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THE WORD MADE FLESH

DAILY DEVOTIONAL



THE EVERYDAY CHOICE OF TURNING TOWARD THE
LIFE GOD INTENDED FOR YOU, WITH LESSONS ON
SACRIFICE, WORSHIP, PRAYER, AND CONSECRATION.

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A 31-Day Devotional

MORE

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Ephesians 3:20

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A WORD BEFORE WE BEGIN



Every genuine hunger in the Christian life points toward the same truth: there is always more of God to know, more of His grace to receive, more of His purpose to walk into. This is not the restless "more" the world chases, the endless upgrade that never satisfies. It is the more Jesus described as life to the full, the more Paul prayed for as immeasurably beyond our asking, the more David tasted as a cup running over even in hard seasons.

October moves through five stages of this journey. We begin with THE APPETITE, an honest hunger for God awakened rather than assumed. We move into THE OVERFLOW, the character of a God whose supply never runs low.

From there we walk through THE INCREASE, the slow, steady growth of faith and grace. We press into THE POSSESSION, the territory God has already given but we have not yet taken hold of. And we close at THE FULLNESS, the horizon every smaller more has been pointing toward all along.

This is not a devotional about getting more from God so much as it is an invitation to want more of Him. May this month awaken exactly that.

WEEK 1

THE APPETITE

God Awakens the Hunger for More



OCTOBER 1 • THE APPETITE

THE DEER'S THIRST

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."

BIBLICAL STORY

The psalmist writes from exile, cut off from the temple, remembering how he used to lead the procession of worshippers with shouts of joy. Now he is far from everything that once fed his soul, and in that distance he discovers something he might never have noticed close up: how desperately he wants God Himself, not merely the experience of being near Him. The image he reaches for is an animal in the dry season, driven by pure need toward the only thing that can satisfy it. This is not decorative language. It is the most honest description he can find for what is happening inside him.

REFLECTION

October opens with an admission most of us are slow to make: that we want more of God, not because we are especially spiritual, but because we are genuinely thirsty. Comfortable religion can survive for years without this kind of longing, running on habit and familiarity instead of hunger. But a deer does not pant for water out of duty. It pants because water is the difference between living and dying. The Christian life was never meant to run on routine. It was meant to run on a real appetite for the real presence of God, an appetite that gets stronger the closer we come to Him rather than fading once the initial excitement wears off.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

My soul thirsts for the living God. I refuse to settle for going through the motions when what I actually want is more of Him. I bring my hunger honestly before God today and trust Him to satisfy it the way only He can.

PRAYER

Lord, You know how easily my soul settles for less than You. Wake up the thirst in me again. Let me want You the way a deer wants water in the dry season, not because it is polite or expected, but because I genuinely need You to live. Meet me at the place of my thirst today. In Jesus' name, Amen.



OCTOBER 2 • THE APPETITE

BLESSED HUNGER

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

BIBLICAL STORY

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount with a list of blessings that would have startled His first hearers, since none of them describe people the world usually calls fortunate. In the middle of that list sits a promise for people who are hungry, not for food but for righteousness, for a life that actually lines up with God's character. Jesus does not commend people who have already arrived at righteousness and can relax. He commends people who are still hungry for it, still aware of the gap between who they are and who God has called them to be, and He promises that this particular hunger will be satisfied.

REFLECTION

There is a kind of contentment that quietly becomes complacency, a sense of having arrived that stops seeking any further. Jesus blesses the opposite posture, the person who still hungers, who is not satisfied with yesterday's measure of righteousness and wants more of it today. This hunger is not anxiety about earning God's approval. It is the appetite of someone who has already tasted goodness and cannot stop wanting more of it. October invites that kind of hunger, an appetite for righteousness that keeps you leaning forward rather than settling back, confident that Jesus's promise holds: this is a hunger He intends to fill.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I am blessed because I hunger and thirst for righteousness.

I will not apologise for wanting more of God's character formed in me.

I trust His promise that this hunger will be filled, and I keep bringing it to Him.

PRAYER

Lord, give me the blessed hunger Jesus described, a genuine appetite for righteousness rather than comfort with where I already am. Keep me from mistaking familiarity with You for fullness. Fill this hunger the way only You can. In Jesus' name, Amen.





THE WELL THAT NEVER RUNS DRY

SCRIPTURE

John 4:13-14 (NIV)

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

BIBLICAL STORY

Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in the heat of the day, at an hour when most people avoided the walk because of the sun, which suggests she was avoiding the crowd instead. Their conversation starts with ordinary water and moves quickly to something else entirely. Jesus tells her that the water she is drawing will leave her thirsty again by tomorrow, the way every earthly satisfaction eventually does, but that He can give her water that becomes a spring inside her, welling up to eternal life. She has spent her life going back to wells that never quite satisfy. Jesus offers her one that will.

REFLECTION

Most of what we chase for satisfaction works exactly like the well the woman kept returning to: it helps for a while and then leaves us thirsty again, sending us back for more of the same thing that never actually solved the problem. Jesus is not offering a better version of that cycle. He is offering an entirely different kind of supply, an internal spring rather than an external well, something that does not run dry because its source is not the world's limited resources but His own life. October's hunger finds its answer here. The more we are looking for is not more of the things that leave us thirsty again. It is more of the water that never does.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I drink from the water Christ gives, and it becomes a spring within me. I stop returning to wells that leave me thirsty again.

My satisfaction is found in Him, and it does not run dry.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for offering me water that actually satisfies. Show me the wells I keep returning to that were never meant to quench this thirst. Let Your life become a spring inside me, welling up, never running dry. In Your name, Amen.



OCTOBER 4 • THE APPETITE



I WANT TO KNOW HIM

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:10 (NIV)

"I want to know Christ, yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul writes this from a position most people would consider spiritually accomplished. He has planted churches, survived shipwrecks and beatings, and written half the New Testament, yet he describes his ambition in almost childlike terms: I want to know Christ. Not I want to know more about Christ, as though the goal were information, but I want to know Him, the way you know a person rather than a subject. Paul had already given up everything the world once valued in him to gain this, and even after years of walking with Christ, the wanting had not diminished. If anything, it had sharpened.

REFLECTION

Spiritual maturity does not eventually outgrow the desire for more of Christ. It deepens it. Paul, further along than most of us will ever be, is not satisfied with what he already knows of Christ. He wants more, and specifically he wants to know the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, the whole of Christ rather than a comfortable slice of Him. October's invitation is the same one Paul kept living out: to want Christ Himself more than any single blessing He gives, to let the wanting stay alive rather than letting it settle into routine familiarity that mistakes acquaintance for intimacy.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

*My deepest ambition is to know Christ, not information about Him but Him Himself.
I want more of His resurrection power and more of genuine fellowship with Him,
whatever that costs. This wanting will not fade with familiarity.*

PRAYER

Lord, give me Paul's hunger. Let me never settle for knowing about You when I could actually know You. Deepen my fellowship with You, even where it costs me something. I want more of Christ, not less, the longer I walk with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



OCTOBER 5 • THE APPETITE

EARNESTLY I SEEK YOU

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 63:1 (NIV)

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."

BIBLICAL STORY

David writes this psalm in the wilderness of Judah, likely while fleeing for his life from his own son Absalom, surrounded by the kind of dry, weary terrain that mirrors exactly what he feels inside. He does not pretend the desert is anything other than dry. He simply lets the physical thirst around him become language for the spiritual thirst inside him, and instead of resenting the dryness, he lets it push him to seek God more earnestly than comfort ever would have. His whole being longs for God, not one part of him while the rest stays distracted, but the whole of him, undivided in its want.

REFLECTION

Dry seasons have a way of clarifying what we actually want. Comfort can mask a shallow relationship with God for a long time, filling the silence with distractions that feel like closeness without requiring the same depth of seeking. But when the land turns dry, when circumstances strip away the usual comforts, what is left is either genuine hunger for God or the discovery that we never had much to begin with. David's wilderness became the place where his whole being turned toward God with an earnestness that comfort had never produced. October asks whether we are willing to let our own dry seasons do the same work, turning us toward more of God rather than merely toward relief.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I seek God earnestly, with my whole being, whether

I am in a season of comfort or a season of dryness.

My longing for Him is not dependent on my circumstances.

I let dry seasons deepen my thirst rather than distract me from it.

PRAYER

Lord, in whatever dry land I am walking through, let it drive me toward You rather than away from You. I want my whole being to seek You earnestly, undivided, undistracted. Meet my thirst the way only You can. In Jesus' name, Amen.



OCTOBER 6 • THE APPETITE

ASK FOR MORE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:9-10 (NIV)

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you."

BIBLICAL STORY

Jesus teaches this right after giving His disciples a model for prayer, and He follows it with the story of a friend who keeps knocking at midnight until he gets what he needs, and then a picture of a father who knows how to give good gifts to his children. The whole passage builds toward a single point: God is not reluctant to give. He is not a friend who has to be worn down or a stranger who needs convincing. He is a generous Father, more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask than any human parent is willing to give bread instead of a stone.

REFLECTION

Many of us pray timid prayers, quietly assuming that asking for more might be presumptuous, that gratitude for what we already have should be enough to keep us from wanting further. Jesus corrects that assumption directly. He tells us to ask, to seek, to knock, present tense verbs that describe an ongoing posture rather than a single polite request. This is not about greed. It is about recognising the character of the One we are asking. A generous Father is not offended by a child who keeps coming back for more. October invites a bolder kind of prayer, one that asks confidently for more of what God has already promised to give.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I ask, seek, and knock with confidence, not because I doubt God's generosity but because I trust it. I will not pray timid prayers to a Father who delights in giving good gifts. I ask boldly for more.

PRAYER

Father, teach me to pray with the confidence Jesus described, asking boldly rather than timidly. I know You are not reluctant to give. Increase my faith to ask for more, and increase my trust that You delight to answer. In Jesus' name, Amen.





SEEKING WITH THE WHOLE HEART

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

BIBLICAL STORY

Jeremiah writes to exiles in Babylon who have every reason to feel abandoned by God, uprooted from their land, their temple destroyed, their future uncertain. Into that situation, God does not simply promise rescue. He promises Himself, and He attaches a condition that is really more of a description than a bargain: they will find Him when they seek Him with all their heart. Not a portion of their attention squeezed between other concerns, but the whole heart, undivided and fully engaged. God was not hiding from His exiled people. He was waiting for the kind of seeking that would actually find Him.

REFLECTION

Half-hearted seeking produces half-hearted finding, or often no finding at all, because a divided heart cannot fully attend to anything. Week one of October closes on this promise because it names exactly what stands between a hungry soul and the God it is hungry for: not distance, but divided attention. God is not difficult to find. He is found by people who seek Him with the whole heart, who bring their full attention rather than a fraction of it. The hunger this week has been describing, the thirst, the appetite, the earnest longing, finds its fulfilment here, in a wholehearted seeking that does not hold anything back.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I seek God with my whole heart, not a divided portion of it. I bring my full attention to Him today, trusting His promise that wholehearted seeking finds Him. I will not settle for a partial pursuit of a God who deserves everything.

PRAYER

Lord, examine my heart today and show me where my seeking has been divided. I want to seek You wholeheartedly, the way Your promise describes, and I trust that You will be found by exactly that kind of seeking. Have all of me. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WEEK 1 • THE APPETITE REFLECTION & ACTION POINTS



As Week One closes, take a moment to notice what has shifted in you. This week was about naming an honest hunger for more of God rather than settling into routine familiarity with Him.

QUESTIONS TO SIT WITH

- Where in my life have I mistaken routine for genuine hunger for God?
- What has been keeping my seeking divided rather than wholehearted?
- What would it look like to ask God boldly for more this week, the way Jesus invited?

ACTION POINTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Set aside ten unhurried minutes each morning this week simply to tell God you want more of Him, without any other agenda.
- Identify one “well” you have been returning to for satisfaction that God alone was meant to provide, and name it honestly before Him.
- Write down one bold request you have been hesitant to bring to God, and bring it to Him this week.



WEEK 2

THE OVERFLOW

The Abundance of God's Generosity



OCTOBER 8 • THE OVERFLOW

LIFE TO THE FULL

SCRIPTURE

John 10:10 (NIV)

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."*

BIBLICAL STORY

Jesus makes this statement in the middle of His teaching about the Good Shepherd, contrasting Himself directly with thieves and hired hands who have no real stake in the sheep's wellbeing. The thief's agenda is subtraction: stealing, killing, destroying, taking away whatever the sheep have. Jesus's agenda is the opposite of subtraction. He has come to give life, and not a bare minimum of it, but life to the full, an abundance that goes beyond mere survival into genuine flourishing. The shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep is also the shepherd who gives them more life than they could have found anywhere else.

REFLECTION

It is worth noticing what Jesus does not promise here. He does not promise a life free of difficulty, since He goes on in this same Gospel to warn His followers that in this world they will have trouble. What He promises is fullness, a life that is not merely endured but actually lived, rich with meaning and purpose and genuine relationship with Him regardless of circumstance. The thief's work is subtle sometimes, quietly convincing us that a smaller, more cautious life is safer. Jesus offers the opposite invitation, more life, fuller life, life that overflows rather than merely survives. October's theme of more begins here, with the character of the One who gives it.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***Jesus came to give me life to the full, not a bare minimum existence.
I refuse to settle for less life than He came to give. I receive the
abundance He offers, whatever my circumstances look like today.***

PRAYER

Lord, thank You that You did not come merely to keep me alive but to give me life in full measure. Show me where I have settled for less than the fullness You offer. Let me live today from abundance, not scarcity. In Jesus' name, Amen.



OCTOBER 9 • THE OVERFLOW

IMMEASURABLY MORE

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul writes this doxology at the close of a prayer for the Ephesians, a prayer that already asks for enormous things, strength in their inner being, Christ dwelling in their hearts, the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep Christ's love is. Having asked for all of that, Paul does not close by hoping he has asked for enough. He closes by praising the God who does immeasurably more than even that request, more than anything they could ask or even imagine. The power behind this more is not distant or theoretical. It is the same power already at work within them.

REFLECTION

There is a ceiling most of us unconsciously place over our expectations of God, shaped by what seems reasonable or realistic rather than by who God actually is. Paul demolishes that ceiling with a single phrase: immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. This is not permission for reckless demands. It is an accurate description of God's capacity, which exceeds not only what we ask but what we are even capable of imagining. And crucially, this immeasurable power is not far off. It is already at work within believers, meaning the more God intends is not merely a future hope but a present resource, working even now toward outcomes larger than our own imagination could construct.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***God is able to do immeasurably more than I ask or imagine.
I refuse to limit my expectations of Him to what feels reasonable.
His power is already at work within me, moving toward a
more that exceeds my own imagination.***

PRAYER

Father, forgive me for the ceiling I have placed over what I expect from You. You do immeasurably more than I ask or imagine. Let Your power at work within me produce outcomes larger than anything I could construct on my own. In Jesus' name, Amen.





THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:10 (NIV)

"Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

BIBLICAL STORY

Malachi confronts a people who have been robbing God through withheld tithes and offerings, and rather than simply condemning them, God issues an unusual invitation: test me in this. He does not typically invite testing, but in the matter of generosity toward Him, He makes an exception, promising that obedience here will be met with blessing so large it cannot be contained by ordinary storage. The floodgates image is deliberate, not a trickle or a modest increase but an overwhelming release, the kind of abundance that requires the recipient to figure out where to even put it.

REFLECTION

This passage is often reduced to a formula about giving and getting, but its deeper point is about the character of God being tested and proven trustworthy. God is not stingy toward those who trust Him with what He asks. He responds to obedient generosity with a generosity of His own so large it overflows every container prepared for it. October's theme of more finds a vivid picture here, floodgates rather than a faucet, overflow rather than sufficiency. The invitation to test God is really an invitation to discover, through actual obedience rather than theory, that His capacity to bless outstrips anything we could store.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I trust God with what He asks of me, and I expect Him to respond with blessing too large to contain. I am not testing Him out of doubt but stepping into obedience that proves His generosity real in my own experience.

PRAYER

Lord, give me the courage to trust You the way Malachi describes, holding nothing back out of fear of not having enough. Open the floodgates of heaven over my life as I obey You. Let Your generosity overflow every container I have prepared. In Jesus' name, Amen.



ABUNDANT GRACE

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul writes this in the middle of encouraging the Corinthian church to give generously to believers suffering in Jerusalem, and he grounds their generosity in the character of the God who supplies it. He is careful with his language here, stacking phrase upon phrase: all grace, all things, all times, all that you need, every good work. This is not a promise of unlimited personal wealth. It is a promise of sufficiency so complete that generosity toward others becomes not a sacrifice that depletes but an overflow that continues, because the supply behind it is God's own abundant grace rather than a limited personal reserve.

REFLECTION

Scarcity thinking convinces us that giving generously will leave us with less, and so we guard what we have rather than releasing it. Paul offers a different logic entirely, one rooted in the abundance of God's grace rather than the limits of our own resources. When God is the source of supply, having all we need is not the ceiling of generosity but the floor of it, the starting point from which we abound in every good work rather than the finish line after which nothing is left to give. October's overflow theme reaches its clearest statement here, abundant grace producing abundant generosity, not because our resources multiplied on their own but because we drew from a source that never runs low.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

God is able to bless me abundantly so that I have all I need and can abound in every good work. I release scarcity thinking and trust His grace to supply what generosity requires. I give from His abundance, not my limitation.

PRAYER

Father, replace my scarcity thinking with confidence in Your abundant grace. Let me have all I need, not to hoard it, but to abound in every good work You set before me. Supply generously so that I can give generously. In Jesus' name, Amen.



RUNNING OVER

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."

BIBLICAL STORY

Jesus describes generosity using the image of a merchant measuring out grain in the marketplace, someone who does not simply fill the container to the brim but presses the grain down to make more room, then shakes it to settle it further, then keeps pouring until it runs over the top. This is the picture Jesus chooses for how God responds to a generous giver, not a fair exchange of equal value but a deliberately overfilled measure, generosity that goes out of its way to exceed what was given. The context is mercy and forgiveness toward others, not merely financial giving, which means this overflow applies to every kind of generosity a believer extends.

REFLECTION

The picture of grain being pressed down and shaken to make room for more is worth sitting with, because it describes a giver who is actively working to increase the measure rather than passively allowing it to be full. This is who God is toward those who give generously of themselves, their forgiveness, their resources, their mercy. He does not merely match what is given. He presses down and shakes and keeps pouring until the measure runs over. October's overflow is not an abstract idea but this specific, vivid image, a lap unable to hold everything being poured into it, generosity meeting generosity and multiplying rather than merely balancing.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***I give generously, trusting the measure that comes back to me
will be pressed down, shaken together, and running over.
I do not give to calculate a return, but I trust the character
of a God who overfills every measure.***

PRAYER

Lord, make me a generous giver, of mercy, forgiveness, and resources, trusting Your promise of overflow rather than calculating a fair exchange. Press down and shake together whatever You choose to pour back into my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.





MY CUP OVERFLOWS

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23:5 (NIV)

*"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."*

BIBLICAL STORY

David writes this in the middle of a psalm that has already walked through green pastures, quiet waters, and the darkest valley, and now arrives at a banquet table set in the very presence of enemies who wish him harm. This is not a picture of blessing that waits for circumstances to improve. It is abundance in the middle of hostility, a table prepared while the threat is still visible. The anointing with oil was a gesture of honour and celebration, and the overflowing cup completes the picture of a host who has provided not just enough but more than enough, even while danger sits at the edges of the scene.

REFLECTION

One of the most striking features of this psalm is where the overflow happens, not after the enemies have been removed but while they are still present. David's cup does not wait for safety to run over. It overflows at the very table where danger is visible, because the source of the abundance is the character of the Shepherd rather than the absence of threat. This matters for anyone waiting for circumstances to settle before expecting God's overflow. The table is already prepared. The oil is already poured. The cup is already running over, regardless of what is sitting at the edges of your own current situation.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

My cup overflows even in the presence of difficulty. I do not wait for every threat to disappear before receiving God's abundance. He prepares a table for me now, honours me now, and fills my cup to overflowing now.

PRAYER

Shepherd, thank You for preparing a table for me even while difficulty is still visible around me. Anoint me with the honour of Your presence today. Let my cup overflow now, not only after every enemy has been removed. In Jesus' name, Amen.





THE BEST WINE LAST

SCRIPTURE

John 2:9-10 (NIV)

"Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'"

BIBLICAL STORY

At a wedding in Cana, the wine runs out, an embarrassment that would have shamed the family hosting the celebration. Jesus's mother brings the problem to Him, and He responds by having servants fill six large stone jars with water, which He then turns into wine so good that the master of the banquet assumes the family broke the normal custom of serving the best wine first. The miracle is not just that Jesus solved an embarrassing shortage. It is that what He provided exceeded what had already been served, better than the original, more abundant than the crisis required, arriving exactly when the need was most desperate.

REFLECTION

There is a quiet promise tucked inside this miracle for anyone who feels they have already had their best moments, their most vivid encounters with God, their richest seasons of blessing already behind them. Jesus's pattern here runs the opposite direction of ordinary experience, where the good wine comes first and things get worse from there. He saves the best for now, for the moment when the supply has run dry and the situation looks past rescuing. October's overflow closes this week with that promise, that what God is preparing for the days ahead is not a diminished echo of former blessing but wine better than anything already served.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

God saves His best for now, not only for my past. I refuse to believe my richest season with Him is behind me. I expect Him to turn what looks like an emptied situation into something better than what came before.

PRAYER

Lord, I trust that You save the best wine for now. Where I feel I am running on empty, meet me the way You met the wedding at Cana, turning ordinary water into something better than what has already been served. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WEEK 2 • THE OVERFLOW

REFLECTION & ACTION POINTS



Week Two turned from hunger to supply, from what we want to what God is actually able and willing to give. Overflow is not an occasional exception in God's character. It is closer to His default.

QUESTIONS TO SIT WITH

- Where have I been operating from scarcity instead of trusting God's abundant grace?
- What would generous, uncalculated giving look like for me this month?
- Am I expecting a trickle from God when He has promised floodgates?

ACTION POINTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Practice one deliberate act of generosity this week that costs you something, trusting God's promise of overflow rather than a fair exchange.
- Take an inventory of an area where you have quietly capped your expectations of God, and pray Ephesians 3:20 over it specifically.
- Thank God daily this week for one overflow you can already identify in your life, however small.



WEEK 3

THE INCREASE

Growing in Grace, Faith and the Spirit



OCTOBER 15• THE INCREASE

HE MUST INCREASE

SCRIPTURE

JOHN 3:30 (NIV)

"HE MUST BECOME GREATER; I MUST BECOME LESS."

BIBLICAL STORY

John the Baptist's disciples come to him concerned that Jesus is now baptising and drawing larger crowds than John himself, expecting perhaps that John would feel threatened by losing his own following. Instead John responds with one of the most secure statements in Scripture, comparing himself to the friend of the bridegroom who rejoices at the bridegroom's voice rather than competing for the bride's attention. His own diminishing is not a loss to grieve but a joy to embrace, because the increase he cares about is not his own. It is the increase of the One he came to prepare the way for.

REFLECTION

True increase in the Christian life is rarely about us becoming greater. It is about Christ becoming greater in us, His presence more visible, His character more evident, His voice louder than our own agenda. John's willingness to decrease is the model for what genuine spiritual increase actually looks like from the inside, not a growing platform or reputation but a shrinking sense of self-importance that makes more and more room for Christ to be seen. October's theme of more finds an important correction here. The more we should want is not more of ourselves highlighted. It is more of Him, even if that means less of us.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I want Christ to increase in my life, even if it means I decrease.

***My own reputation matters less to me than His glory
becoming visible through me. I rejoice, like John, at
making room for Him to be seen.***

PRAYER

Lord, give me John's contentment with decreasing so that You can increase. Where I have been protecting my own visibility, help me let it go. Let more of You be seen in me today, whatever that costs my own sense of importance. In Jesus' name, Amen.



OCTOBER 16 • THE INCREASE

INCREASE OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:5 (NIV)

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'"

BIBLICAL STORY

This request comes right after Jesus tells His disciples they must forgive someone who sins against them seven times in a day if they repent seven times, a standard that must have felt impossible to maintain through willpower alone. Rather than protesting the difficulty of the command, the apostles do something wiser: they ask for more faith to actually live it out. Jesus's response is unexpected. He tells them that faith the size of a mustard seed could uproot a mulberry tree and plant it in the sea, suggesting the issue was never really the quantity of their faith but whether they were using what little they already had.

REFLECTION

There is real wisdom in the apostles' instinct to ask for increase rather than complain about difficulty, even when Jesus's answer redirects their expectation. Sometimes what we need is not more faith in a quantitative sense but the courage to actually exercise the faith we already carry, small as it may seem. October's theme of increase includes this correction: the more God gives is not always additional supply where none existed. Sometimes it is the confidence to use a mustard seed's worth of faith for something that looks impossible, discovering along the way that the seed was always sufficient for the task in front of it.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***I ask for increased faith, and I also trust that the faith I already carry,
however small it feels, is enough for what God has set before me today.
I will exercise it rather than waiting for it to feel larger first.***

PRAYER

Lord, increase my faith the way the apostles asked, but also give me the courage to use the faith I already have. Show me where I have been waiting for more before acting, when what You have given is already enough. In Jesus' name, Amen.





GROWING MORE AND MORE

SCRIPTURE

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NIV)

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul writes to a church that was facing genuine persecution and affliction, and rather than describing them as struggling to survive, he describes them as thriving, their faith growing more and more, their love for one another increasing even under pressure. This is not a church experiencing increase because life had become easier. It is a church experiencing increase in the middle of real difficulty, which makes Paul's thanksgiving even more remarkable. Trial had not shrunk their faith or diminished their love. It had somehow become the environment in which both continued to grow.

REFLECTION

We often assume increase belongs to seasons of ease, and difficulty is simply something to survive until growth can resume. The Thessalonians disprove that assumption. Their faith and love were increasing precisely while affliction was ongoing, evidence that spiritual growth does not require favourable conditions to continue, only a genuine connection to the God who produces it. October's theme of more and more applies here with real practicality: whatever pressure you are currently under does not have to be the reason your faith stalls. It can, as it was for this church, become the very context in which faith and love keep growing, more and more, without waiting for easier days.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

My faith and love are growing more and more, regardless of the pressure I am currently facing. I refuse to let difficulty become an excuse for spiritual stagnation. Increase continues even in affliction, because its source is not my circumstances.

PRAYER

Lord, let my faith and love keep increasing even in the middle of whatever pressure I am facing right now. Do not let difficulty become the reason I stop growing. Let this season, hard as it is, become fertile ground for more of You in me. In Jesus' name, Amen.



GROW IN GRACE

SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

BIBLICAL STORY

Peter writes this as nearly his final instruction in his second letter, after warning extensively about false teachers who twist Scripture and deny the reality of Christ's return. Having spent most of the letter addressing what to guard against, he closes by pointing toward what to grow into instead, grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. This is a positive, forward-moving instruction rather than merely a defensive one. Peter does not want his readers to simply survive false teaching. He wants them actively growing, deepening their grasp of grace and their knowledge of the One who gives it, an increase that continues for the rest of their lives.

REFLECTION

Growth in grace and knowledge of Christ is never described in Scripture as something that reaches a finish line this side of eternity. It is a lifelong trajectory, always more to know, always more grace to understand and receive, regardless of how long someone has walked with God. This should be freeing rather than discouraging. The goal is not to arrive at a fixed amount of spiritual maturity and then coast. It is to keep growing, keep discovering more of grace, keep deepening in the knowledge of Jesus, all the way to the end. October's increase theme finds its most enduring form here, growth that never stops being available because the One being known is inexhaustible.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I am growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and I will keep growing for the rest of my life. There is no finish line to this increase, because there is no end to who He is. I embrace the lifelong nature of this growth.

PRAYER

Lord, keep me growing in grace and in the knowledge of You for as long as I live. I do not want to coast on what I already know. Show me more of Yourself today than I understood yesterday, and let that be true every day that follows. In Jesus' name, Amen.





BEARING FRUIT, GROWING

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:10 (NIV)

"So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul's prayer for the Colossians links two things that are easy to separate but were never meant to be, bearing fruit and growing in knowledge of God. He prays that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's will, and that this knowledge would produce a life worthy of the Lord, visible in good works that bear fruit while their understanding of God continues to deepen. Fruitfulness and growth move together here, each feeding the other. Fruit is not the end product of knowledge acquired once and then applied mechanically. It grows alongside an increasing, ongoing knowledge of who God is.

REFLECTION

There is a temptation to separate spiritual growth into two unrelated tracks, deepening knowledge on one side and producing visible fruit on the other, as though one could advance without the other. Paul's prayer refuses that separation. Growing in the knowledge of God and bearing fruit in every good work happen together, each one deepening the other, since real knowledge of God naturally produces fruit and genuine fruit reflects an increasingly accurate knowledge of Him. October's more asks for both simultaneously, not a choice between deeper understanding and visible action, but the kind of increase that produces fruit precisely because knowledge of God keeps growing alongside it.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I am bearing fruit in every good work while growing in the knowledge of God, and I will not separate the two. My understanding of God and my visible fruitfulness increase together, each one feeding the other.

PRAYER

Father, let my knowledge of You and my fruitfulness grow together today. Do not let me settle for one without the other. Fill me with the knowledge of Your will so that a life worthy of You naturally follows, bearing fruit in every good work. In Jesus' name, Amen.





MORE AND MORE

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 4:1 (NIV)

"As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul is not correcting the Thessalonians for failure here. He explicitly acknowledges that they are already living in a way that pleases God, and then he urges them forward anyway, asking them to do this more and more. This is instruction given to people who are already succeeding, not to rescue them from failure but to press them further into what they are already doing well. Paul understood something important about spiritual life, that even faithful obedience is never a finished project, and even people walking well with God can be urged, lovingly, toward more.

REFLECTION

It is easy to assume encouragement toward more is only necessary when something has gone wrong, and that people already pleasing God simply need to be affirmed and left alone. Paul models something different, urging faithful believers toward more, not because their current obedience is inadequate but because more and more is always available and always worth pursuing. This is good news for anyone who feels they are already doing reasonably well spiritually and wonders whether there is anything left to grow into. There always is. October's theme finds one of its clearest, most practical expressions here: do this, whatever faithful thing you are already doing, more and more.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I am already living in a way that seeks to please God, and I choose to do this more and more. I will not settle into current faithfulness as though it were a finish line. There is always further to go.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the ways I am already living faithfully. Now stir me to do this more and more. Do not let contentment with today's obedience become an excuse to stop pressing further into who You are calling me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.



SHINING EVER BRIGHTER

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 4:18 (NIV)

*"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,
shining ever brighter till the full light of day."*

BIBLICAL STORY

This proverb sits within a father's instruction to his son, contrasting two paths, the way of the wicked which is described as deep darkness that stumbles without even knowing what causes the fall, and the way of the righteous which is compared to sunrise. The image is precise. A sunrise does not arrive at full brightness instantly. It begins with the faintest light on the horizon and grows steadily brighter, minute by minute, until the sun stands fully overhead. The righteous path is described the same way, not a sudden blaze of complete maturity but a steady, cumulative brightening that continues toward full daylight.

REFLECTION

Spiritual growth rarely feels dramatic from the inside. Most days feel like ordinary increments, barely distinguishable from the day before, the way a sunrise looks nearly the same from one minute to the next even while genuine change is underway the whole time. This proverb offers patience for exactly that experience. The righteous path is not measured by sudden leaps but by a direction, ever brighter, moving steadily toward full light even when the increase in any single day is too small to notice. October's theme of more finds its closing image for this week here, growth that trusts the direction of the sunrise rather than demanding the brightness of noon before it believes anything real is happening.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***My path is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter toward full daylight.
I trust the direction of steady growth even when today's increase feels too
small to notice. I am moving toward more, one degree of light at a time.***

PRAYER

Lord, give me patience with the pace of my own growth. Let my path shine ever brighter, even on days when the increase feels imperceptible. I trust that You are moving me steadily toward full light, the way a sunrise always keeps its promise. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WEEK 3 • THE INCREASE

REFLECTION & ACTION POINTS



Week Three explored increase, not as a single leap but as a steady, sometimes invisible growth, more faith, more grace, more of Christ and less of self.

QUESTIONS TO SIT WITH

- Where do I need to decrease so that Christ can increase more visibly in my life?
- Am I waiting for my faith to feel bigger before I use it?
- What faithful thing is God asking me to keep doing “more and more” rather than start something entirely new?

ACTION POINTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Identify one area of faithful obedience you are already practising, and commit to doing it more and more this month rather than searching for something new.
- Use whatever measure of faith you currently have for one situation you have been waiting to feel “ready” for.
- Each evening this week, name one small way Christ became more visible in you that day, even if the growth felt imperceptible.



WEEK 4

THE POSSESSION

Enlarging the Territory God Has Given





THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 4:10 (NIV)

"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."

BIBLICAL STORY

Jabez appears in Scripture almost out of nowhere, introduced only by the meaning of his name, which sounds like the Hebrew word for pain, given to him by a mother who named him after her own suffering in childbirth. Rather than living small under the weight of that name, Jabez prays boldly, asking specifically for blessing, for enlarged territory, for God's hand upon him, and for protection from harm. The narrator interrupts the genealogy he sits within to record this single detail: God granted his request. A man defined by pain from birth became a man remembered for a prayer that refused to accept a small, painful life as final.

REFLECTION

Jabez's prayer is bold in a way many believers hesitate to imitate, asking directly and specifically for enlargement rather than simply asking to be content with whatever portion he already had. This is not greed. It is a refusal to let a difficult beginning determine a limited future. Whatever your own name or history has assigned to you, whatever pain has marked your story from the start, Jabez models a way of praying that takes the assignment seriously without accepting it as the final word. October's theme of possession begins here, with a prayer bold enough to ask God specifically for enlarged territory, and confident enough to expect Him to grant it.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***Like Jabez, I ask God to enlarge my territory and let His hand be upon me.
I refuse to let a painful beginning define a limited future. I pray boldly and
specifically, trusting God to grant what He has stirred me to ask.***

PRAYER

God of Jabez, bless me and enlarge my territory. Let Your hand be with me in whatever I set out to do, and keep me from harm along the way. I refuse a small life defined by past pain. Grant this request as You granted his. In Jesus' name, Amen.





ENLARGE YOUR TENT

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 54:2 (NIV)

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."

BIBLICAL STORY

Isaiah speaks this to a people who have every reason to feel small, a nation that has known barrenness and exile, described just before this as a woman who has not been able to bear children. Rather than telling them to accept a modest, limited future proportional to their current condition, God instructs them to prepare for expansion that has not yet arrived, enlarging their tent, stretching the curtains wide, lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes that will be needed to support a household far larger than anything they currently occupy. Faith here means building capacity ahead of the increase, preparing space before the family has actually grown into it.

REFLECTION

There is a practical wisdom hidden inside this image that applies well beyond ancient tent-making. Enlargement usually requires preparation before it visibly arrives, stretching curtains and strengthening stakes in advance of the increase they are meant to hold. A tent that has not been enlarged cannot suddenly accommodate a household that outgrows it overnight. October's possession theme asks a practical question here: are you preparing capacity for the more God intends to give, lengthening cords and strengthening stakes now, or waiting for the increase to arrive before you make any room for it? Faith often looks exactly like this, building for a future that has not yet visibly begun.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I enlarge the place of my tent in faith, stretching my curtains wide and strengthening my stakes before the increase visibly arrives. I do not hold back in preparing for what God intends to give. I build capacity ahead of the harvest.

PRAYER

Lord, give me the faith to enlarge my tent before I can see the reason for it. Help me lengthen my cords and strengthen my stakes in preparation for what You intend to do. I will not hold back my expectation or my preparation. In Jesus' name, Amen.



LONG ENOUGH AT THIS MOUNTAIN

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 1:6-8 (NIV)

"The Lord our God said to us at Horeb, 'You have stayed long enough at this mountain. Break camp and advance...See, I have given you this land. Go in and take possession of the land.'"

BIBLICAL STORY

Israel had received the law at Mount Horeb, experienced God's presence in genuinely powerful ways, and might have been tempted to stay indefinitely at the place of that encounter. God's word to them is direct and almost startling in its bluntness: you have stayed long enough at this mountain, break camp and advance. The mountain had served its purpose. It was never meant to be the destination, only a stop on the way to the land God had already given them, a land that required them to move rather than remain camped at the place of past encounter, however meaningful that place had been.

REFLECTION

There is a real danger in mistaking a genuine encounter with God for a permanent destination, camping indefinitely at a mountain that was only ever meant to prepare us for the land ahead. God's word to Israel applies to seasons of comfortable spiritual routine that have outlived their purpose, however good they once were. You have stayed long enough at this mountain is not a rebuke of what happened there. It is an invitation to move forward into more, into land already given but not yet possessed, because it cannot be possessed by people who remain camped at the place where they first met God rather than advancing toward what that meeting was meant to prepare them for.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I recognise when I have stayed long enough at a mountain, and I break camp to advance toward the land God has already given. I do not mistake a past encounter for a permanent destination. I move forward into more.

PRAYER

Lord, show me any mountain where I have overstayed my season, holding onto a past encounter instead of advancing toward what You have already given. Give me the courage to break camp and move forward into the land ahead. In Jesus' name, Amen.



LAND STILL TO BE POSSESSED

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 13:1 (NIV)

"When Joshua was old and well advanced in years, the Lord said to him, 'You are very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over.'"

BIBLICAL STORY

Joshua has led Israel through years of significant conquest, and by this point in the narrative he is genuinely old, his active campaigning years clearly behind him by any natural measure. Yet God's assessment of the situation is not that the work is finished simply because Joshua's strength has diminished. There is still very large territory yet to be possessed, land God has already promised but Israel has not yet occupied. The end of one leader's active capacity is not treated as the end of the possessing. It is treated as the moment to organise the remaining inheritance so that others can continue taking hold of what God has already given.

REFLECTION

There is real honesty in this verse about the gap that can exist between what God has promised and what has actually been possessed, a gap that does not close automatically just because time has passed or a leader has aged out of active conquest. Promised land and possessed land are not the same thing, and the difference between them is measured in ground still to be taken, not merely years still to be lived. October's theme of possession includes this sober reminder: there may be very large areas of your own inheritance still unclaimed, promised long ago but not yet occupied, and recognising the gap is the first step toward finally closing it.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***I recognise that there is still land God has promised that I have not yet possessed.
I do not assume the work is finished simply because time has passed. I press
toward taking hold of every inheritance God has already given me.***

PRAYER

Lord, show me the large areas of land still to be taken over in my own life, promises given but not yet possessed. Do not let time or weariness convince me the work is finished. Give me strength and strategy to press toward full possession. In Jesus' name, Amen.



ROOM TO FLOURISH

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 26:22 (NIV)

"He moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarrelled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, 'Now the Lord has given us room and we will flourish in the land.'"

BIBLICAL STORY

Isaac had been digging wells in a land where the Philistines kept quarrelling over each one he successfully reopened, filling them in or claiming them until he simply moved on rather than fight over ground that was continually contested. When he finally dug a well that no one disputed, he named it Rehoboth, meaning room or wide open space, and declared that God had given them room to flourish. The wells that were fought over never became the site of his flourishing. It was the well that finally brought peace where growth actually began.

REFLECTION

Not every piece of contested ground is worth fighting to keep, and Isaac's willingness to move on from wells that kept generating conflict is part of what eventually led him to Rehoboth, the room where he could actually flourish. Sometimes the path to more requires releasing what keeps being disputed rather than exhausting yourself defending it indefinitely. This is not the same as giving up on possession altogether. It is discernment about which ground is worth the fight and which ground is better released in favour of the open space God is preparing elsewhere. October's possession theme includes this wisdom: room to flourish sometimes comes after, not instead of, a willingness to let go of contested ground.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I trust God to give me room to flourish, even if it means releasing ground that keeps generating conflict. I do not need to fight for every well. I move forward in confidence that God has a Rehoboth prepared for me.

PRAYER

Lord, give me Isaac's wisdom to know when to release contested ground and when to keep pressing forward. Lead me to my own Rehoboth, the room where I can finally flourish without constant conflict. Thank You for making space for me to grow. In Jesus' name, Amen.





THE POWER TO PROSPER

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:18 (NIV)

"But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."

BIBLICAL STORY

Moses gives this instruction as Israel prepares to enter a prosperous land, warning them specifically against the moment when their own success might tempt them to say in their hearts, my power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me. He does not tell them to avoid prosperity or distrust it. He tells them to remember its source, that even the ability to produce wealth is itself a gift from God, given as part of a covenant relationship rather than earned purely through independent human effort. Prosperity was never meant to become evidence of self-sufficiency. It was meant to remain evidence of God's covenant faithfulness.

REFLECTION

Increase carries a subtle danger that has nothing to do with the increase itself and everything to do with what we conclude once it arrives, the quiet temptation to credit our own strength and cleverness for outcomes that were actually gifts. Moses addresses this directly, insisting that even the ability to produce wealth, not merely the wealth itself, comes from God. This reframes prosperity entirely, from a personal achievement to a covenant reminder, evidence not of our own capability but of God's continuing faithfulness to promises made long before we had anything to contribute. October's possession theme requires this remembering, that whatever more we gain remains rooted in God's gift rather than our own unaided strength.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***I remember that God gives me the ability to produce wealth and increase.
I will not credit my own strength for what is actually His gift. Every measure of
prosperity I experience remains evidence of His covenant faithfulness, not my
self-sufficiency.***

PRAYER

Lord, keep me from the quiet temptation to credit my own strength for what You have given. Remind me daily that even the ability to prosper comes from You. Let every increase in my life point back to Your faithfulness rather than my own hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.





PROSPER IN EVERY WAY

SCRIPTURE

3 John 1:2 (NIV)

"Dear friend, I pray that you may prosper in every way and be in good health, just as your soul is getting along well."

BIBLICAL STORY

John writes this personal greeting to his friend Gaius, someone John commends for walking in the truth and for showing hospitality to travelling believers, even strangers, at real cost to himself. John's prayer for Gaius is holistic, prosperity in every way and good health, deliberately measured against the standard of Gaius's soul, which was already getting along well. The prayer does not separate spiritual wellbeing from every other kind of flourishing. It uses the health of Gaius's soul as the benchmark against which every other kind of prosperity is being measured and prayed for.

REFLECTION

This verse is sometimes stretched into promises it was never meant to carry, but its actual structure is instructive regardless. John prays for prosperity in every way using the wellbeing of Gaius's soul as the reference point, suggesting that whole-life flourishing is meant to correspond to spiritual health rather than exist independently of it. October closes this week on a prayer for comprehensive prosperity, not narrowly financial but genuinely whole, body and circumstance and relationship prospering in proportion to a soul that is already getting along well with God. The more we ask for in every area of life is meant to reflect, not outpace, the depth of our walk with Him.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

***I pray for prosperity in every way, measured against the health of my soul.
I want my whole life, body, relationships, and circumstances, to
flourish in proportion to how well my soul is getting along with God.***

PRAYER

Lord, let my soul get along well with You, and let every other area of my life prosper in proportion to that. I ask for whole-life flourishing that reflects genuine spiritual health rather than outpacing it. Prosper me in every way, starting from the inside. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WEEK 4 • THE POSSESSION

REFLECTION & ACTION POINTS



Week Four moved from internal growth to outward territory, land promised but not yet possessed, tents that need enlarging before the household arrives to fill them.

QUESTIONS TO SIT WITH

- Have I stayed too long at a mountain, mistaking a past encounter with God for a permanent destination?
- What “large areas of land” has God already promised me that I have not yet taken hold of?
- Am I crediting my own strength for increase that was actually God's gift?

ACTION POINTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Name one promise from God you have not yet actively pursued, and take one concrete step toward it this week.
- Identify a piece of contested ground you may need to release in order to move toward the room God has prepared elsewhere.
- Write a short prayer, in your own words, asking God to enlarge your territory the way Jabez did, and pray it daily this week.



WEEK 5

THE FULLNESS

The More That Never Ends



FILLED TO FULLNESS

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:19 (NIV)

"And to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul closes his prayer for the Ephesians by asking for something that sounds almost contradictory, that they would know a love that surpasses knowledge, and that knowing it would result in being filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. This is the furthest possible extension of the more that this month has been describing, not simply more blessing or more territory but the fullness of God Himself taking up residence in ordinary believers. Paul is not asking for a partial experience of God's fullness. He asks for the full measure, as much of God as a human life can actually contain.

REFLECTION

Every kind of more explored this month, hunger, overflow, increase, possession, ultimately points toward this final horizon, being filled with the fullness of God Himself. This is not a blessing God gives from a distance. It is God's own fullness taking residence within us, made possible only because Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, as Paul says just before this prayer. The measure Paul asks for is not modest. It is all the fullness of God, the largest more imaginable, and he asks for it not as a future hope reserved for eternity but as something believers can be filled with now, in this life, to whatever measure their hearts have been prepared to receive.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I am being filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

This is not a modest request but the largest more available to me.

I open my heart to receive as much of God's fullness as I am able to contain.

PRAYER

Father, fill me to the measure of all Your fullness. I do not want a partial experience of who You are. Let Christ dwell more fully in my heart through faith, and let that fullness overflow into every part of my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.



COMPLETE IN HIM

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness."

BIBLICAL STORY

Paul writes to a church being tempted toward additional practices and hidden knowledge that promised a fuller spiritual experience beyond what they already had in Christ. His response cuts directly against that temptation: all the fullness of the Deity already lives in Christ in bodily form, and believers have already been brought to fullness in Him. There is no supplemental fullness available elsewhere, no secret addition that completes what Christ has left incomplete. The fullness the Colossians were being tempted to chase through other means was already theirs, entirely, in the Christ they already possessed.

REFLECTION

One of the quiet dangers in a month focused on more is the temptation to look for it in the wrong places, additional practices, hidden techniques, secret knowledge promised to complete what Christ alone has already made whole. Paul's word to the Colossians corrects that instinct decisively. You have been brought to fullness in Christ, past tense, already accomplished, not a fullness still being assembled from various sources but a fullness already possessed in Him. October's search for more finds its necessary boundary here, not less desire for God, but the recognition that every genuine more is found in Christ Himself rather than in additions to Him.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I have been brought to fullness in Christ. I do not need to look elsewhere for a completion He has already given me. All the fullness I could ever want is found in Him, and I already possess it because I am in Him.

PRAYER

Lord, keep me from chasing fullness in places outside of You. You have already brought me to completion in Christ. Let my search for more always lead back to Him rather than away from Him, since every genuine fullness is already found there. In Jesus' name, Amen.



FULLNESS OF JOY FOREVER

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16:11 (NIV)

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

BIBLICAL STORY

David closes this psalm with a statement of confident hope, describing a path of life that God makes known, leading to a joy that is not partial or temporary but full, experienced specifically in God's presence, and pleasures that do not fade with time but continue forever at God's right hand. This psalm is later quoted by both Peter and Paul in the New Testament as a prophecy of Christ's resurrection, which means David's confident words about fullness of joy and eternal pleasure point beyond his own life toward the resurrection that would make such permanent joy actually possible for anyone united to Christ.

REFLECTION

October ends here, at the horizon every earlier kind of more has been pointing toward all along, a fullness of joy that is not seasonal or circumstantial but located specifically in God's presence, and pleasures that do not expire because they exist at God's own right hand, forever. Every hunger this month described, every overflow, every increase, every act of possession, was training for this, an appetite for the one place where more finally becomes complete and permanent rather than partial and temporary. The path of life God makes known does not lead to a slightly better version of the more we already understand. It leads to fullness of joy in His presence, forever.

TODAY'S DECLARATION

I am walking the path of life that leads to fullness of joy in God's presence. The pleasures I find at His right hand do not fade or expire. Every hunger for more that God awakened this month finds its final answer here, in Him, forever.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for making known to me the path of life. Fill me with joy in Your presence today, and let me hold onto the hope of eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Let this month's hunger for more find its rest in the fullness only You provide, forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WEEK 5 • THE FULLNESS REFLECTION & ACTION POINTS



Week Five, though short, points to the horizon every other kind of more has been leading toward all along, the fullness of God Himself, already given in Christ and still being realised in us.

QUESTIONS TO SIT WITH

- Have I been searching for fullness anywhere outside of Christ?
- What would it mean to live today as someone already complete in Him, rather than someone still lacking?
- Where do I most need to remember that the joy and pleasure I am seeking are found, finally and permanently, in God's presence?

ACTION POINTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- Spend time this week simply resting in the truth that you are already complete in Christ, without adding anything to that fullness.
- Identify one place you have been looking for completion outside of Christ, and consciously return your attention to Him instead.
- As the month closes, write a short prayer of gratitude for the “more” you received this October, and carry it into November as a reminder of God's continuing faithfulness.



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This conviction gave birth to ***The Word Made Flesh Daily Devotional***. Having witnessed the power of God's Word to redirect destinies, restore hope, strengthen faith, and provide clarity in life's most challenging moments, she was inspired to create a devotional that would serve as a daily guide for believers seeking direction, spiritual growth, and a closer walk with God. Each page reflects her desire to see readers experience divine encounters that become genuine turning points in their spiritual journey.

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Through her writings, teachings, and ministry, Dr. Obenachi continues to challenge hearts, strengthen faith, and inspire lives. Her prayer is that every reader of ***The Word Made Flesh Daily Devotional*** will encounter God's presence, hear His voice, and experience the divine turning points that lead to a life of purpose, victory, and lasting significance.