

30 DAYS OF THOUGHTS

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DAY 1

Next time your day goes south,
here is what you do.

Steep yourself in the grace of God.
Saturate your day in His love.
Marinate your mind in His mercy.

He has settled your accounts,
paid your debt.

“Christ carried our sins in His
body on the cross.”

1 Peter 2:24 NCV

DAY 2

Two types of voices command
your attention today.

Negative ones fill your mind with
doubt, bitterness, and fear.

Positive ones purvey hope and strength.
Which one will you choose to heed?

You have a choice, you know.
*“We take every thought captive so
that it is obedient to Christ.”*

2 Corinthians 10:5 God’s Word

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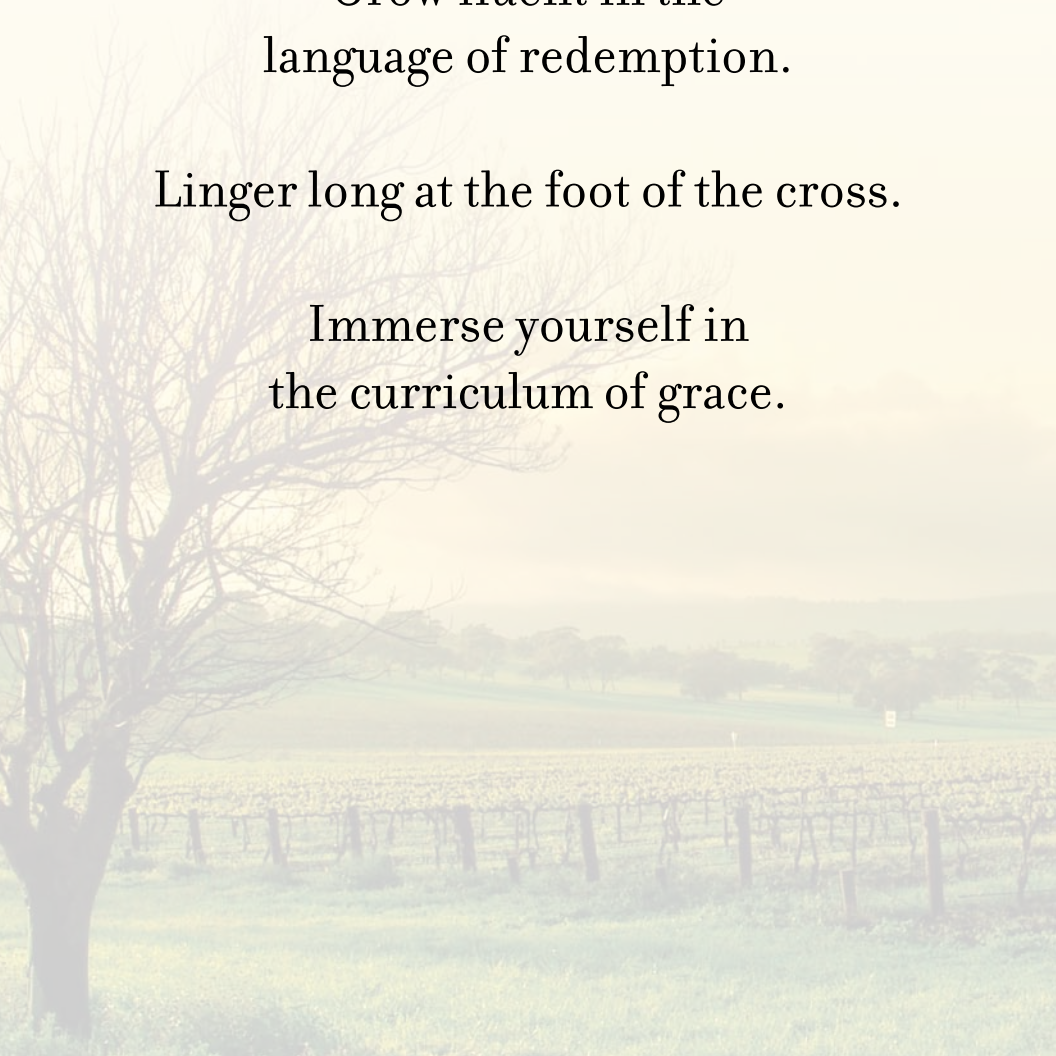
Major in the grace of God.

Focus on the cross of Christ.

Grow fluent in the
language of redemption.

Linger long at the foot of the cross.

Immerse yourself in
the curriculum of grace.



DAY 4

You can endure change by
pondering His permanence.

Survive rejection by
meditating on His acceptance.

*“Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground...
Look up, and be alert to what is going on
around Christ — that’s where the action is.”*

Colossians 3:2

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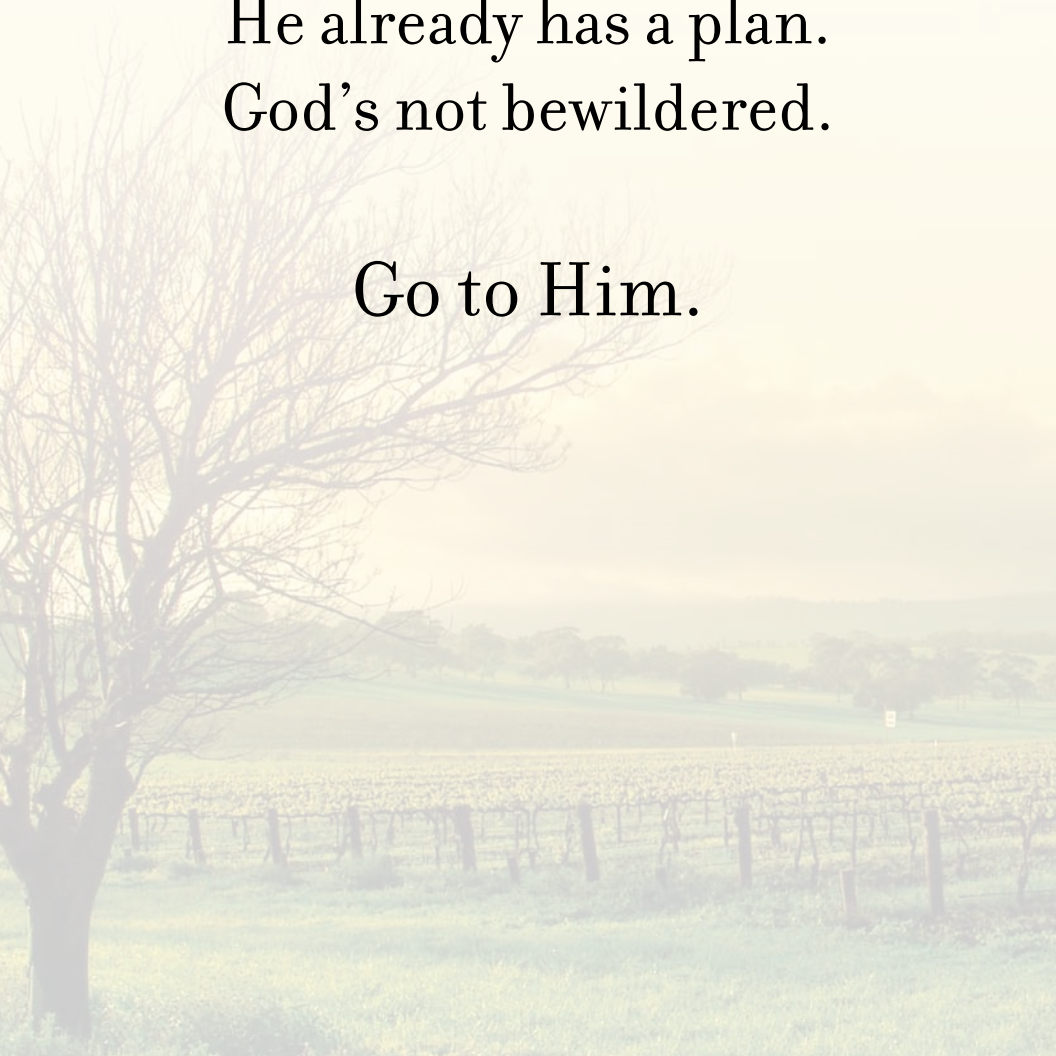
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DAY 5

God is able to accomplish,
provide, help, save, keep, subdue...

He is able to do what you can't.
He already has a plan.
God's not bewildered.

Go to Him.



DAY 6

The next time life's problems seem
about to overwhelm you,
remember this advice from Peter:

*“Throw the whole weight of your anxieties
upon Him, for you are His personal concern.”*

1 Peter 5:7 Phillips

God's solution is a prayer away!

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DAY 7

Mark it down.

You will never go where God is not.

You may be transferred, enlisted,
commissioned, reassigned, or
hospitalized – but brand this on your
heart – you can never go
where God is not.

“I am with you always,”

Jesus promised
(Matthew 28:20 NKJV).

DAY 8

The presence of fear does not mean
you have no faith.

Fear visits everyone.

But make your fear a visitor
and not a resident.

Hasn't fear taken enough?
Enough smiles? Chuckles?
Restful nights, exuberant days?
Meet your fears with faith.

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DAY 9

Want to snatch a day from
the manacles of boredom?

Do overgenerous deeds,
acts beyond reimbursement.

Kindness without compensation.

Do a deed for which
you cannot be repaid.



DAY 10

We're important,
but not essential;

valuable,
but not indispensable.

We have a part in the play,
but we are not the main act.

A song to sing,
but we are not the featured voice.

God is.

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DAY 11

He did well before our birth;
He'll do fine after our deaths.

He started it all,
sustains it all,
and will bring it all
to a glorious climax.

In the meantime,
we have this high privilege:
to deny ourselves, take up our
crosses, and follow Christ.

DAY 12

If today were your last,
would you do what you're doing?

Or would you love more,
give more, forgive more?

Then do so!

Forgive and give as if it
were your last opportunity.
Love like there's no tomorrow,
and if tomorrow comes,
love again.

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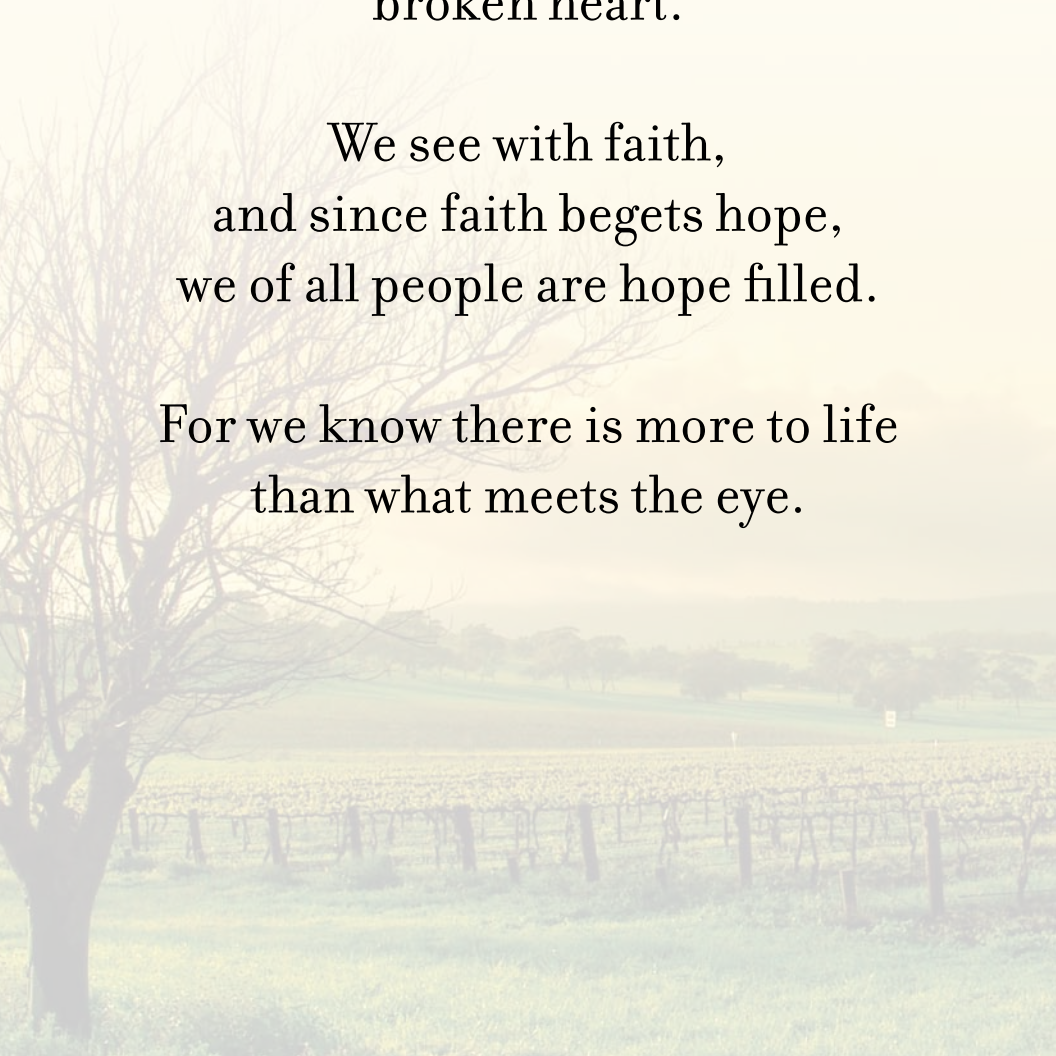
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DAY 13

When we see as God wants us to see,
we see heaven's hand in the midst of
sickness, Jesus working on a troubled
youth, the Holy Spirit comforting a
broken heart.

We see with faith,
and since faith begets hope,
we of all people are hope filled.

For we know there is more to life
than what meets the eye.



DAY 14

Here's what you need
to keep in mind.

You no longer have yesterday.
You do not yet have tomorrow.
You have only today.

This is the day the Lord has made.
Live in it.

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DAY 15

Thunderbolts of regret
can ignite and consume you.

Counteract them with
downpours of God's grace,
daily washings of forgiveness.

*“The Lord’s love never ends; his mercies
never stop. They are new every morning.”*

Lamentations 3:22-23 NCV

DAY 16

Today.
This day.
In the stink of it,
the throes of it,
Jesus makes a miracle out of it.

When others nail you
to the cross of your past,
he swings open the door
to your future.
Paradise.

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DAY 17

Measure the gifts of God.
Collect your blessings.
Catalog his kindnesses.
Assemble your reasons
for gratitude and recite them.

*“Always be joyful. Pray continually,
and give thanks whatever happens.
That is what God wants for you
in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NCV

DAY 18

Negative thoughts
never strengthen you.

How many times have you cleared
a traffic jam with your grumbles?

Does groaning about bills
make them disappear?

Why moan about your aches and
pains, problems and tasks?

*“Be careful what you think, because
your thoughts run your life.”*

Proverbs 4:23 NCV

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DAY 19

You don't have wisdom
for tomorrow's problems.
But you will tomorrow.

You don't have resources
for tomorrow's needs.
But you will tomorrow.

You don't have courage
for tomorrow's challenges.
But you will tomorrow.

What you do have is manna for the morn-
ing and quail for the evening.
God meets daily needs
daily and miraculously.

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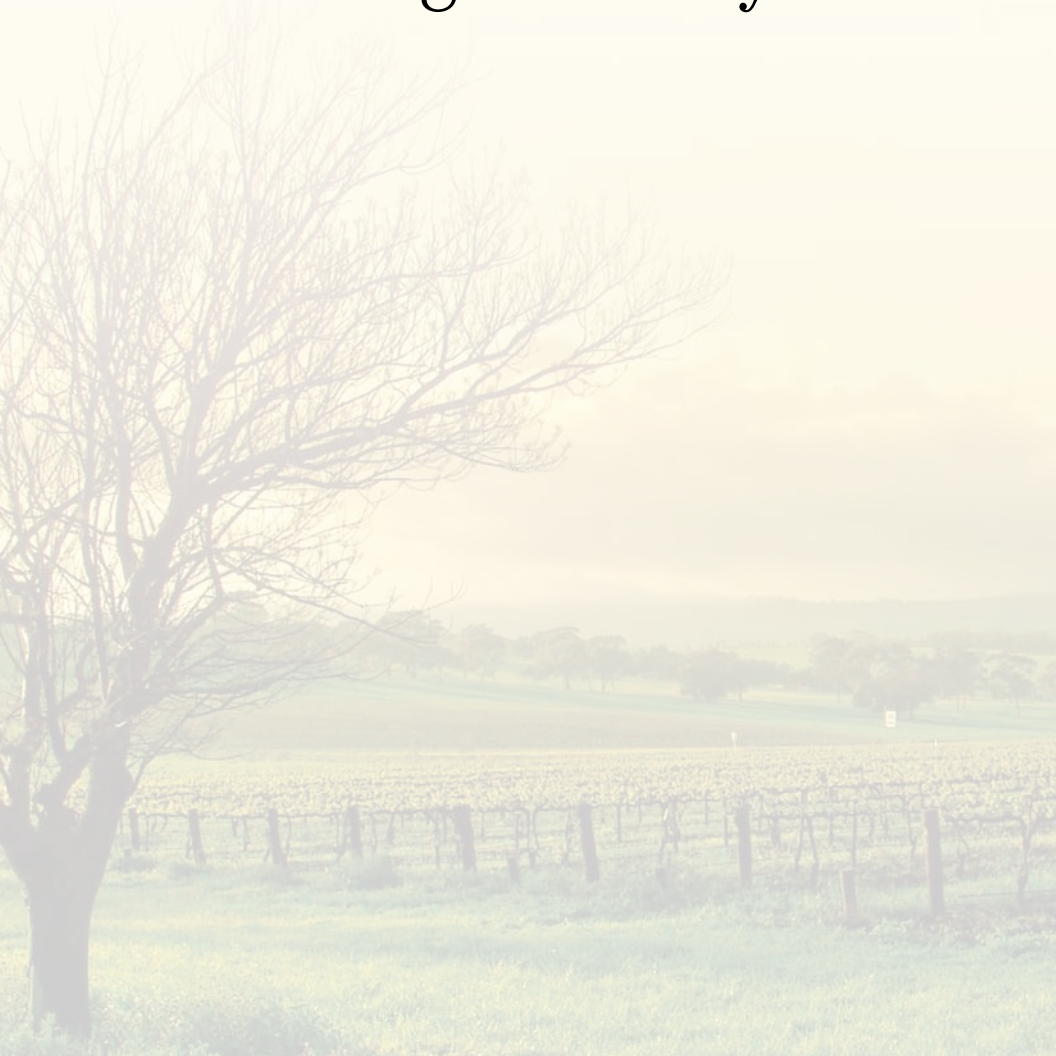
If God is enough for you,
then you'll always have enough,
because you'll always have God.

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DAY 21

Brighten your day
by envisioning God
running toward you.



DAY 22

Does a river of fear
run between you and Jesus?

Cross over to him.
If you wave Jesus away,
joy will die,
laughter will perish,
and tomorrow will be buried
in today's grave of dread.

Give the day a chance. Believe he can.
Believe he cares. Believe he comes.
Don't be afraid. Just believe.

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DAY 23

God cast you in his play,
wrote you into his story.

He has a definite
direction for your life.
Fulfill it and enjoy fulfillment.

Play the part God prepared for you
and get ready for some great days.



DAY 24

We each have our own cross
to carry – our individual callings.

Yours awaits you like
a snug-fitting shirt.

It matches your passions
and enlists your gifts and talents.

Want to blow the cloud cover
off your gray day?
Accept God's direction.

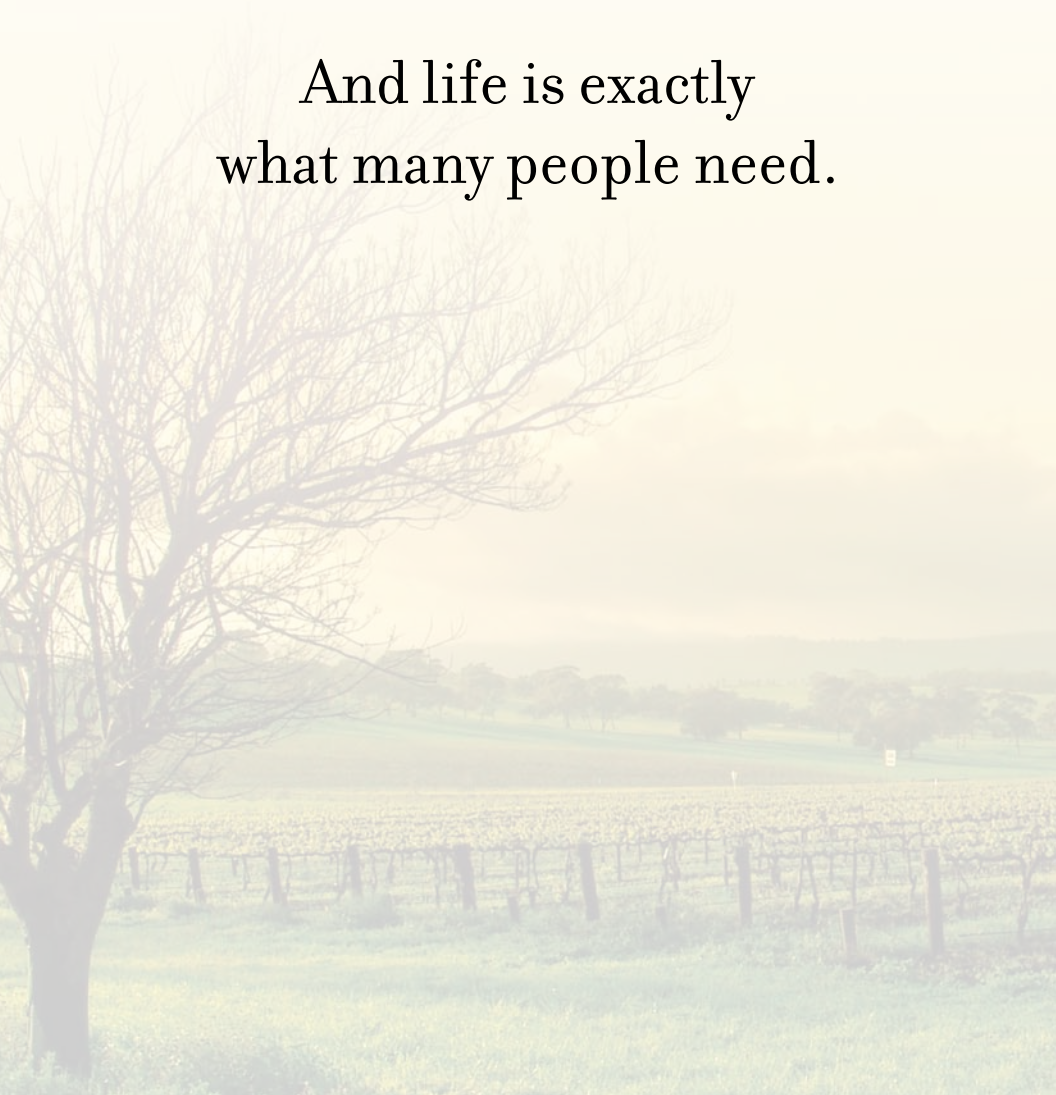
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DAY 25

Discover this mystery:
as you help others face their days,
you put life into your own.

And life is exactly
what many people need.



DAY 26

Check your vital signs.

Something stirs you.

Some call brings
energy to your voice,
conviction to your face,
and direction to your step.

Isolate and embrace it.

Nothing gives a day
a greater chance
than a good wallop of passion.

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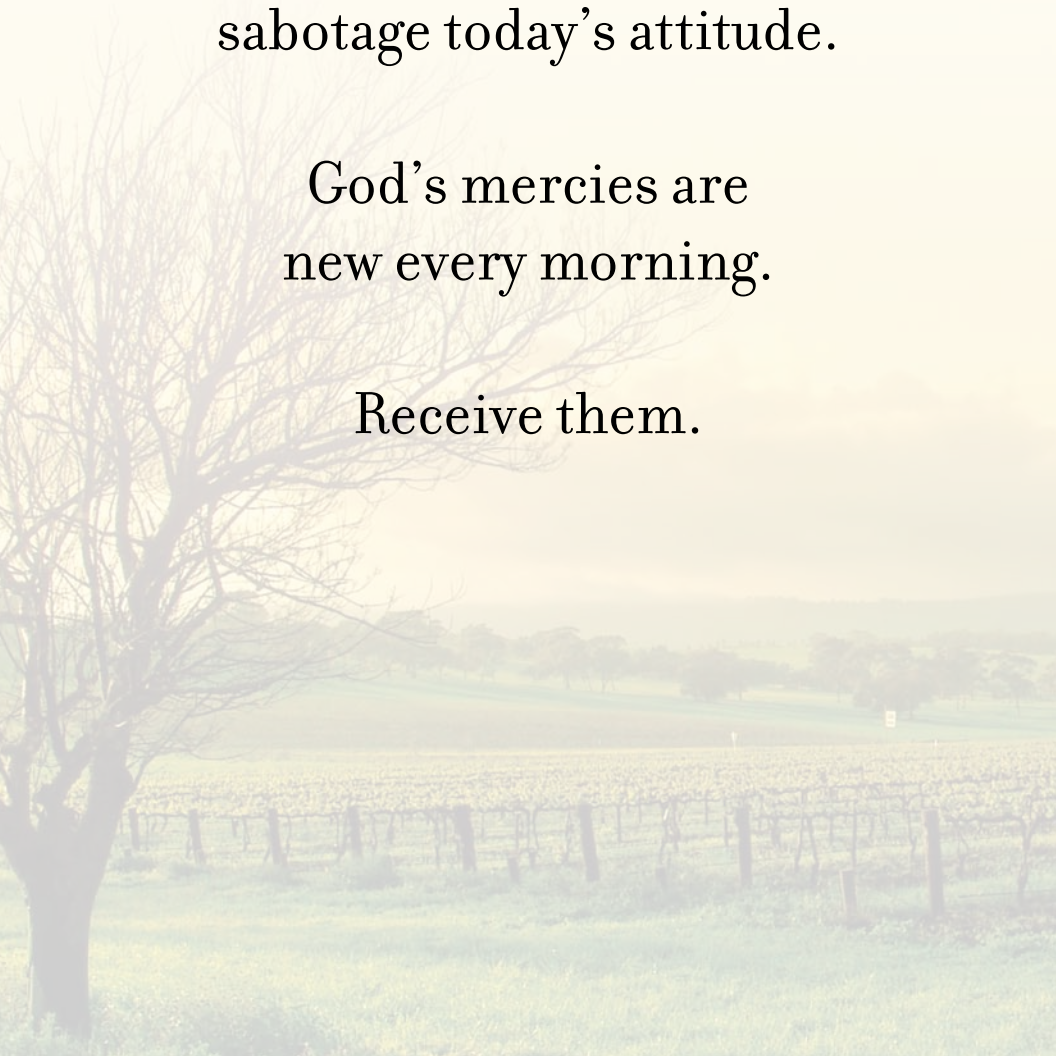
DAY 27

You messed up yesterday.

But you'll mess up more
if you let yesterday's mistakes
sabotage today's attitude.

God's mercies are
new every morning.

Receive them.



DAY 28

Yesterday...forgiven.
Tomorrow...surrendered.
Today...clarified.

Jesus' design for a good day
makes such sense.

His grace erases guilt.
His oversight removes fear.
His direction removes confusion.

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DAY 29

No one can pray and worry
at the same time.

When we worry,
we aren't praying.

When we pray,
we aren't worrying.

When you pray,
you “stay” your mind on Christ,
resulting in peace.

DAY 30

Ever have a day when you suddenly realize you're way off track?

God sends a rescue boat into such days.

Jesus positioned higher than the waves and enjoying a clear view of the shoreline, offers us his oversight:

“Need help getting back on course?”

Wise are the ones who nod and swim in the direction he points.

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