

BIBLE READING PLAN

FOR JANUARY I-21



In the 21 Days to Overflow YouVersion plan, provided by Four Rivers Media, author Jeremiah Hosford will take readers on a 3-week journey of emptying themselves of themselves, being filled with the Holy Spirit, and living out an overflowing, Spirit-filled life. It's time to stop living normally and start living an overflowing life!

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DAY I WORLDLINESS

We are beginning this journey by emptying us of us. The Bible tells us, as followers of Christ, those who have been bought with the blood of Jesus, who are filled with the Spirit, that we are not to love the things of this world. I know this is a stark contrast to many of the things being taught today, but we must know that, as followers of Christ, we are to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Jesus.

The apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12 that we are not to be conformed to the pattern of this world, but we are to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. This word, renewing, comes from the Greek word, anakainosis, which means to renovate. In this context, it means we are to get rid of all of our old worldly ways of thinking, acting, and living, and begin to replace these with the things of God.

In 1 John 2:15-20, it gives us some stern warnings about those who love the world, what it will cause, and what it truly means. It says if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in them. It also speaks to the temporariness of the world and its desires. But those who do the will of God live forever.

As we start this 21-day plan, we must strive to rid ourselves of love for the world. We cannot serve two masters – we must choose God or the world. Once we choose God, we must rid ourselves of the ungodly love that still may reside in our hearts.

BIBLE READING:

1 John 2:15-20

Romans 12:1-21

DAY 2 DISTRACTIONS

Today, we're focused on ridding ourselves of the distractions this world brings in such abundance. We cannot fully follow God and His will for our lives and have a total, Spirit-filled life if we are constantly getting distracted.

In Philippians 4:8, Paul gives instructions to the Philippi church about what they should think about. While this passage only gets into what he wanted the church to dwell on, it can be inferred about what did not make the list. Stress, anxiety, fear, and worry are nowhere to be found on Paul's list. Instead, he said to focus on what is true, noble, pure, lovely, admirable, and right. When we take this step, we are one step closer to thinking the way God desires and defending ourselves from distractions.

In John 17:17, we see Jesus praying for His disciples. He asks God to sanctify them by His truth. And what does He go on to call God's truth? His Word. This gives us insight into what Paul was talking about when he told the Phillipi church to dwell on whatever is true.

We are meant to dwell on the truth of God's Word. When this is a priority in our lives, we won't be as easily distracted by the things of this world. This is an integral step in living a Spirit-filled, overflowing life.

BIBLE READING:

Philippians 4:8

John 17:17

DAY 3 DECEPTIONS

The next thing we have to rid ourselves of to live a Spirit-filled, overflowing life is the deception of the enemy.

In John 8:44, it calls the devil a liar. But not just a liar – it calls him the father of lies. This is quite a title and definitely not given to just the average liar. Our enemy is a master of deception. Realizing this should spark us into action to defend against all of the deceptions he brings through the world.

In Galatians 6:7-8, Paul tells the church to not be deceived. Even back then, and especially now, the enemy is at work skewing the Word of God, confusing His children, and blurring morals. We can't let ourselves be victims of his masterful deceit.

Instead, we need to root ourselves in the truth of the Word of God. When we do this, we are less susceptible to the enemy's deception and can continue to walk in the will of God without wavering.

BIBLE READING:

Galatians 6:7-8

Hebrews 12:14

John 8:44

DAY 4 SELFISHNESS

Today, we're focused on ridding ourselves of something that has become increasingly more common in today's world: selfishness.

What we do, not just in church, but outside of church cannot be done with a spirit of selfish ambition or conceit. Whether we are at work, at school, with friends, with family, in the marketplace, or serving in our place of leadership, our motives matter.

The question we should be asking ourselves is not, "What is best for me?" Instead, we should be asking ourselves, "What is best for the Kingdom of God?" Our ambition should be to find the best way to do the perfect will of God.

In Philippians 2:3-4 it says to do nothing in selfish ambition or conceit. Nothing means nothing. When we're doing everything for the good of the Kingdom of God instead of ourselves, how different will our lives look?

1 Corinthians 10:24 mirrors this principle, stating that nobody should seek their own good, but the good of others. How different would the church look if everyone operated with the good of others in mind? How different would the world look if no one operated from selfish ambition but for the good of others?

The next time we attempt to do anything for others, or for the Lord, let's ask Him to reveal if our motivation is selfish.

BIBLE READING:

Philippians 2:3-4

1 Corinthians 10:24

DAY 5 PRIDE

We have made it to the fifth day of emptying us of us. This has not been easy!

How many times has God asked us to do something, and we have either not done it, or we have done it halfway? This is pride. This is us saying, "I am God, and I know what's best for me in this situation."

Pride is running rampant in today's world. Pride in personal prestige, pride in income, pride in ability, pride in family, and so much more. This pride is turning us away from God and making us focus on ourselves and what we can accomplish.

In James 4:6-8, James states that God opposes the proud and shows favor to the humble. We need to humble ourselves in the face of the Lord to receive His favor. When we realize all we have and all we have accomplished is a blessing from the Lord, we have no room for pride.

Proverbs 16:18 adds to the danger of pride by saying it is the precursor to destruction. Pride leads to destruction! If we know this to be true, why do we continue to harbor pride over insignificant things in our lives?

To live an overflowing life, we must rid ourselves of pride. If we want to be Spirit-filled, there is no room for it. Pray and ask the Lord to reveal any hidden pride in your life so you can more fully follow Him.

BIBLE READING:

James 4:6-8

Proverbs 16:18

DAY 6 OFFENSE

Have you ever been offended?

Offense is one of the most effective tools Satan uses in his campaign to hinder the people of God. He brings down even the mightiest of people. He uses offense to keep the Kingdom of God from being its most effective. He uses offense to dismantle churches. He uses offense to tear families apart. He uses offense to divide believers. He uses offense to perpetuate emotional, mental, and even physical illness in people.

Proverbs 17:9 says that those who conceal an offense seek love, but those who repeat it separate close friends. Canceling an offense doesn't necessarily mean you don't remember it and forget it entirely. It does mean you don't bring it up and you don't hold a grudge against your brother or sister. It means you move past it and show the forgiveness God has shown you to those around you.

In Hebrews 12:15, it says to see to it that everyone obtains the grace of God. This grace, first shown to us by God for our sins, should be passed forward. We should be quick to forgive those who wrong us! It then goes on to speak of a root of bitterness that leads to trouble. This root can be defined in many ways, but in summation, it is an offense. We cannot let others offend us to the point that we harbor bitterness against them in our hearts.

Don't let offense take root in your lives. Be quick to forgive and be quick to ask others for forgiveness. If we want to be overflowing with the Spirit, we can't let offense be a motivating factor in our lives!

BIBLE READING:

Proverbs 17:9

Hebrews 12:15

DAY 7 UNFORGIVENESS

Unforgiveness is wicked. It is spiritually, emotionally, and physically destructive. It takes and takes, and gives nothing in return. What's more, we see from scripture that our forgiveness from God is contingent upon our forgiving others. Eternity, literally heaven and hell hangs in the balance of our willingness to forgive. The destiny of our souls rests on our decision to forgive, or not forgive, one another.

Matthew 6:14-15 makes this principle abundantly clear. When we forgive our brothers and sisters who have sinned against us, God will forgive us. But when we don't show forgiveness, God will not forgive us.

Ephesians 4:32 goes on to say we need to show the forgiveness that Christ God has first shown us. We need to show compassion to our brothers and sisters. How could we not? We were undeserving of the forgiveness God showed us. How could we possibly say someone else is not worthy of our forgiveness?

Understand this: we are not forgiving others for them. We are forgiving them for us. Our lack of forgiving a person doesn't keep them chained. It keeps us chained. There is a freedom that comes when we forgive. As we pray today, the chains that fall will be falling from us. Even if people never forgive us, it doesn't matter. We will be free. We will be made right with God.

BIBLE READING:

Matthew 6:14-15

Ephesians 4:32

Proverbs 17:9

DAY 8 SPIRITUAL THIRST

You did it! You persisted through the painful and difficult work of emptying yourself of everything that would hinder you from receiving all God has for you. For the past seven days, you have humbled yourself, examined yourself, and rid yourself of the things that only satisfy your flesh. It has not been easy, but it has been worth it.

For the next seven days, we are setting our hearts toward being filled with the Holy Spirit. The space we have created in our lives is now about to be filled with the fullness of God. There is a shift of unprecedented proportions coming into your life. Get ready for life change.

In John 4:13-14, it describes spiritual thirst. The things of this world – the water Jesus first references – will momentarily quench your thirst, but you will thirst again. He then goes on to speak of water that will make you never thirst again. This water is the Holy Spirit. This should be the water we want.

In John 7:37-39, Jesus continues this when He says, "Whoever is thirsty come and drink." To receive the Spirit, this everlasting water, we need to accept Jesus and believe in what He has told us in God's Word.

We shouldn't just be going through the motions. We should thirst for the fresh, living water that only the Holy Spirit can supply.

BIBLE READING:

John 4:13-14

John 7:37-39

DAY 9 SPIRITUAL HUNGER

You can always tell when an appetite changes because it will always produce something different. If our appetites change from the things of God to the things of the world, that hunger will produce the things of the world. Inversely, if our appetites change from the things of the world to the things of God, that hunger will produce the things of God.

What is being produced in your life today? What things are coming from your day-to-day walk, speech, actions, motivations, and passions? If you are primarily producing the things of the world, your appetite has changed from the things of the Spirit to the things of the world. If you are primarily producing the things of the Spirit, your appetite has changed from the things of the world to the things of the Spirit. If my appetite is for things like reading the Bible, prayer, and worship, both private and corporate, then I have a proper hunger. However, if I don't have an appetite for these things, my hunger is for improper things.

Let's see what the Bible says about hunger. In John 6:25-70, Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life. What does this mean? The disciples were somewhat confused as well. Jesus was calling Himself the source of our spiritual nourishment. He was telling us that when we are hungry, spiritually, we can go to Him and be full.

In Isaiah 55:1-2, we see this analogy used again. Those who are thirsty and hungry but do not have money are told they can drink and eat. If they don't have money, how is this possible? Their thirst and hunger are of the spiritual type – and God's Kingdom does not charge!

We need to get our hunger back for spiritual bread. We need an appetite for the things of God. We need to throw off being satisfied with the mundane. We need to long for the nourishment of the Word, of prayer, and of worship. Our stomachs need to growl in longing for His presence. When we do this, our souls will be satisfied, and our lives will change.

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 55:1-2, John 6:25-70

DAY 10 DOING AWAY WITH WASTEFUL LIVING

We are advised to live our lives carefully and not wastefully. A wasteful life is a life that is lived to glorify ourselves, our desires, and our agendas with no regard for the purpose of God. A careful life is a life that is lived to glorify God, to be what He desires, to do His will, and to see His purpose fulfilled in our lives.

When we are full of the Spirit, our lives become obviously different to anyone who takes notice. When we no longer operate on the limited wisdom of man, and the wasteful conduct of man, it is apparent to all that we are operating in a way that is distinct from everyone else.

Ephesians 5:5-18 gives us a lot to think about. It speaks very negatively about the "fruitless deeds of darkness" and strongly advises us instead to find out what pleases the Lord and pursue it. What do you think pleases the Lord in your life? Are you pursuing it wholeheartedly?

1 John 2:16 goes on to say that earthly desires are not from the Lord. If we recognize this, why do we continue to pursue them? Why do we continue to put them in a place of priority above what we know to please the Lord?

To begin doing away with wasteful living, we have to ask God to help us stop living wastefully. We need Him to reveal what are God-things and merely good things because there are things we perceive as good, that are not necessarily sins, but are wasteful because they do not accomplish the purpose of God in our lives.

BIBLE READING:

Ephesians 5:5-18

1 John 2:16

DAY II INCREASING MY LOVE FOR GOD

In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus is tackling two issues. He not only hangs every commandment and prophecy on two things, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself, but he also ties love for God and love for people together. Jesus points out to the questioner what the Bible has pointed out to us all along: the more we love God, the more we will love people. The more we show mercy for people, the more we demonstrate how much we love God. We can never be full of the Holy Spirit and fail to walk in love.

If we hate people because of their race, their ethnicity, what they've done to us, or what they've said about us, the Bible tells us that we are a murderer. We know that murderers have no place in the Kingdom of God. If we are to walk in the Spirit, we must walk in love. Remember, all of the commandments hang on love.

Let's take another look at 1 John 2:15-17, which we read earlier in this plan. It speaks on those that love God and those that love the world. Notice there are two separate categories. The passage makes it clear that those who harbor love for the world and its fleeting pleasures do not have the love of the Father in them.

Finally, John 14:21 is written to instruct us how to show our love to God – by keeping His commandments. When we keep His commandments, we are showing Him we respect, fear, and ultimately love Him.

While worship is important, loving God is more than worshiping His name on Sunday mornings. We have to follow His commandments, we have to love the things He loves, and we have to show love to one another.

BIBLE READING:

Luke 10:25-37, 1 John 2:15-17, John 14:21

DAY 12 ABIDING IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Yesterday, we asked God to increase our love for Him and for others. Today, we are going to learn how to abide in this increased love.

To abide means to live in, or dwell in, in the same way we live in or dwell in our house. It is the place we reside. Abiding in love means that we can be found residing in love. When we are to be found, we can be found in love, if we abide in love. Our reading from the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of John shows us so many powerful truths about what abiding in love looks like.

John 15:7-9 talks about the power of abiding in God's love. It says when we remain in Him and His Word remains in us, we can ask whatever we wish and it will be given to us. He does this for His glory! He loves to see His children prosper as testaments of His power, grace, and mercy.

In John 15:26, it speaks on the work of the Holy Spirit. Through our shortcomings and inadequacies, the Holy Spirit testifies to the goodness of God. Through God's completion of us and acceptance of our imperfect selves, we bring glory to Him.

When we abide in His love, the Holy Spirit comes and accompanies us, and fills us to overflowing. Before we know it, the love of God operates in us and through us in such a way that the things that used to trip us up, keep us awake, hold us back, and make us hate, are no longer able to do any of those things. We become unconquerable when we abide in love.

BIBLE READING:

John 15:7-9

John 15:26

DAY 13 DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Drawing near to God means that we seek after God with our whole hearts. This is what prayer and fasting is all about. We are not on a hunger strike to force God to do something. We are foolish to presume we can make God do anything. Instead, we are humbling ourselves through prayer and fasting for God to transform us and position us to walk in His perfect will. We remove the impediments that block our prayers from reaching the ears of God. It is about seeking God with everything in us.

We've read a piece of James 4:1-10 earlier in this plan, but let's take another look. It talks all about pride and submission. It calls for us to submit to God in order to draw nearer to Him and all the good things that come with this decision to submit.

In 2 Chronicles 15:1-2, we see the Spirit of God communicate with Azariah, the son of Obed. It tells Azariah that if he seeks Him and the things of God, God will be with him. But if Azariah forsakes Him and doesn't draw near to God, God will forsake him.

When our hearts are polluted, we develop a hardness for the things of God. When our hearts become hardened to the things of God, we cannot draw near to God. To draw near to God, I must purify myself (empty me of me), obey truth through the power of the Holy Spirit, and fervently and sincerely love with a pure heart.

BIBLE READING:

James 4:1-10

2 Chronicles 15:1-2

DAY 14 EXPERIENCING THE MANIFESTED PRESENCE OF GOD

As we conclude our second week in this plan, let's focus on experiencing the manifested presence of God. When we want the presence of God more than anything, more than a new house, promotion, honor, or a new car, He will show up in all the places we seek Him.

We have been called to the practice of the presence of God. This has become a lost discipline in the church today. Many do not even know how to practice the manifested presence of God, because they have no idea what it even is. In our corporate worship settings, we have become so controlled by getting in and out in a certain amount of time that we leave no space for God to manifest His presence among us. God does not come on our terms.

Let's go back to John 14:21. In this verse, Jesus states the one who loves Him will be loved by the Father and He too (Jesus) will show Himself to them! In Exodus 33:1-3 and 12-16, God gives Moses instructions for leading the Israelites. When Moses doesn't feel up to the challenge and asks God, God says He will send His presence to lead them. While God's presence in the Old Testament was a pillar of cloud in the day and of fire during the night, He now manifests Himself differently. Through Christ's sacrifice and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, He now can manifest Himself through us.

We desperately need the manifested presence of God. If all we have are promises, we have missed the most important thing. We should not be satisfied to live a day without the manifested presence of God. We should not be satisfied with a church service, a prayer meeting, or any other ministry without the manifested presence of God. It is His presence that will make the difference. Jesus said if we love Him and keep His commandments, He will manifest Himself to us. We were created for this.

BIBLE READING: John 14:21, Exodus 33:1-3 and 12-16

DAY 15 COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have spent a week emptying us of us. We spent a week becoming full of the Holy Spirit. Now, we transition from dealing with what is going on in us to walking in the depth of overflow. I am trusting by faith that you are already beginning to experience the incredible overflow from God.

In order for us to walk in overflow, we have to pass the point where the Holy Spirit moving in our lives is an event, and instead becomes a lifestyle. When we come to a place where the Spirit is inspiring everything we do, say, think, and feel, we are walking in communion, or fellowship, with the Holy Spirit.

This is what Paul is speaking of when he closes out his second letter to the Corinthian church (2 Corinthians). In 2 Corinthians 13:14, we see Paul wish that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with them. And he wasn't talking about a moment of fellowship with the Spirit – he was speaking of a lifestyle.

We see the Holy Spirit as a lifestyle as opposed to an event again in John 14:16. Jesus says here that He will ask the Father for the Holy Spirit for them so that He will be with them "forever."

What if we woke every morning and our number one objective was to commune with the Holy Spirit? What would be different about our lives if we began our days asking Him what He would have us to do with the day He has given us? The direction of the Holy Spirit would take us to places we never dreamed we could go and would allow us to accomplish things we never thought we could accomplish. The Holy Spirit desires to be in fellowship, in communion, in conversation, in revelation with us every single day. He desires to show us things in the Word, in visions, and in dreams.

BIBLE READING: 2 Corinthians 13:14, John 14:16

DAY 16 THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We began by emptying ourselves of the things that were polluting our lives and our walk with God. Then, we filled those emptying places with the Person and Presence of the Holy Spirit. Now, we are learning to walk in a lifestyle that is always abounding, overflowing, in the Holy Spirit. This started with discovering, or rediscovering, that the Holy Spirit really wants to fellowship with us on a constant basis. Today, we are going to go deeper.

Very often in the Old Testament, water represents the presence and work of the Holy Spirit. As we apply the symbolism of this prophecy to our own lives, we can see that there are varying degrees of the anointing of the Holy Spirit we can choose to operate in. For some of us, we operate in an anointing that is only ankle-deep. Some of us are waist-deep, others neck-deep. However, there are mighty currents in the river of God that put us in a position where we no longer have to stand on our own; instead, we can move in the flow of God.

In 1 John 2:27, we see a reference to the anointing of the Spirit.

We see reference to the anointing again in Isaiah 10:27, amidst the prophecy of the remnants of Israel. From this passage, we can see that the anointing of the Spirit has great power and, as the verse states, can "destroy the yoke" and burden.

We must confess before God our desire to get out of the ankledepth and waist-depth we have been operating in. We need to ask God for such an increase that we would only be able to swim in it – for a full anointing of the Holy Spirit.

BIBLE READING:

1 John 2:27, Isaiah 10:27

DAY 17 FRESH FIRE

Regardless of denomination, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is available to all believers.

And, furthermore, baptism in the Holy Spirit is for you right now. He wants you filled with His fire. He wants you empowered by His presence working in you and through you.

Do you believe He wants to fill you with His Spirit? Do you believe He wants to fill you with fresh fire?

In Acts 2:1-4, we see the Holy Spirit manifest Himself through the church body as they begin to speak in tongues.

Before this in Acts 1:4-8, we see Peter, accompanied by John, was jailed overnight and then questioned before Annas, the high priest, and his family. When faced with this stressful situation, it says Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit!

What if God wanted to fill us with the Holy Spirit for His glory in the midst of our hard times, but we aren't open to it? What needs to change in your life and heart to open the door for the Holy Spirit's fresh fire?

In Matthew 3:11-17, right before it tells the story of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist, John speaks of a more powerful baptism. Not of water, but of fire. Not by his hand, but of the Holy Spirit.

The same faith it took for you to be born again is the same faith it will take to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Lord wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit and with fire!

BIBLE READING:

Acts 2:1-4, Acts 1:4-8, Matthew 3:11, Matthew 3:16-17

DAY 18 DREAMS AND VISIONS

How can we discern the voice of God? First and foremost, He speaks through His Word, the Bible. Any time He speaks by any other means, it will always line up with His Word.

He speaks to us in prayer.

He speaks to us through other believers, our leaders, and prophets.

He speaks through visions and dreams.

In Joel 2:28-29, amidst his prophecy regarding the Day of the Lord, he wrote on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days. It says their "sons and daughters will prophesy, the old men will dream dreams, and the young men will see visions."

We may not know when the last days will be taking place, but knowing about this prophecy, we should be ready to experience these dreams and visions – and listen to them when they occur.

In Numbers 12:6, we see the Lord confirm the truth of dreams and visions that are had by the prophets He sends.

When we have a dream or see a vision, the first thing we must do is ask God, "Is this from You?" When we have determined through His Word and His manifested presence that it is from Him, we must next ask, "What do I do with this?" He gave it to us for a reason, so we must find out the reason.

I believe we are living in the last days, and God has promised that He would speak to us in dreams and visions in the last days. We should expect Him to speak to us in this way and listen fully when He does.

BIBLE READING: Joel 2:28-29, Numbers 12:6

DAY 19 SEEING WHAT GOD SEES

Often, we assume nothing is happening if we cannot see it, but this is not the case at all. Think about it like this. If there was work occurring outside of the place you are in, and you could not see it, would it mean that the work would not actually be happening, because of your inability to see it? Or if you cannot see inside the grocery store across town, would that mean that no one is shopping? Absolutely not. However, this is how many of us choose to live our lives. We are saved, filled with the Spirit, and faithful to God and His church, but we are oblivious to the fact that Satan is constantly working in this realm, and so is the heavenly host.

The eyes of our understanding must be enlightened, so we may know the hope of His calling. This way we don't have a mere surface understanding or knowledge of what His call is. Instead, we can know the depth of His calling. We can know what He wants to do with our calling.

In Ephesians 1:17-21, it speaks on this enlightenment. Paul says he is praying that the "Eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you."Later in Ephesians 6:12-17, Paul talks about the armor of God. This armor – while each piece is different – stems from a better understanding of God, His truth, His Word, salvation, and adopting the righteousness of Jesus – our breastplate. This armor allows us to defend against the enemy's attacks and "extinguish all" of his arrows.

But we don't only have to be on the defensive! Our sword, which Paul calls the "sword of the Spirit," allows us to gain ground back from the enemy. This overflow you have been experiencing has merely scratched the surface. When the eyes of your understanding are enlightened, you will walk in an unprecedented outpouring from God. God is capable of and desires to open up a realm that is not bound by time, geography, or human capability.

BIBLE READING: Ephesians 1:17-21, Ephesians 6:12

DAY 20 FAITH AND ACTION

Overflow is operating with faith in the supernatural. It makes what was impossible become possible. This is what happens when we have faith in God and walk in the supernatural.

If we do not have faith, we cannot please God. Our relationship with God is based on faith. When we became born-again, no one could prove our salvation by something they could give us. Even if they gave us a certificate that said we were saved, it means nothing. Our salvation is proven by the faith we have placed in the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive our sins and cleanse us of our unrighteousness. Just as we exercised faith to be born again, we continue to live for God by faith. It takes faith to have a day-to-day relationship with Jesus Christ. It takes faith to pray, witness, give, and minister. Everything about our relationship with God is based on faith. That's why it's impossible to please Him without it.

Don't believe me that we can't please God without faith? Just look at Hebrews 11:6. Our faith is the main ingredient to pleasing Him!

The entirety of Hebrews 11 is an amazing passage that discusses faith throughout God's Word and what faith truly means. From Noah and Abraham's faith to Moses and Jacob, it breaks down a number of biblical stories and how they demonstrated faith in the Lord.

And the good news is, we all have faith! Romans 12:3 discusses it. We each need to work to exercise this faith in God and trust in all that He is doing.

Almost every time Jesus rebuked His disciples, it was for a lack of faith. This is how God views faith. Lack of it draws a rebuke from Him. We have to live by faith, and it must always be growing. This is why the tests and trials come into our lives. This is the purpose of God allowing things to come at us that only He can fix. All this increases our faith. This allows God's supernatural power to manifest in us in greater ways.

Many of the attacks you face have very little to do with the thing being attacked. They have very little to do with who you are. They have to do with who you are becoming. Therefore, Satan attacks you now, so he can attack your future. It is an assault against your faith, to keep you from your destiny. If we can allow our faith to be stirred and built, we can ward off the attacks and secure our future.

BIBLE READING:

Romans 12:3

Hebrews 11

DAY 21 THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Our faith has to reach out to a place where we believe God has great things for us, and we are willing to ask for it. To get to this place we have to repent for any small thinking. We've all been guilty of it. We've all been guilty of trying to predict God's pattern. We've all tried to strategize the way He can accomplish the thing we are asking for. Oftentimes, He does not follow the pattern we thought of at all. It's because our thinking was too small.

Ephesians 3:20, puts it perfectly. "To him who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." God is enough. No matter the situation, no matter the void, no matter the lack, He is enough. And He is more than enough.

We have to know that five loaves and two fish is more than enough to feed thousands. We have to know that throwing our nets on the other side of the boat will bring the massive catch we have been working so hard for. We have to think big enough to ask God to show up big in our situation and not limit Him to our capabilities. We must get out of the mindset that things have to be a certain way. His ways are higher than our ways; His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. To walk in overflow, we must position ourselves to receive the fullness of God. I promise you, it will be more than you ever thought it could be.

Colossians 2:8-10 warns us to not get trapped in hollow and deceptive philosophy. We can't let ourselves forget that we serve THE omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent Lord of the Universe. We must refuse small thinking and be open to the big, amazing, supernatural things God wants to do in and through us!

This is overflow. We don't need to know how, when, where, or with whom it's going to happen. We just need to trust God to bring it about for our good and His glory. It's time to throw our plans away. When we do this, we will see miracles.

It's time to recognize and embrace the overflowing, Spiritempowered life that God meant for you to live. It's time to overflow for the glory of God!

Your journey doesn't end here. These are just the first 21 days of your journey to overflow. Now, take the principles written about in this plan and apply them to your daily life.

BIBLE READING:

Ephesians 3:16-21

Colossians 2:8-10

HUNGRY FOR MORE?

Check out Jeremiah Hosford's 21 Days to Overflow. This book discusses the 21 days of this plan in greater detail and gives you further instructions for days 22 and beyond.

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