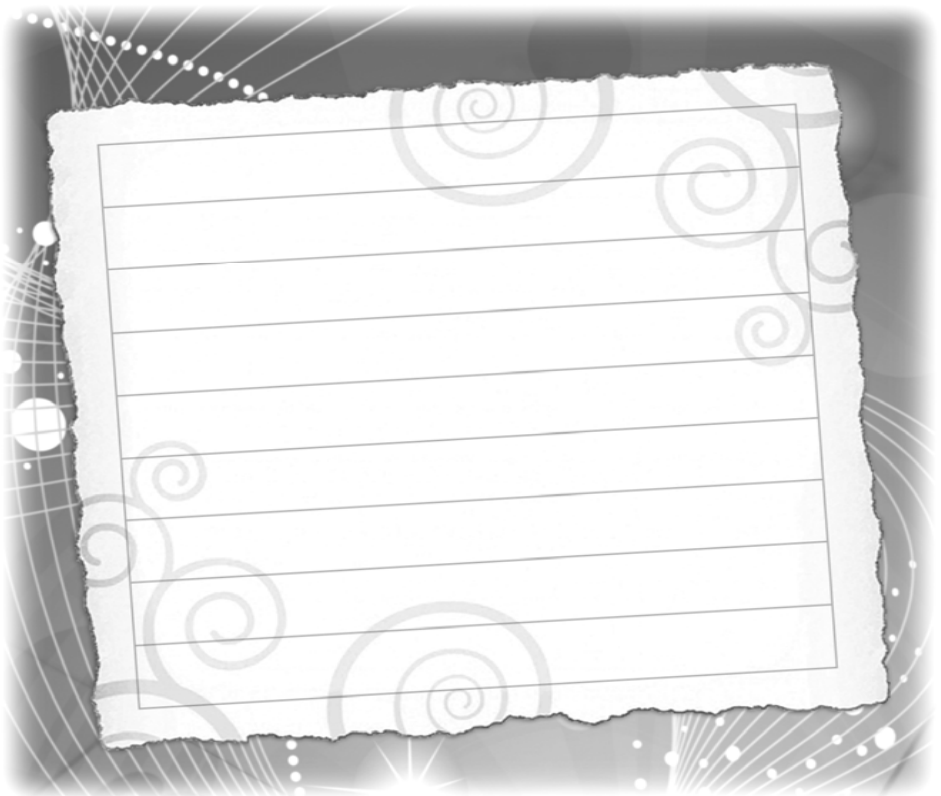
**Truth:** God had no beginning and will have no end. Time is no constraint.

**Read:** Genesis 1:1; Exodus 3:14; Deuteronomy 33:27; Job 36:26; Psalm 111:10; Isaiah 40:28; Romans 15:5-6

**Think:** "No mind, no wisdom--temporary mind, temporary wisdom--eternal mind, eternal wisdom." -- Adoniram Judson

**Reflect:** God is eternal mind, without beginning and without end, unchangeable in nature, quality and capacity. I am temporary mind, born for temporary life in this temporary state. Therefore, my accumulation of years gives me only a temporary wisdom, as it is ever changing. God is eternal perfect wisdom and promises to give me wisdom to live my imperfect life according to and by His infinitely greater life. According to the Spirit of wisdom, I should take God up on the offer of His wisdom and have the mind of Christ. I have only to pray and ask.

**Pray:** God, you are eternal, possessing all wisdom. You tell me that you will give me your wisdom as I ask. Please provide the wisdom I need for today.



## Day 12: God is Incomprehensible

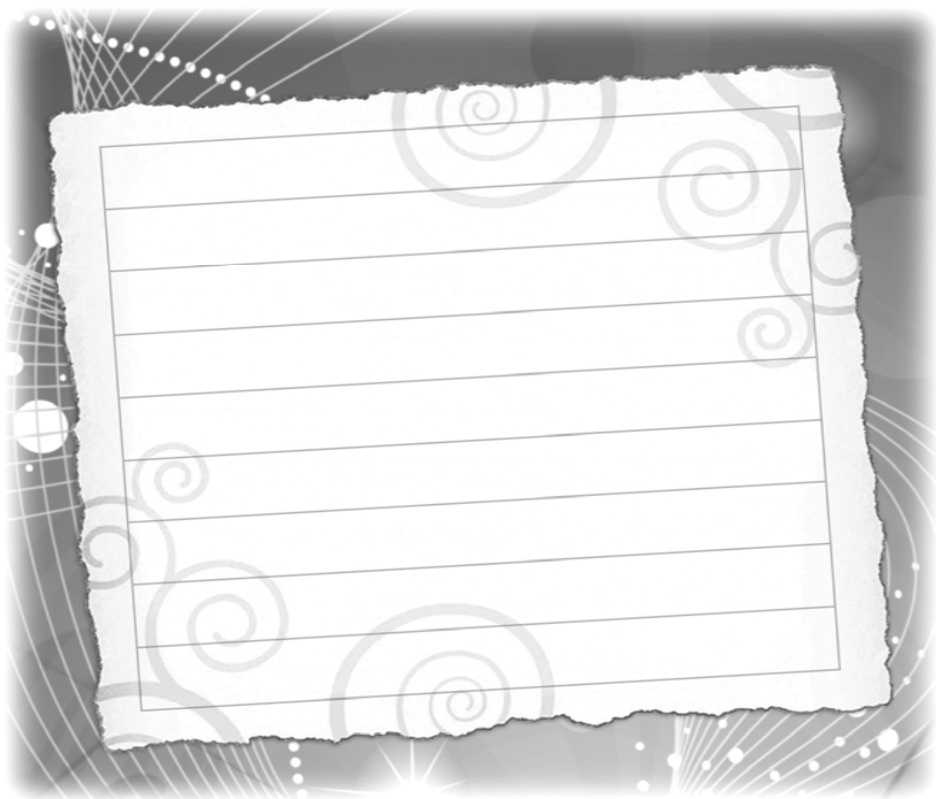
**Truth:** God cannot be fully known.

**Read:** Job 9:10; 11:7-9; Psalm 139:6; 145:3; Isaiah 40:28; 55:8; Romans 11:33-36; 1 Corinthians 2:11, 16; Ephesians 3:9; Philippians 4:7; James 1:5

**Think:** "Revelation is the activity of God by which He unveils or discloses or makes known what is, to humanity, otherwise unknowable. It is God making Himself known to those shaped in His image." -- Sam Storms

**Reflect:** God's ways are beyond my understanding unless He reveals something of Himself to me. It is beyond knowing why God created me to worship Him, but He tells me He loves me. It is beyond knowing why God allows His Son to die for me, but in an unfathomable love not just for me, but for everyone. It is beyond knowing why God, the omnipotent and sovereign ruler of the universe wants to be my friend, but by His immeasurable grace, He makes it possible. While God tells me these things, there is so much more I do not know. I long to know Him better, so I pray.

**Pray:** God, you are unfathomable. Your ways are beyond my simple mind. Please help me to know you better today.



## Day 13: God is Triune

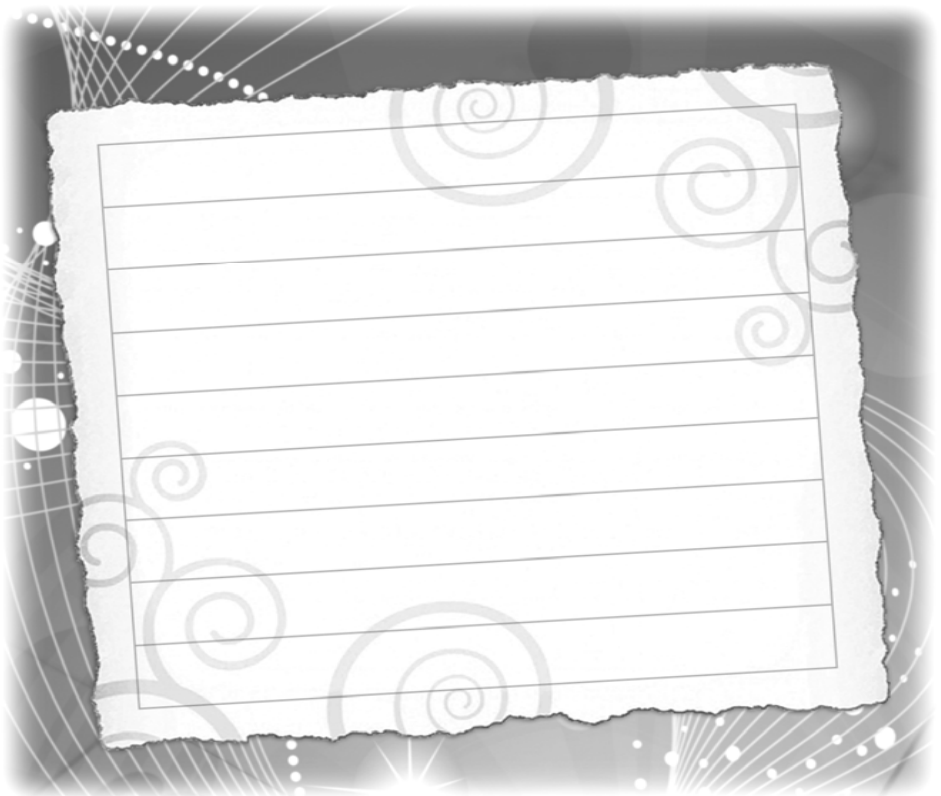
**Truth:** God is three, but one, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, distinct in function, united in purpose and being.

**Read:** Genesis 1:26; Isaiah 48:16, Matthew 3:16-17; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 5:7-8

**Think:** It was the whole Trinity, which at the beginning of creation said, "Let us make man." It was the whole Trinity again, which at the beginning of the Gospel seemed to say, "Let us save man." -- J.C. Ryle

**Reflect:** God is a trinity, three in one. This is a divine mystery but it fits with God being incomprehensible. The Trinity has operated from the beginning to create me, and later in my life to save me. God is my Father who drew me, Jesus is the Son who saved me and the Holy Spirit is God's life in me. I have a Father who loves me, the Son who died and rose for me, and the Spirit who guides me. The Trinity is all I need as I pray to the Father, through the Son as the Spirit helps me in my weakness.

**Pray:** God, I don't really understand how you can be three in one, but I praise you for being my Father, sending your Son, and giving me your Spirit so that I can know you better.



## Day 14: God is Immutable

**Truth:** God cannot change in His nature, character, or dependability.

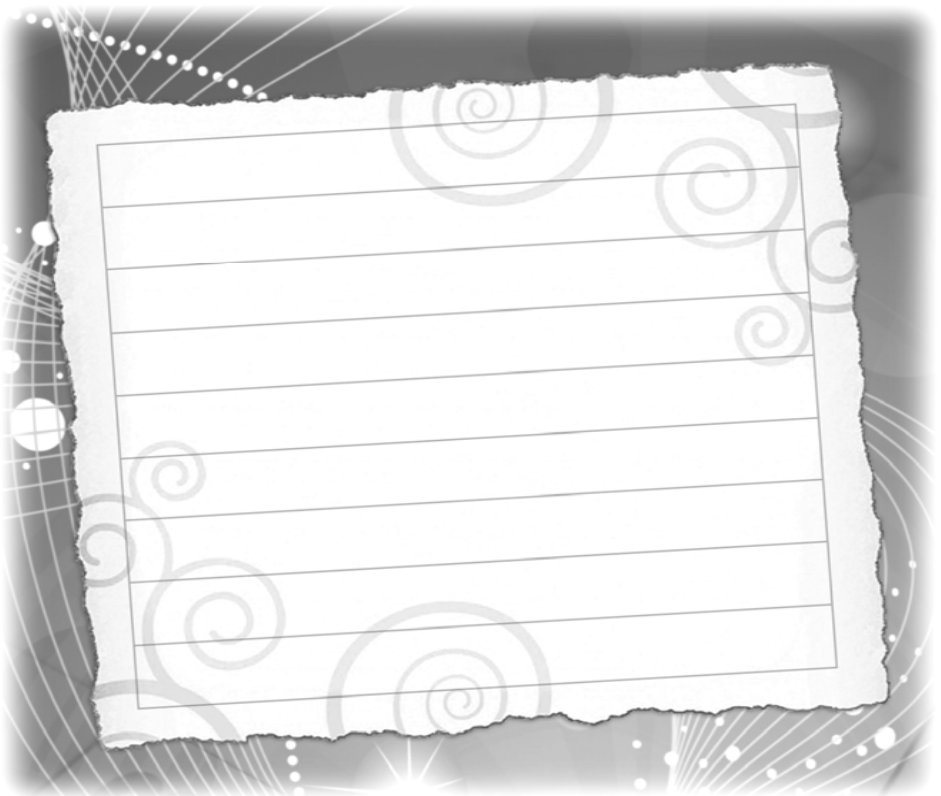
**Read:** Genesis 9:8-13; Numbers 23:19; Psalm 102:24-27; Malachi 3:6; Romans 11:29; 2 Timothy 2:11-13; Titus 1:1-3; Hebrews 6:17-20; James 1:17

**Think:** God is utterly faith, never fickle. You can always count on Him. He does not change.

**Reflect:** God is unchanging, since God is perfect, in and of Himself.

This means that I can depend on God's unchangeableness. I understand that God wants me to change, to perfect me. God is dependable, so I can rely upon his changelessness to change me to be all that He wants me to be. I have only to depend on His nature and character, which remains constant. My change comes as I pray and ask God to make me more like Jesus.

**Pray:** God, in your steadfastness, change me to be more like your Son and less like me.



## Day 15: God is Incomparable

**Truth:** God is superior over all in essence, character and action.

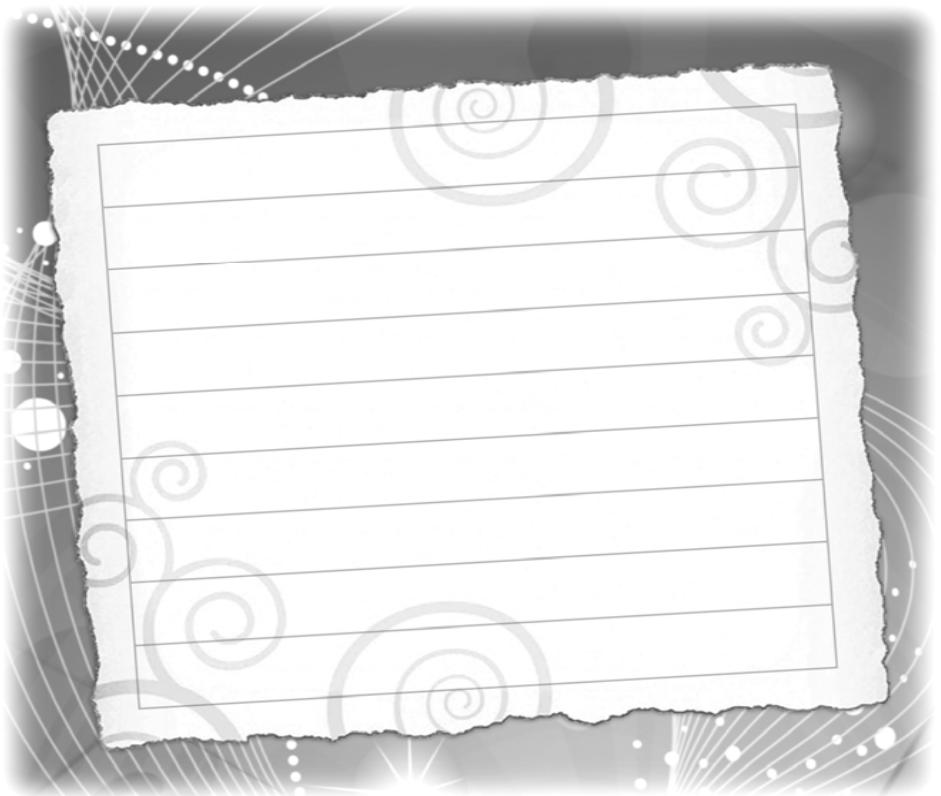
**Read:** Exodus 15:11; Deuteronomy 33:26; 2 Samuel 7:22; Psalm 86:8-10; 113:4-6; Jeremiah 10:6-7; 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:15; Jude 1:25; Revelation 4:8-11.

**Think:** "Everything except God has some natural superior; everything except unformed matter has some natural inferior." -- C.S. Lewis

**Reflect:** God is as good as it gets and nothing else comes close.

Nothing exceeds or even approaches God in essence, character or actions. To understand this is to reconcile all things in light of God's incomparableness. Nothing in this world can compare, so it is inferior to seek anything more than the Incomparable. As I humble and submit myself before the incomparability of God, my life becomes a praise to God and nothing else in life can compare to that.

**Pray:** God, there is none like you. You are exalted over all. Help me to live according to your will so that my life brings you praise.



## Day 16: God is Good

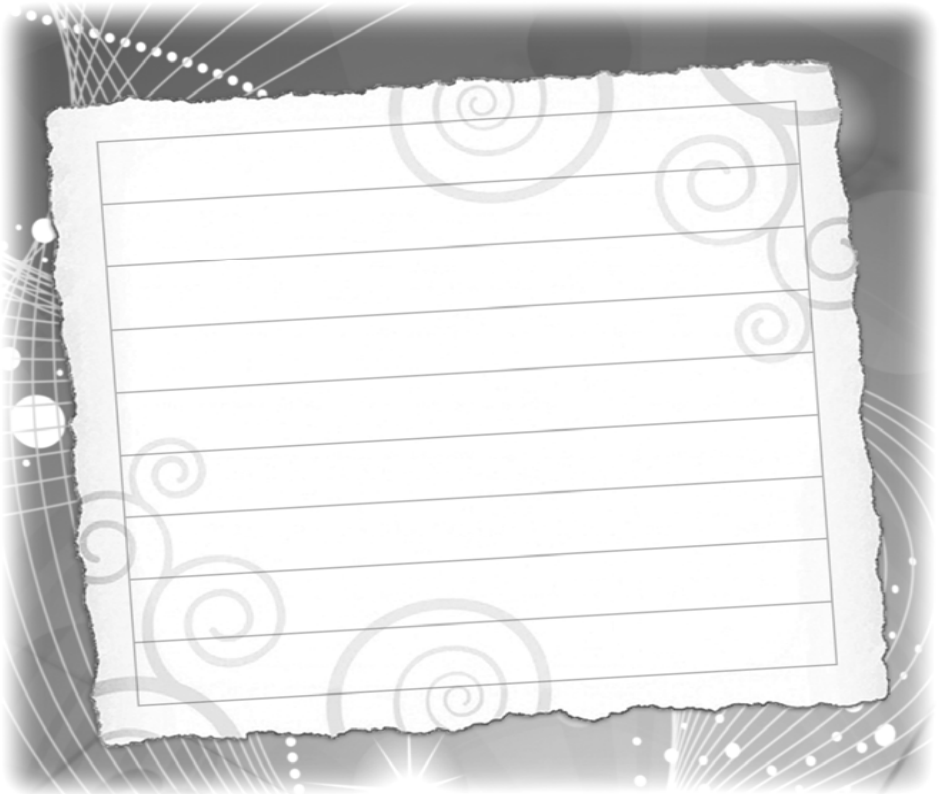
**Truth:** The moral character of God is goodness.

**Read:** Exodus 34:6; 1 Chronicles 16:34; Psalm 34:8-10; Nahum 1:7; Matthew 7:11; Acts 14:17; Romans 2:4; 2 Thessalonians 1:11

**Think:** "Worship is a believer's response to God's revelation of Himself. It is expressing wonder, awe and gratitude for the worthiness, the greatness and the goodness of our Lord. It is the appropriate response to God's person, His provision, His power, His promises and His plan." -- Nancy Leigh DeMoss

**Reflect:** God is good all the time. All the time, God is good. Worship is a response to God's goodness. How I respond to God's goodness, proves my thankfulness even when at times it seems hard to thank God, but only because sometimes I forget His goodness. In the best of times, it's easy to thank God for His goodness. But in the hardest of times, God's goodness is to be found because God cannot be other than good. Prayer proves God's goodness as a gift for accessing more of God's promises.

**Pray:** God, you are worthy because you are good. Help me to always remember your goodness and be thankful for it.



## Day 17: God is Holy

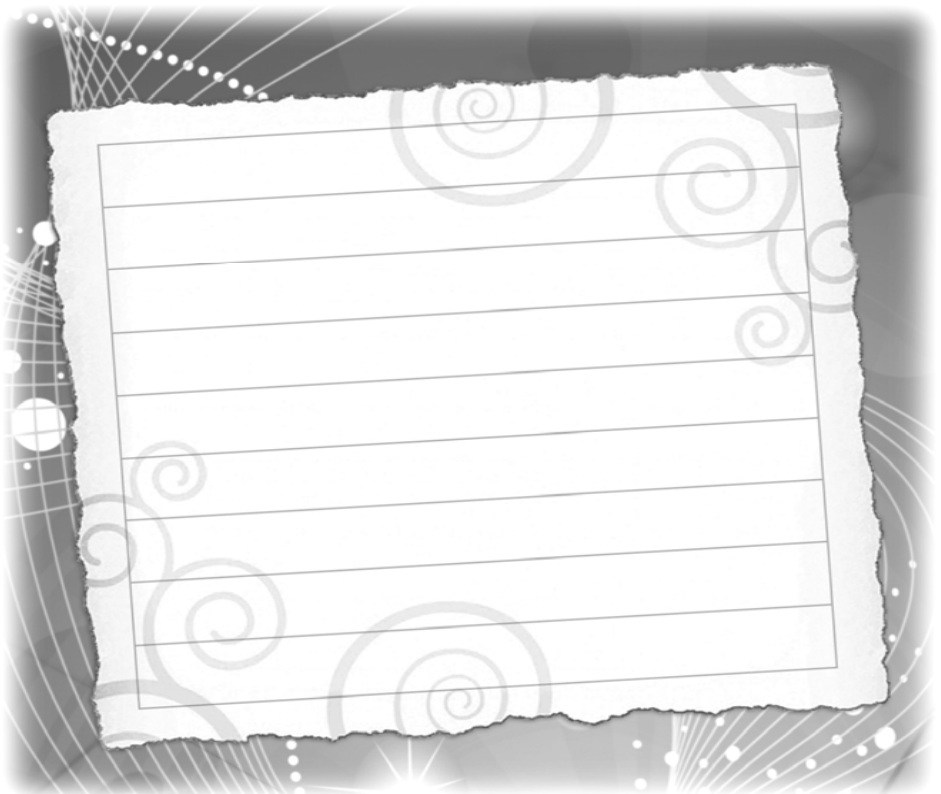
**Truth:** God is separate from all else, especially from all ungodliness.

**Read:** Exodus 3:5; 33:18-23; Leviticus 19:2; 1 Samuel 2:2; 6:20; Isaiah 6:1-5; Habakkuk 2:20; James 1:13; 1 Peter 1:15; Revelation 3:7; 15:3f

**Think:** "In holiness God is more clearly seen than in anything else, save in the Person of Christ Jesus the Lord, of whose life such holiness is but a repetition." -- Charles Spurgeon

**Reflect:** God is holy. All of God's other attributes come together on this one point. In God's omniscience, He is holy because His every thought is good. In God's omnipotence, He is Holy because His every motive is perfect. In God's omnipresence, He is holy because He is unchanging. All of God's holiness comes forth in the Person of Jesus Christ. I am made holy as I live in Christ and He lives in me. I can apprehend God's holiness as I pray.

**Pray:** God, you are holy and want me to be holy too. Help me to stay free from anything that would make me unholy.



## Day 18: God is Righteous

**Truth:** God's nature and actions are always morally right

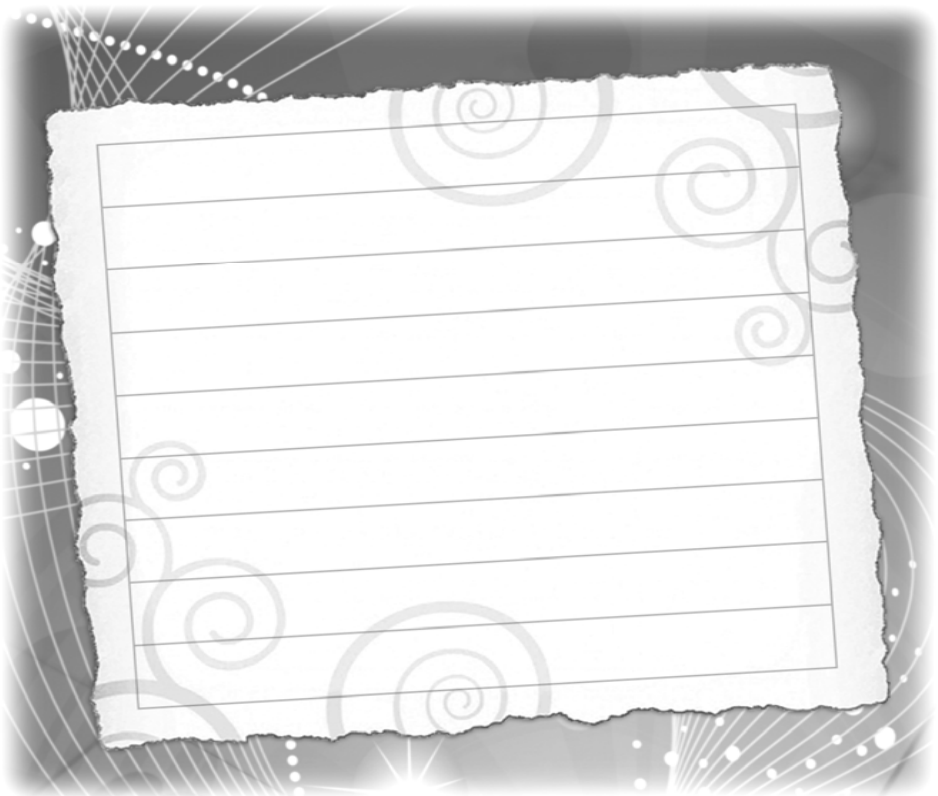
**Read:** Genesis 18:25; Exodus 9:27; Psalm 97:2-6; Matthew 6:33; Acts 17:30; Romans 3:21-26; James 1:13; 1 John 1:5-9; Revelation 16:4-7

**Think:** "In the maxims of the law, God is seen as the Rewarder of perfect righteousness and the avenger of sin. But in Christ, His face shines out, full of grace and gentleness to poor, unworthy sinners."

-- John Calvin

**Reflect:** God is righteous means He is perfect in everything He does. There is no possibility of God not doing rightly. Nor does God permit unrighteousness in His Holy presence. But there is every possibility of my inability to live according to God's standard. This presents me with a problem. In God's love through Christ, however, even though I cannot live a righteous life myself, God provides Christ's righteousness for me. I have only to accept it and then do my best to live according to it, by the grace God gives me. I pray so that I may obtain it.

**Pray:** God, I know you are righteous and I am not. Help me by the power of your grace to live more rightly today.



## Day 19: God is Love

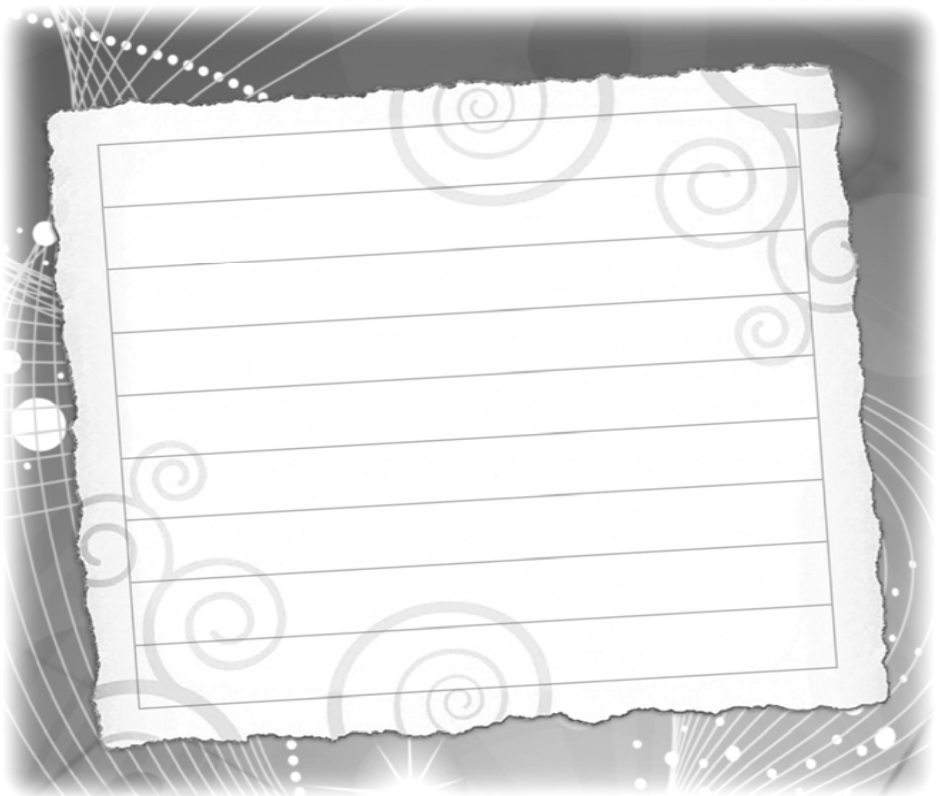
**Truth:** God is perfect in how He cares and responds to His creation.

**Read:** Exodus 2:6, 34:7; Deuteronomy 5:10, 7:7-13; Numbers 14:18; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:16

**Think:** "A true revival means nothing less than a revolution -- casting out the spirit of worldliness and selfishness -- making God and His love triumph in the heart and life." -- Andrew Murray

**Reflect:** God conceives in love, sends forth in love, redeems in love, and revives in love. He always has since He is perfect in love. It is by God's love that my worldliness and selfishness are overcome that my life is transformed and death is defeated in the greatest act of love in history, the cross of Jesus Christ. If my life is not a witness to God's love, the problem is not with God's love but mine. As I surrender to God's love, I triumph through it. Prayer can birth a revolution of love and triumph over the unlovely spots of my life.

**Pray:** God, I love you because you first loved me. Rekindle my love for you daily and send forth a revolution of love. Help me to love with and live out your love today.



## Day 20: God is Present

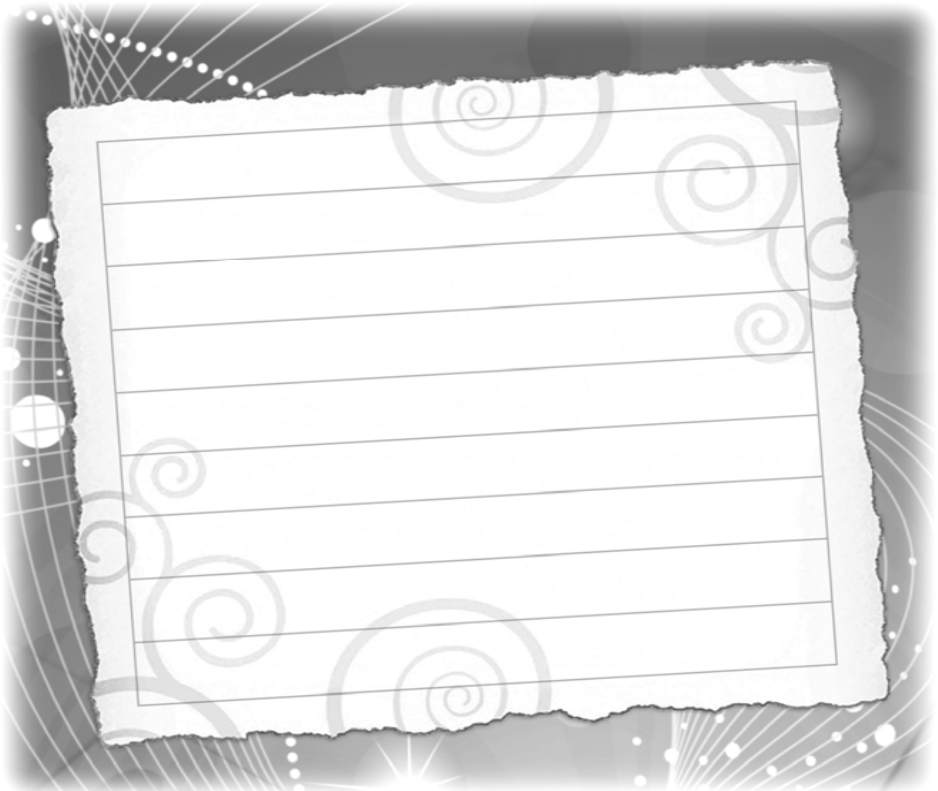
**Truth:** God affects history by entering it -- even today through His people.

**Read:** Deuteronomy 4:7; Psalm 85:9; Ezekiel 37:23-28; Luke 2:11-14; John 1:14; Acts 1:8; 17:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19

**Think:** "Jesus Christ became incarnate for one purpose -- to make a way back to God that man might stand before Him as He was created to do, the friend and lover of God Himself." -- Oswald Chambers

**Reflect:** God became flesh and dwelt on earth through Jesus Christ. God came with a purpose to make a way for us to return to Him, to restore us to right relationship. That's how much God loves us. Now God provides His Holy Spirit so that He can live through us, to share His life and purpose with others who need to return as well. It is in Christ that I live and move and have my being. Because Christ lived, I live; because Christ died, I live restored; because Christ rose, I can live in His resurrection power as I pray.

**Pray:** God, I praise you, for you became flesh in Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior. Now, Lord, fill me with your Spirit afresh so that you can incarnate your life in mine today.



## Day 21: God is Missional

**Truth:** God has a purpose and will complete it.

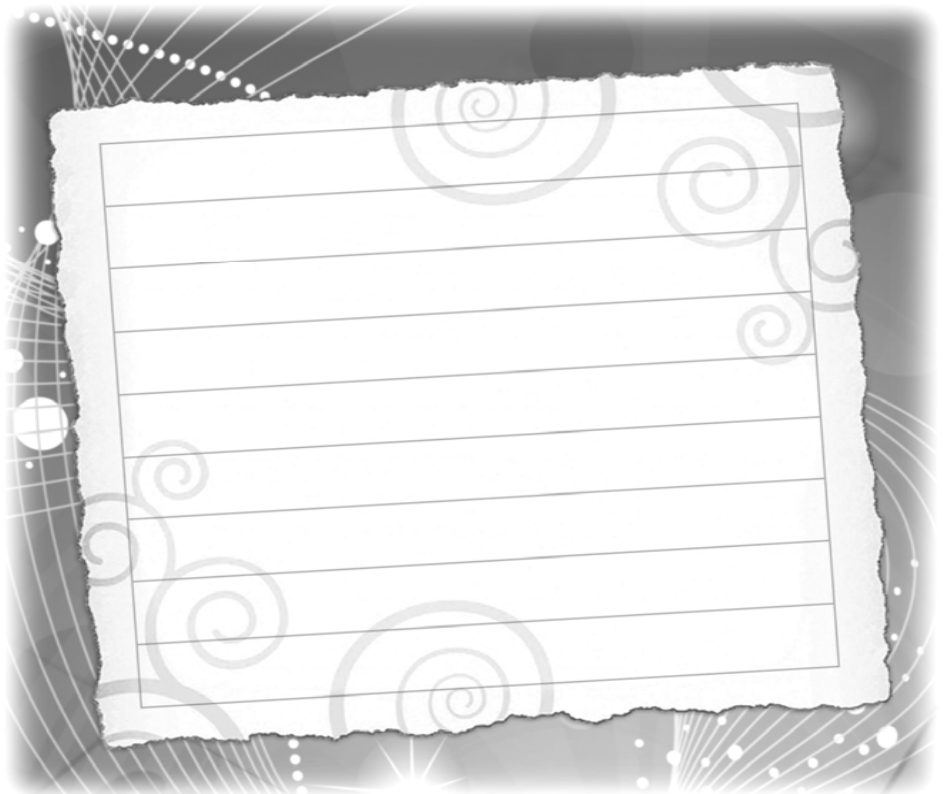
**Read:** Genesis 12:1-3; 28:14; Deuteronomy 30:11-16; Proverbs 12:28; Isaiah 1:18-20; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Titus 1:2; Revelation 22:1-5


**Think:** "A Christian is one who recognizes Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, as God manifested in the flesh, loving us and dying for our redemption; and who is so affected by a sense of the love of this incarnate God as to be constrained to make the will of Christ the rule of his obedience, and the glory of Christ the great end for which He lives."

-- Charles Hodge

**Reflect:** God has had a mission throughout all of history -- to restore things back to the original relationship He established as Creator. To God, it's personal. Only in Christ do I find my way back to that relationship, the truth of what that relationship is all about, and the power to live life fully in that relationship. Understanding God's attributes must lead me to obedience for the glory of Christ. Living out that obedience is the mission God has given me. When I accept Christ and His mission, my life is no longer my own but Christ lives through me. It is then that I can help people find and follow Christ.

**Pray:** God, thank you for your grand purpose for my life. By your Spirit, help me to live it out each day so that others too may find and follow Christ.





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