

## **Devotional**

### **Day 1: The Lord as Our Portion**

*Reading: Psalm 73:23-28*

**Devotional:** Today's passage reminds us that God Himself is our ultimate reward and satisfaction. The psalmist declares, "Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you." Reflect on what it means to have God as your "portion." Are there things in your life competing for that central place? Consider how your priorities might shift if you truly embraced God as your greatest treasure. Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your desire for God above all else.

### **Day 2: Choosing the Good Portion**

*Reading: Luke 10:38-42*

**Devotional:** The story of Mary and Martha illustrates the importance of prioritizing our relationship with Jesus. While service is valuable, sitting at Jesus' feet and receiving from Him is "the good portion." In our busy lives, it's easy to become distracted by many things. Today, intentionally set aside time to simply be in God's presence. Listen for His voice through prayer and meditation on His Word. Ask God to help you discern and choose the "one thing" that is truly necessary.

### **Day 3: God's Unfailing Love and Mercy**

*Reading: Lamentations 3:21-26*

**Devotional:** Even in the midst of great suffering, Jeremiah found hope in God's steadfast love and mercies that are "new every morning." No matter what challenges you face, God's faithfulness remains constant. Take time to recall specific instances of God's faithfulness in your life. How might remembering His past mercies strengthen your faith for current struggles? Declare your trust in God's character, echoing Jeremiah's words: "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

## **Day 4: Our Inheritance in Christ**

*Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14*

**Devotional:** As believers, we have received an incredible spiritual inheritance in Christ. Paul outlines the blessings we have: adoption, redemption, forgiveness, and the seal of the Holy Spirit. Meditate on each of these gifts. How does knowing you are chosen and adopted by God impact your sense of identity and worth? Thank God for the riches of His grace lavished upon you. Ask Him to help you live in light of your heavenly inheritance, setting your mind on things above.

## **Day 5: Desiring God Above All**

*Reading: Philippians 3:7-14*

**Devotional:** Paul considered everything a loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Christ. This echoes the psalmist's declaration that earth has nothing he desires besides God. Examine your own heart: What do you value most? What occupies your thoughts and drives your decisions? Ask God to align your desires with His, that you might say with Paul, "I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." Commit to pursuing intimacy with Jesus as your highest goal, trusting that in Him you will find true fulfillment and purpose.