

A close-up photograph of pink cherry blossoms with yellow stamens and a dark brown branch. The background is a soft, out-of-focus pink. The text is overlaid on white rectangular boxes.

**BIBLE STUDY**

A  
DEVOTED  
HEART

Lessons from the Bible on getting  
close to God

Have you ever looked at the closeness some of the Bible characters we read about had with God and wondered why it didn't apply to everyone?

What was it that separated people like David and Joshua among others? What can we learn from their lives and begin applying in ours?

We will look at these and more in our study of "A Devoted Heart".

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## Day 1 Prayer

““O Lord, the God of our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, make your people always want to obey you. See to it that their love for you never changes. Give my son Solomon the wholehearted desire to obey all your commands, laws, and decrees, and to do everything necessary to build this Temple, for which I have made these preparations.”” 1 Chronicles 29:18-19 NLT

The first place to start in having a close walk with God is prayer. Now many Christians pray, some spend several hours, some a few minutes, but we all agree that prayer is important. When we're looking at having a close walk with God, we need to focus not just on the act of prayer, but the content. When you go to God in prayer what are you praying about?

“The LORD has sought out for Himself a man (David) after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as leader and ruler over His people, because you have not kept (obeyed) what the LORD commanded you.”” 1 Samuel 13:14b

What distinguished David from Saul? In spite of his imperfections, David sought after God for who God is, not necessarily what God could give him. In the opening scripture above, we see that David's heartfelt prayer for Israel and Solomon was that they would always love and obey the Lord with their whole heart - total devotion.

“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5

““But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!” Revelation 2:4

Our love life is important to the Lord, much more than anything else. We can't love Him as we ought without His help, which is why we must daily bring our hearts and love life to God in open and honest prayer, letting Him know the areas we have challenges in surrendering to Him and asking for the grace to love Him as we ought.

When we begin to pray for closeness to God and a heart that's completely in love with Him, the Lord who hears and answers prayers will begin to work in us to help us stay connected to Him. Yes, it's important to pray for other things, but our primary pursuit in prayer should be fellowship with the Lord.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, please give me a heart that is loyal to you and a whole hearted devotion to you.

## Day 2 Focus

'But Martha became exasperated by finishing the numerous household chores in preparation for her guests, so she interrupted Jesus and said, "Lord, don't you think it's unfair that my sister left me to do all the work by myself? You should tell her to get up and help me." The Lord answered her, "Martha, my beloved Martha. Why are you upset and troubled, pulled away by all these many distractions? Are they really that important? Mary has discovered the one thing most important by choosing to sit at my feet. She is undistracted, and I won't take this privilege from her.'" Luke 10:40-42

Martha was very busy facing responsibilities that had to do with Jesus visiting her home. Guests were coming over who had to be catered to, yet her sister Mary was just sitting and listening at the feet of Jesus. Anyone looking at Mary would consider her unproductive and call Martha the productive one. Isn't it interesting that Jesus has a very different perspective on what is really important? He called Martha distracted and Mary the focused one.

Many times our busy schedules keep us from spending focused time in the Lord's presence. We often have to take care of work, family, life issues and end up spending very little time with God. Even if the work we are doing is related to ministry, we run the very real risk of getting so busy working for God that we neglect walking with God. From God's perspective, anything that takes us away from His presence – not necessarily physically, but also in our hearts – is a distraction.

'For just one day of intimacy with you is like a thousand days of joy rolled into one!' Psalms 84:10a

Jesus made it clear that focused, quality time is what is really important to Him and David understood this as well. Jesus doesn't necessarily expect us to spend 24/7 in the place of prayer. But the time we do spend should be primarily dedicated to getting to know Him as we also give Him space in our hearts and minds throughout the day. That's what will give us the fuel to stay connected to Him on this journey.

**Prayer:** Lord please help me create quality time for you every day and keep my heart fixed on you through my day.



### Day 3 Personal Altar

“And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it; it shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.” Leviticus 6:12-13

One of the responsibilities of the priest in the Old Testament was to ensure the fire on the altar never went out. We're under the new covenant through the blood of Jesus so we no longer need a third party to access God on our behalf as there's now open access to the Holy of Holies and we are to become a living altar carrying the presence of God.

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” I Corinthians 6:19

“And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.” 1 Peter 2:5

Our lives are the altar and as His priests we still have a responsibility to keep the fire on our personal altars burning. How do we keep the fire burning? We are to kindle our personal fires by bringing our prayer, worship, praise, giving our lives as a daily sacrifice to the Lord, recognizing that we don't belong to ourselves.

We must have a scheduled and dedicated time devoted to God alone everyday. It's not something we can afford to be casual about. Because if we think we will just use any free time we get, the happenings of life will see to it that we won't get that free time. Don't overthink it or make grandiose plans you can't consistently maintain. If 15minutes is what you can do, start with that, be consistent and consciously ask God to help you increase this dedicated time and He will surely help you.

**Prayer:** Today cry out to God to set your altar on fire for Him and pray that the fire will never go out. Even if we get weary, Lord let your mercy rekindle the flames



## Day 4 Repentance

“My [only] sacrifice [acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart [broken with sorrow for sin, thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.”  
Psalms 51:17

As we journey through life we will make mistakes and get some things wrong. The Lord recognizes this and doesn't expect us to sin and run away from Him. Neither does He expect us to be casual or comfortable with any form of sin in our lives. He is too holy to behold iniquity (Habakkuk 1:13). If our heart's desire is to please Him, we won't be happy with any form of sin in our lives. Beyond not being comfortable with it, the Lord expects us to repent from the sin- meaning we walk away completely from that act/environment/person etc that's causing us to sin.

“Blessed [forgiven, refreshed by God's grace] are those who mourn [over their sins and repent], for they will be comforted [when the burden of sin is lifted].” Matthew 5:4

“so that he can no longer spend the rest of his natural life living for human appetites and desires, but [lives] for the will and purpose of God.” 1 Peter 4:2

Jesus taught us that mourning or feeling bad about sin is just one step, the second is repentance. When we do our part to walk away, the Holy Spirit helps to strengthen and equip us to stay away from that sin. He begins to change our appetite for the things that are pleasing to God rather than the things that satisfy our flesh. We begin to move from walking intentionally in sin, to being broken hearted when we do sin, and running back to Jesus immediately in total repentance and surrender.

“Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.” Isaiah 55:7

No matter what you have done or how far you think you may have backslidden, return to the Lord today in total and honest repentance, He is faithful to forgive. And if you really don't feel bad about the sin, be honest about that too. Let Him know that there are things you shouldn't be doing which you still enjoy and ask Him to help you have a heart that will make you uncomfortable with any form of sin.

**Prayer:** Lord I come humbly before you by the blood of Jesus and ask that you cleanse me of every sin. Give me the grace to truly repent of the things in my life that aren't pleasing to you. I ask Lord that you create a clean heart in me and renew a right and steadfast spirit within me



## Day 5 Investment

“The next morning, Jesus got up long before daylight, left the house while it was dark, and made his way to a secluded place to give himself to prayer.” Mark 1:35

When we start getting serious about walking with God, we will soon come to realise that the greatest commodity that will be required of us is our time. Time in prayer, in bible study, time in waiting in God’s presence. There’s no time invested in spending with God that’s ever wasted. When we look at the examples of those who had a heart devoted to God, we see that they all invested in time spent with Him.

“Moses remained there on the mountain with the Lord forty days and forty nights. In all that time he ate no bread and drank no water. And the Lord wrote the terms of the covenant—the Ten Commandments —on the stone tablets.” Exodus 34:28

“When Moses returned to the camp, his attendant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.” Exodus 33:11b

There’s something about extended periods in God’s presence that catapults a person into a new level of depth in Him. When Moses spent 40 days and nights on the mountain, he received direct instructions from the Lord and his face physically changed. Whenever the Lord would speak to Moses in the tent of meeting, Joshua his assistant would remain behind in the tent, probably seeking God for himself. This is why when it was time to appoint a successor the Lord picked Joshua. Even Jesus during his earthly ministry invested significant amounts of time in prayer and fellowship with God. That’s what enabled him to function effectively while here on earth.

There will be times in our walk with God where we will need to make an investment in time spent with Him separate from whatever we may have been doing daily. For example if you’ve been spending 15mins a day with God, create time in your schedule to spend an hour maybe once a week. And as you are consistent with this, the Holy Spirit will begin to help you extend the amount of time spent in God’s presence. As you do this, the Holy Spirit’s character begins to rub off on you and transform you to become more like Jesus.

**Prayer:** Lord I am tired of remaining at his level with you. Help me hunger for your presence and pay the price necessary to spend dedicated time in your presence so you can do a deep work in me and bring me to the place of deep and intimate knowledge of who you are.

## Day 6 Death to Self

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.” Matthew 16:24

What does death to self mean? It's letting go of our personal agenda so that the Lord can fill us with His plans and purposes. It's letting go of our sinful nature so that we can take on the nature of Christ. As we genuinely cry out for a heart devoted to Him, the Holy Spirit begins to mould us and form us into the image of Christ. But the extent to which we surrender totally is the extent to which we can be moulded.

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.” Galatians 5:24

“O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand.” Jeremiah 18:6

“He will sit like a refiner of silver, burning away the dross. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold and silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the Lord.” Malachi 3:3

There are two participants in our walk with God, there's a role we play and there's a role God plays. When we get to the point of desiring a consistent walk with God, we start becoming more malleable in His hands as He begins to refine us. The process of refinement may not be pleasant to us, but it's a critical part of developing a heart and life that are surrendered to God. We become more willing to release the things in us that aren't in line with God's character and actively participate with Him in the process. For example if God is working out patience in us, He may initiate a process to ensure that we start exercising patience by bringing situations that may otherwise cause us to be irritable or impatient. But as we allow Him to work in us we find ourselves growing more and more patient.

“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.” Deuteronomy 6:5

When we say we want a heart that is devoted to God, it means we are willing to have God be the primary and focal point of our lives and we are ready to live a life that is under the government of the Holy Spirit. It also means we are ready to live in a manner that pleases God and not ourselves. It's a journey and we won't get there in one day, the same way a baby doesn't become an adult over-night. However, the critical thing is that we continue to grow and develop in the knowledge and character of God.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I know this journey is a marathon not a sprint. I ask that you sustain me through this race. Help me to keep my heart soft towards you and open to your processes as you refine and draw out your character in me.





## Day 7 Accountability

'Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.'  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Our walk with God is a personal one, but at every stage of the journey He puts specific people in our lives during that stage of the journey to hold us accountable. These people are on the same journey we're on and are typically in two groups. One group has those who have gone further than we have so they're better able to guide us along the way. The other group includes those who are at similar stages as us so we can encourage one another as we continuously improve. The same company may remain throughout our journey or may change as we mature in the things of God.

'Uzziah sought God during the days of Zechariah, who taught him to fear God. And as long as the king sought guidance from the Lord, God gave him success.' 2 Chronicles 26:5

King Uzziah was one of the most powerful kings in Judah and the Bible tells us that he feared God as long as Zechariah was alive, however after Zechariah died, Uzziah didn't make himself accountable to anyone and ended very badly. King David also had access to mentors in prophets Samuel and Nathan and made himself accountable to them throughout his reign. Neither was perfect, but we see the role and impact of godly mentorship in their lives.

'After Peter and John were released, they returned to their own [people] and reported everything that the chief priests and elders had said to them... So now, Lord, listen to their threats to harm us. Empower us, as your servants, to speak the word of God freely and courageously.' Acts 4:23, 29

After Peter and John had been released from custody, they went back to their group of believers and they all jointly prayed – not that God should spare them from harm, but that they should be empowered to proclaim His word even more. If they had not gone back to their company, it's possible that fear and discouragement would have set in. But each of the believers supported, encouraged and prayed for each other so All would be strengthened. No matter what stage you are in your walk with God, you need to have your own company.

**Prayer:** Lord you know where you plan for me to be. At each stage in my life place the right godly mentors and peers who will encourage, admonish and sharpen me for all you have created me for.

## Day 8 Obedience

“Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you.” Matthew 28:20a

A heart devoted to God is a heart of obedience. Obedience to God is not a buffet where we pick and choose which instructions to obey, expecting God to understand. Half obedience is still disobedience. Should God in His mercy choose to overlook our disobedience, we will greatly limit what He can do with and in us if we are inconsistent in obedience.

“But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:22 NLT

“And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him... the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He will delight in obeying the Lord.” Isaiah 11:2b-3a

We need to be intentional about doing the will of God and the decisions of our hearts. Beyond our intentions, we need the help of the Holy Spirit as He puts the fear of the Lord in our hearts which brings about holiness and obedience. When the spirit of the fear of the Lord is active in our lives, it makes us desire to obey God and causes us to check our every step and motive. We begin to pay attention to everything the Lord says, as we realise there's no small instruction.

“bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” II Corinthians 10:5b

It's also important to understand that we don't have to entertain every thought that enters our minds. As we begin to walk in obedience, we will realise the need to put our thoughts in check because everything first begins as a thought before it becomes an action. We will learn by the help of the Holy Spirit to start taking charge of our thoughts and bringing everything into the obedience of Christ.

**Prayer:** Lord please give me a heart of obedience to you.

## Day 9 Assignment

“You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully planted you, so that you would go and bear fruit and keep on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative] He may give to you.” John 15:16

One of the things that keeps our heart devoted to God is understanding that we have an assignment. No believer exists for no reason, everyone has a God given assignment attached to their lives. The only challenge is that we often don't ask Him what it is or spend enough time with Him to get the answer. When we pursue God for who He is, He begins to show us who we are in Him and our specific role in expanding His kingdom here on earth.

“There shall be no end to the increase of His government and of peace” Isaiah 9:7a

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations” Matthew 28:19a

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

As representatives of Jesus, we are to work hand in hand with the Holy Spirit to drive the expansion of the kingdom here on earth. As we draw nearer to Jesus and we receive the template for our assignment, we will very quickly realise that it would be impossible to achieve anything without His help. As we acknowledge our limitations and dependence on Him, we draw closer and closer to Him.

We also realise that as the kingdom expands, every season God does something specific. So we need to be alert to what He's saying and doing at any point in time, not relying alone on what He may have told us in the past. Our question should always be, Lord what are you saying now?

**Prayer:** Lord reveal to me my assignment in this season. Reveal to me my place in your kingdom

## Day 10 Revelation

“[I always pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may grant you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation [that gives you a deep and personal and intimate insight] into the true knowledge of Him [for we know the Father through the Son].” Ephesians 1:17

Imagine having a dear friend you know very well, love deeply and enjoy spending time with. Staying in touch with such a friend becomes second nature to you so you don't have to be prompted, cajoled or forced to spend time with that person. That's how our relationship with God should be. One of the reasons we don't have a heart devoted to the Lord is that we don't really know Him as we should.

When we receive revelation of who God is, our hearts will be turned to Him, because it is impossible to know God and not love Him. Note that the key is knowing Him, not knowing of, or reading about Him. There's a real opportunity for us to know the Lord intimately for ourselves, provided we are willing to pay the price.

“And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.” Deuteronomy 4:29b

“Truly, You are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, Savior!” Isaiah 45:15

“Then it pleased him to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles” Galatians 1:15b-16a

Knowing God isn't an intellectual or emotional feat, it's something that can only be received by revelation when we start looking for God to know who He is. The Holy Spirit opens up our spiritual understanding and starts showing us the truth of God's character, principles and purposes. Who is this revelation available to? Anyone hungry enough for more of God, anyone who says to him/herself that they want to explore the true riches available in God. Anyone willing to pay the price in the place of prayer, study and obedience.

**Prayer:** Lord, fill me with the spirit of wisdom and of revelation that I may have a deep, personal and intimate insight into the true knowledge of You. Holy Spirit please flood the eyes of my with light so that I will know and cherish the hope to which He has called me, the riches of His glorious inheritance in me.

## Day 11

### Depth

'For to me, to live is Christ [He is my source of joy, my reason to live] and to die is gain [for I will be with Him in eternity].' Philippians 1:21

One of the things that comes with a devoted heart is that Jesus becomes our joy, our hope and reason to live. We will no longer be under pressure because of what is happening around us. If we stay on the journey, like Paul we will get to the point where Jesus becomes our very reason for living and being.

'Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.' James 4:8

This certainly will not happen overnight, but the Bible encourages us not to give up. As we draw nearer to God daily, He also draws us closer and makes us more like Him. He puts a longing in our hearts for even more of Him so we can never really get tired of getting close to Him. If at any point you find yourself getting tired of anything that has to do with God, it's time for a spiritual health check.

'Measuring as he went, he took me along the stream for 1,750 feet and then led me across. The water was up to my ankles. ... This time the water was up to my knees... it was up to my waist... the river was too deep to walk across. It was deep enough to swim in, but too deep to walk through.' Ezekiel 47:3-5 (abridged)

Our walk with God is meant to go from depth to depth, not become stagnant or move backwards from depth to shallowness. As we allow the Holy Spirit to keep moving in us, we will get to the point where the river (representing the Holy Spirit) totally takes over our lives. He determines our desires, thoughts, actions even as He makes His incredible power available to us so we can represent Jesus effectively.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus let me move from a shallow walk to deeper depths in you. Let me never be satisfied with where I am and help me to keep pressing in for deeper depths and greater revelations of You.

## Day 12 Appetite

“I long to drink of you, O God, drinking deeply from the streams of pleasure flowing from your presence. My longings overwhelm me for more of you! My soul thirsts, pants, and longs for the living God. I want to come and see the face of God.” Psalms 42:1-2 TPT

One of the things that motivates us to have a heart devoted to God is the guaranteed joy of being in His presence and the added benefit of being transformed and our lives perfected by Him. But we will only give ourselves time in His presence if we really desire it. There needs to be a hunger in us for Jesus.

“But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.” Psalms 1:2

Spending time meditating on God’s word helps create a hunger for more of Him. What is meditation on the word? It’s taking a portion of scripture (a verse or two) and thinking deeply about it. It will involve engaging the Holy Spirit, asking Him to teach you and reveal to you the true meaning of the scripture and making it a reality to you.

“O God, we meditate on your unfailing love as we worship in your Temple.” Psalms 48:9

Spending time meditating on God’s character fills us with awe of the one we’re thinking about. Spending time through the day focusing on His awesomeness, power and majesty and the fact that this mighty God wants us to spend time with Him helps us realize how much we need Him and what treasures are available in Him.

‘This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall read [and meditate on] it day and night, so that you may be careful to do [everything] in accordance with all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will be successful.’ Joshua 1:8

The Lord is not a wicked taskmaster. As we spend time meditating on His word and in prayer our discernment becomes more sharpened and we are better able to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as He guides us on successful paths.

**Prayer:** Lord, give me the appetite to meditate on your word and your character. Put a hunger for you in my heart.

## Day 13 Sight

'Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!' Psalms 34:8

There are two steps for us in this scripture: taste and see. Oftentimes we stop at the stage of tasting – we have some form of experience or encounter of God, either firsthand or in a corporate setting. But the Bible makes it apparent to us that we shouldn't just taste, we must also see. What we see will determine how far we go.

'I counsel you to buy from me ... salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.' Revelation 3:1

When Isaiah saw the Lord in Isaiah chapter 6, he realized just how unclean he was and his entire ministry changed from then on. When the Jesus was talking to the Laodicean church, part of His counsel was for them to buy eye salve from Him so they could see. Were they a church of blind people? In the natural no, but spiritually speaking yes. They didn't see the need to be devoted to God and so were lukewarm in their heart's posture. If we can't see clearly, we will take wrong steps and make wrong decisions, we won't place priority on the things that are really important.

'As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"' Luke 18:35,38

Bartimaeus was blind in the natural, but his spirit was alert to the fact that there was something different about Jesus and so he persistently called out Him to for deliverance and in return received his sight. What you see of Jesus determines how desperate you will be for Him.

'The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.' 2 Corinthians 4:4

There is an enemy who doesn't want you to see the glory of Christ because he understands that it will damage him and his kingdom. However Jesus already made it clear to us that He's more than able and ready to open our spiritual eyes. The onus is on us to cry out to Him.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, remove every form of blindness in my life that I may see you and know you.

## Day 14 Service

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' Mark 12:30

When you love someone, what matters to them matters to you. The work of the kingdom is important to Jesus and by extension it will be important to those who love Him. He has made many strengths/gifts available to us so He doesn't expect that we will be idle. However there's a very important caveat here – the Lord isn't as interested in the results of the work as the motive for the work. Is the goal to please Him or to display oneself?

'Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' Matthew 7:22-23

This scripture tells us that there are many who may prophesy, perform miracles and do many other seemingly great things in the name of Jesus without actually having a relationship with Him. Jesus is more interested in the heart condition of the person doing the work than the work itself. We should not get more consumed with working for the Lord than walking with the Lord. He is the one that equips us to fulfil the kingdom mandate in the way that pleases Him.

'To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.' Matthew 25:29

We're all gifted in some way, so we must ask ourselves in what way we are using our gifts for the expansion of the kingdom. This doesn't necessarily mean working in Church but shining your light in a manner that gives God glory. We all without exception have a part to play.

**Prayer:** Lord help me be a productive contributor to your kingdom agenda.





## Day 15 Reciprocity

'And I give them eternal life, and they will never, ever [by any means] perish; and no one will ever snatch them out of My hand.' John 10:28

As Jesus is asking us to be devoted to us, He takes the lead by being devoted to us first. He is faithful to keep all who are committed to Him and assures us that no one will ever snatch us from His hand. This tells us how much attention He gives to the things that concern us and how close He's willing to keep us to Him.

'See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands.' Isaiah 49:16a

'The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.' Psalms 32:8

Jesus always keeps His promises and His part of the covenant we have with Him. He is always thinking about us and has also given us the gift of the Holy Spirit to lead us along life's pathways so that we are equipped to stay on the course of being devoted to Him come what may. Jesus is always constant, the only variable in the relationship is us. He's guaranteed us that as long as we choose to stay with Him, He will never let us go. This is a choice we need to make daily.

'God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.' 1 Corinthians 1:9

'Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.' Hebrews 10:23

God will always do His part we can rest in that assurance. He also equips us with the Holy Spirit to help us do our part. He is faithful, let's trust in Him always.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, thank you for being faithful to me and guaranteeing me to keep all the promises you've made to me. Please help me to be faithful to you also.



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