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## Devotional

### Day 1: You Are God's Beloved—Favored Sons and Daughters

God's love for each person is not measured by human standards of favoritism or merit; rather, every one of us is cherished as a beloved child, fully accepted and deeply valued. The same love that God lavished on Jesus is poured out on you, regardless of your past, your struggles, or your doubts. When you begin to truly believe that you are God's favored son or daughter, it changes how you see yourself and how you respond to life's challenges. In moments of darkness or discouragement, you can run to your heavenly Father, confident that His arms are open and His heart is for you. Let this truth move from your head to your heart, and allow it to shape your identity and your daily walk. [\[26:16\]](#)

#### Romans 8:38-39 (ESV)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reflection: What would change in your life if you truly believed, deep down, that you are God's beloved child—fully accepted and favored by Him today?

### Day 2: Wrestling with God—Finding Blessing in the Struggle

There are seasons when life feels overwhelming, when darkness and difficulty seem to press in on every side. In those moments, like Jacob, you are invited not to run from God but to wrestle with Him—to bring your questions, your pain, and your longing for blessing directly to Him. It is in the wrestling, in refusing to let go until God meets you, that transformation happens. God honors your persistence and meets you in your vulnerability, often leaving you changed—humbled, yes, but also blessed and renamed as one who has encountered the living God. The limp you carry becomes a reminder of both your dependence and God's faithfulness. [\[31:10\]](#)

#### Genesis 32:24-28 (ESV)

And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Reflection: What is one area of struggle or darkness in your life where you need to "wrestle with God" instead of running away—bringing your honest heart to Him and refusing to let go until He meets you there?

### Day 3: God's Love Humbles and Transforms Us

When you grasp the depth of God's love for you, it does not lead to pride or arrogance but to humility and transformation. Knowing you are favored by God brings a deep sense of gratitude and a willingness to walk humbly, recognizing your own limitations and need for grace. Like Jacob, who walked with a limp after his encounter with God, you are reminded that true blessing is found not in self-sufficiency but in dependence on God. This humility opens your heart to be changed, to become more compassionate, and to reflect God's love to others. [\[32:36\]](#)

Philippians 2:3-5 (ESV)

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Reflection: In what ways can you let God's love humble you today—shaping your attitude toward yourself and others, especially in moments when you are tempted to compare or compete?

### Day 4: God's Presence in the Darkest Valley

Even in the darkest valleys, when you feel forgotten, rejected, or overwhelmed, God is with you. His presence is your comfort, His guidance your security, and His goodness your hope. Like David, you can declare that you will not fear, for God prepares a table for you even in the presence of your enemies and anoints you with overflowing blessing. The promise is not that you will avoid hardship, but that God's steadfast love and mercy will pursue you all the days of your life, and you will dwell in His presence forever. [\[35:40\]](#)

Psalms 23:4-6 (ESV)

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Reflection: When you face a "dark valley," how can you intentionally seek God's presence and comfort, trusting that His goodness and mercy are pursuing you even now?

### Day 5: Embracing God's Dream for Your Life

God has a unique dream and purpose for your life, prepared in advance for you to walk in. Like Joseph, you may not know all the details, but you are invited to listen for God's voice and trust that He desires to use you as a blessing to others. Embracing God's dream means being open to His leading, even when the path is unclear or the journey is difficult. Pray for eyes to see and a heart to embrace the great things God has prepared for you, knowing that your life can be a source of hope and blessing in the world. [\[18:32\]](#)

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Reflection: What is one step you can take today to listen for and embrace God's dream for your life—trusting that He has prepared good works for you to do?