

## *Day 1*

*March 2*



*Pray | To learn daily dependence on God*

The Israelites left Egypt in a dramatic way. After plagues, death of the firstborn, and parting of the Red Sea, they were led by God to the desert of Sin. It is an arid place with no water, no food, and no shade. Why would the Lord lead them to such a difficult place? He wanted to teach DEPENDENCE on Him alone. He gave them only enough manna for each day so that they would learn this daily dependence. Today, God wants us to learn not to rely on our “stuff”, but on the daily treasure of a relationship with Jesus. Will you trust Him today?



*Read | Matthew 6:19-21; Exodus 16:1,4*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:*

On what earthly things or people are you depending? Practice being aware of Jesus’ presence in your every day. He wants to be your treasure, your manna, your dependence.

If you have known of Jesus but have not surrendered all to Him, please pursue this by reading Romans 10:9-10 and talk to a small group leader.

*Day 2*  
*March 3*



*Pray | That you would become a good servant to the Lord*

What does it mean to serve a master? In today's passage, the Centurion understood giving up his own will and desires and **ALLOWING** someone with authority to master him. In today's world, serving, giving up your will, and coming under authority can be challenging and unpopular. But what if the authority was completely trustworthy and loved you? This is a master worth serving. Will you trust Jesus as your master today?



*Read | Matthew 7:24; Matthew 8:5-10*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:*

Identify things in your life that are taking precedence over Jesus. Can you open your hands and let them go today?

Why is Jesus trustworthy?

Can you think of anyone who loves you more than Jesus?

## *Day 3*

*March 4*



*Pray | That you could trust God with something you are worrying about*

Your faith in God's provision is a CHOICE every day. As in the passages today, it is easy to be consumed with worry about our basic needs or tasks at hand. There is even anxiety in writing this lesson with a deadline! But each day is a new chance to choose to exercise faith that God will provide time, money, information, clothes, food, and the creativity to write a lesson. Today, choose to pray over the things causing you worry and trust God to provide. He loves you and wants to show you he is completely trustworthy.



*Read | Matthew 7:27; Luke 10:38-42*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:*

Take some time to thank God for all that he has provided over the years.

What is causing you anxiety today? Will you hand it over to the Lord and leave it with him in prayer?

Who can you pray for that is carrying a burden of worry?

*Day 4*  
*March 4*



*Pray | That your desire for Jesus would be stronger than your desire for money*

Money is talked about so much in the Bible and we find ourselves chasing it constantly. Every wealthy CEO says they wish they had spent more “time” with their families. Every aging parent or dying patient laments the choice of chasing wealth rather than relationships. After all, at the end of your life, you let go of all earthly “stuff”. All that remains is your relationships with people and your relationship with Jesus.

Money, and the security it brings, is a strong pull on us all. Ads, comparisons, looking around, can affect the DESIRE for money. Check your desires today and be aware of how you are lured or ensnared by a desire for money. Replace worthless things with the ONE who is worthy.



*Read | Matthew 6:24; Ecclesiastes 5:10*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:*

What is your mind consumed with today?

Are there things that are crowding out your desire for Jesus?

What steps can you take to be less consumed with worthless things?

*Day 5*  
*March 5*



*Pray | That today you will seek Jesus FIRST*

We are told to seek Jesus first. It's easy to get caught up in what we think is righteousness by "doing good things". Paul did this as he became a Pharisee and persecuted followers of Jesus. However, when Paul found the true Kingdom and Righteousness in Jesus, that was who he sought after. Jesus became Paul's sole priority—his ONE THING.

Therefore, we are told to daily press toward Jesus. Seek him alone. Look for and pursue him diligently. The promise is that if we seek Jesus first, he will provide the things we need and are worried about. Our food (like the birds) and our clothing (like the grass) will be provided.

Today, commit to making Jesus your priority. Press toward him and trust that he will provide what you need. PRESS—PRIORITY—PROVIDE!



*Read | Matthew 6:33; Philippians 3:4-9*



*Reflect | Spend some time reflecting on one or more of the following:*

Of the 3 P's (PRESS, PRIORITY, PROVIDE), which is your weakest area and how will you reinforce it?

Think of a time when the Lord provided for you. Thank him for that.

Declare to Jesus that you want him to be your "one thing" today.

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