

Day 1

Marty

Read

Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others." - Romans 12:5b (NLT)

Think

When we trust in Jesus, we are made right with God, and become part of the family of God - the church. Because we are all one church and one church in Christ, we belong to each other, and we need one another. In order to grow, change and experience God's best for our life, we need one another. This means we experience God's best, and our life changes when we are in meaningful relationships with others. We grow faster together!

Reflect

Community is like a compass: it helps us keep our true north when difficulties, temptations and circumstances outside our control throw us off course.

How have you experienced God's best because of your relationship with others?

How have you experienced life change because of your relationship with others?

Will you take your next step toward community with others?

Pray

God, thank you for making me right with you because of Jesus sacrifice for me. Thank you for placing me in your family, and giving me a place to belong. I know I need other people. Help me when I am tempted to isolate and push others away. Help me take my next step toward community with others. In Jesus name, Amen.

Day 2

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Read

Proverbs 22:24-25

24 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person,
do not associate with one easily angered,
25 or you may learn their ways
and get yourself ensnared.

Think

What a time to be alive huh? In an age of social media, it seems like EVERYONE is “hot-tempered”, and everyone has to have the latest hot take. My problem with this is that you don’t get retweets or likes when you have a “hot take” that’s uplifting. The truth of the matter is that social media breeds anger, and breeds negativity. I’m not pointing fingers at anyone other than myself, so maybe this scripture just speaks to me. But, I’m guessing we all have faced the temptation to read the instagram arguments, or watch the twitter beef happen just for the sake of entertainment. Scripture makes it super clear that what we’re filling our minds with will be what we become. Be careful for what you let yourself consume on social media, or as v 25 says “you may learn *their ways*”.

Reflect

Take control of your phone, don’t let it control you. Be super mindful today about how much you let yourself read easily angered posts. Try and respond in the opposite way, by reaching out to someone that you haven’t talked to in a while, and encourage them. Go against the grain of society, and spread peace, rather than division.

Pray

Lord,

I thank you today for giving me life, and sending your son to save me. I ask that today you would give me wisdom to pursue peace, rather than descension, help me bring unity rather than division, and give me self control to not get ensnared in the destruction that anger can bring.

AMEN

Day 3

Chrissy

Read

Isaiah 40:28- 31

28 The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of all the earth.

He never grows weak or weary.

No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

29 He gives power to the weak
and strength to the powerless.

30 Even youths will become weak and tired,
and young men will fall in exhaustion.

31 But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

Think

Are you feeling worn down, tired, weak and powerless? In this season when there is just one hit after another in our life we feel like throwing our hands up in the air and giving up. It's just too hard. We have forgotten that our Jesus didn't give up his life so we can try hard to walk this life alone. He gave up his life so we can be powerless and trust in his power.

Reflect

God never grows tired of caring for us. Have you ever felt like you've asked for too much help from a teacher, parent or friend? I have. God never grows tired of loving us and

leading us. God is the one who gives strength to us when we are weak. He takes care of us so we can take care of others. It's His greatest joy and mission that we would live fully dependent on him.

Pray

God I cry out to you in my tiredness, my loneliness, my weakness and ask that you would carry me. I am not strong enough, this life lately has been hard. I lean on you, strengthen me so that I can lead others to you for strength. Amen.