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365 DAILY DEVOTIONALS EXPLORING  
THE TENDER MERCIES OF GOD

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# preface

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## **IT'S MORNING!**

Okay, get coffee first if you need, but quick, grab this devotional, your Bible, and a pen, and get alone with God.

### **PRAY**

You'll notice each daily entry in this volume begins with Scripture. Read it, dig into the Bible to study the context, and pray over it, asking God to help you hear His voice. Listen to what God has to say to you through His Word and pray accordingly.

### **PONDER**

Take time each day to ponder the devotional that follows the Scripture. Each devotional thought comes straight from a message preached by Pastor Adrian Rogers during his 50 years in the pulpit. Pastor Rogers was known for his unique ability to simplify profound truth so that it can be applied to everyday life. Because he was firmly committed to the Word of God, don't be surprised when something written 20 or more years ago is exactly what you need to hear on your brand new day.

### **PRACTICE**

Following each daily devotional thought, you'll find a couple of questions and an action idea. While your thinking is fresh, note in your journal what you plan to do about what you've just learned. James said, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). As you stand at the mirror to brush your teeth and style your hair, style your day to conform to Christ. As James continued, "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was" (James 1:23-24).

Now, go out and win the new day, "strengthened in faith, giving glory to God" (Romans 4:20).

A top-down view of a black ceramic mug filled with a light-colored, frothy beverage. The foam is thick and textured, with many small bubbles visible. The mug's handle is visible on the right side. The background is plain white.

God specializes in things  
that seem to be impossible.

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**PRAY OVER THIS**

Then the children of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, “Why have you given us only one lot and one share to inherit, since we are a great people, inasmuch as the LORD has blessed us until now?”

**JOSHUA 17:14**

**PONDER THIS** The people of Israel were living in self-confidence. They were boasting about their greatness. The same thing is true about so many of us. Pride is bad enough, but pride that lifts its head from the mire of failure is terrible. These people were failing to be, do, have, and say what God would have them be, do, say, and have, and they were saying, “Look how great we are.”

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). There’s nothing that will put you more out of the reach of the devil than genuine humility. But if you’re proud, you’re going to find God as an enemy. The Bible says, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6). And what is grace? Grace is the desire and the ability to do the will of God.

- What are some ways you are tempted to live in confidence in yourself instead of in God?
- How have you experienced the reality that God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble?

**PRACTICE THIS** Today is the start of a new year. You are likely taking up new practices and setting new goals. Assess your goals for this year through the lens of dependence on self or dependence on the Lord. Take steps to rely further on the Lord this year.

**PRAY OVER THIS**

So Joshua answered them, “If you are a great people, then go up to the forest country and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the giants, since the mountains of Ephraim are too confined for you.”

**JOSHUA 17:15**

**PONDER THIS** The reason that many people are not living in victory is that their lives are cluttered. Many believe they don't have enough time for prayer or Bible study. The reality is, if you don't have enough time for prayer and Bible study, you're doing something you ought not to do. I don't know what it is, but I will guarantee you that if you don't have time to read your Bible and pray, you're doing something God never assigned you to do. There's something cluttering your life.

Whatever is cluttering your life may not be overtly harmful, sinful, or wicked, but if it is cluttering your life, you need to get rid of it. There's enough time to do everything God wants us to do. But this often requires removing the clutter from our lives. Some people are so busy doing good they don't have time to be godly. We must remember that we never waste time that is spent at Jesus' feet.

- What is cluttering your life right now?
- What steps will you take to prioritize time with God and His Word?

**PRACTICE THIS** Plan for a specific time on your daily schedule to spend with God. Consider what needs to be removed from your life in order to prioritize this time.

**PRAY OVER THIS**

Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.

**PROVERBS 16:3**

**PONDER THIS** You need a goal in your life, and it's got to be specific. If you don't have that, you're like a ship at sea on a dark night without a rudder, without a chart, and without a compass. Most people don't plan to fail; they just don't plan anything! You may say, "Sure, you're a pastor. You ought to have some goals." Mothers ought to have goals. Teachers ought to have goals. Students ought to have goals. Athletes ought to have goals. Medical doctors ought to have goals. And a church, in general, ought to have goals.

Is your goal specific enough you could put it on paper? What are you all about? What motivates you? I mean, what are you trying to do? If our goals are not from God and according to His will, even our success will be a failure.

- What are your goals for this year?
- How have you sought to put your goals in line with God's will?

**PRACTICE THIS** Take time today to write out not just your goal for this year, but for your life. How will you submit this before God that He might establish you?

**PRAY OVER THIS**

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

**JOSHUA 1:8**

**PONDER THIS** You want to encourage your confidence? Get in the Word of God. Read the Scriptures. Saturate your soul with the Scriptures. You want a promise for a new year? Today's verse says: “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” Wait before God until you get a promise and let that promise come out of the Word of God. We are not meant to take confidence in ourselves, but we can always take confidence in God and His promises. As you think toward this coming year, let your confidence rest in God and what He has promised.

- What are some of your favorite promises of God?
- How does your confidence in God's promises grow as you spend time in His Word?

**PRACTICE THIS** Write a list of at least five of your favorite promises of God found in Scripture. Spend time meditating on the truth of these verses.

**PRAY OVER THIS**

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**ACTS 1:8**

**PONDER THIS** The mission Jesus gave to the disciples must have seemed impossible. Look at them—a little group of ragtag apostles, some of them fishermen. Most of them didn’t have any education. They had no seminaries. They had no finances. They had no prestige. They had no political pull. And yet they were commanded to go into all the world and tell the message of a Galilean peasant who died on a cross, crucified by the Roman government. This was mission impossible.

Not only did they not have the credentials, but they were also up against impossible foes. There was the imperial might of the iron legions of Rome. There was the intellectual sophistry of the Greeks. There was the religious bigotry of the Jewish religion. And here they were. This reads like a magnificent novel, but it is absolutely true. It is the story of the Church triumphant.

- What feels impossible in your life right now?
- How is the story of the Early Church an encouragement in this regard?

**PRACTICE THIS** Write down the things you are facing that seem impossible. Pray over these things, confessing that all things are possible with God.

**PRAY OVER THIS**

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

**ACTS 2:2**

**PONDER THIS** Have you ever heard a tornado? Everybody says it sounds like a freight train and that's true. Twice I have been close enough to a tornado to hear the noise, and it is an awesome sound! Now if you think a tornado sounds awesome outside, what would you think about an indoor one? This one was inside the house where the believers were sitting.

Just as the wind comes from Heaven, the Holy Spirit comes from Heaven. As the wind moves at will, commanded by nobody, so the Holy Spirit of God is sovereign and moves at will. As the wind is mysterious—we can't tell where it comes from or where it's going—so is the Holy Spirit. And yet, as the wind operates according to fixed laws, so does God's blessed precious Holy Spirit. The wind is invisible but powerful! And there's an invisible powerful force living in every believer in Jesus—the Holy Spirit of God.

- How easy or difficult do you find it to believe that the Holy Spirit is powerful in your life?
- Where do you currently feel that you need the power of the Holy Spirit?

**PRACTICE THIS** Consider the things that make it easy or difficult for you to believe in the power of the Holy Spirit. What do you need to start or stop to lean further into the power of the Spirit in your life?

**PRAY OVER THIS**

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

**ACTS 1:4-5**

**PONDER THIS** Jesus told the disciples to tarry until they were endued with power from on high. But we don't need to tarry. The Holy Spirit has already come. We don't need to say, “Oh God, send Your Spirit.” He's sent His Spirit. That would be like praying, “Oh God, send Jesus to die on the cross.” No, He has died on the cross. Calvary's an accomplished fact. Pentecost is an accomplished fact. What we need now to do is to receive the promise.

If you are a Christian, if you are truly saved, you've already received that promise. You may say, “Well I don't feel it.” I want to tell you something. You can be a part of a denomination and be lost. You can attend worship services and be lost. But you cannot be a Christian and not have the Holy Spirit in you. That's what makes you a Christian. If you repented of your sins, you have already received the Holy Spirit of God.

- How much would you say you rely on the power of the Holy Spirit in daily life?
- How might you learn to do this more?

**PRACTICE THIS** Take time today to pray frequently, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in routine decisions; seek to honor and serve Him in all you do.

**PRAY OVER THIS**

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.

**ACTS 1:1-2**

**PONDER THIS** In the Gospels you find what Jesus did in His human body—the body of His flesh. In the book of Acts, you find out what Jesus is doing in His mystical body, the Church. You see, Jesus is still active and alive on Earth today and He still has a body. In the Gospels, it was His material, physical body. In the book of Acts, it is His new body, which is the Church. And Jesus is alive and well today in His mystical body. This is what the Bible calls in Colossians 1:27, “Christ in you.” You see, we’re not here just imitating the Lord Jesus. I love the idea behind the question, “What would Jesus do?” That implies, “What would He do if He were here?” But we need to realize He is here. So, it’s not, “What would He do?” We need to recognize His presence in His body and let Him do what He will do.

- How easily do you recognize that Jesus is present with His people and working through His body, the Church, each day?
- How are you called to be part of that work?

**PRACTICE THIS** Make a list of ways you can see Jesus working through your church right now.

## YOUR BRAND NEW DAY!

You may have read in Lamentations 3:23 that God's mercies are "new every morning." Have you considered that because of His mercies you can personally be made new the minute you wake? Every day is your brand new day. Use this devotional to start each morning with a reminder of God's love. Over time, God's faithfulness and your constancy will transform your life.



In today's fast-paced, self-focused world, it's difficult to find quality biblical teaching, let alone teaching that simplifies profound truth so it can be applied to everyday lives. At **LOVE WORTH FINDING**, we understand that struggle and seek to help Christians grow deeper in their faith through the timeless teachings of pastor, teacher, and author **ADRIAN ROGERS**.



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