



# ONE MORE:

## 21 DAY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

### FASTING AND PRAYER FOCUS

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## ONE MORE MOMENT IN THE PRESENCE

### Getting the Most Out of This Devotional Journey

This devotion and reflection guide is designed to help you grow spiritually by slowing down and spending one more moment in the presence of God each day.

As we seek the Lord together in prayer, we're asking Him to open new doors for us to impact our community for His glory. At the end of the devotional, you will see a template to prepare your testimony and a way to think about who God has in your life that you can impact with the Gospel. Just being in this booklet shows your desire to grow in Christ.

We believe God has given us a simple and powerful pattern for spiritual growth, found in Acts 2:46–47, to consider as you think about next steps in your walk with Christ.

“Day by day they continued meeting together in the temple courts (**gather**). They broke bread in their homes (**group**). They received their food with glad and generous hearts (**give**). They praised God and had favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved (**go**).”

These four rhythms: Gather, Group, Give, and Go, form what we call the Acts 2 Flywheel. They aren't a program but a pattern of obedience that keeps us spiritually healthy and growing in Christ.

Gather – Worship weekly with God's people.

Group – Walk with others in biblical community.

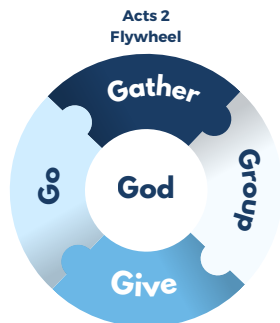
Give – Live open handed, meeting needs and fueling the mission.

Go – Share Jesus and live sent where you are.

Each rhythm strengthens the next, building momentum as we walk with God. As you move through these 21 days, take time to listen, pray, and consider what your next step might be in growing closer to Christ.

At 10:02 each day, pause to pray as Jesus said in Luke 10:2.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Then go and be part of the answer to the prayer.



## ONE MORE MOMENT IN THE PRESENCE

### Getting the Most Out of This Devotional Journey

As we begin this 21-day journey of prayer and devotion, we encourage you also to consider fasting and praying in this season for our church.

#### WHY FAST?

Fasting is one of the most misunderstood and overlooked practices in the Christian life. It isn't about proving our spirituality or earning God's favor. It's about wanting God more.

Fasting is the intentional choice to set aside physical nourishment to focus on spiritual nourishment. It creates space to seek Him, hear His voice, and depend on Him fully.

In Scripture, God's people fasted to seek His direction (Acts 13:2-3), to prepare for His work (Acts 14:23), to return to Him in repentance (Joel 2:12), and to humble themselves before His power (Ezra 8:21).

**When we fast, we are simply saying:  
"God, I need You more than anything else."**

#### HOW TO BEGIN

##### 1. Start Small

Choose one meal, one day, or one type of food to set aside. Replace that time with prayer, Scripture, or worship. Maybe you've fasted before and feel led to do a three-day fast or something different this time, but my hope is that everyone will take part in some way.

##### 2. Be Specific

Fasting is not about skipping meals, it's about seeking God. Ask:

- What am I praying for?
- Where do I need His direction or help?
- What breakthrough am I asking Him to bring?

##### 3. Fast in Community

Fasting is not only personal. In Scripture, God's people often fasted together. Invite a friend, family member, or group to join you. Pray for one another as you seek the Lord.

#### 4. Choose Your Fast

- Complete Fast: Water only for a meal, day, or defined time.
- Partial Fast: Limit or avoid certain foods, like Daniel's fast (fruits, vegetables, and water).
- Selective Fast: Give up specific indulgences such as sweets or caffeine.
- Media/Activity Fast: Step away from distractions like TV, social media, or gaming to focus on prayer and Scripture.

#### 5. Prepare Your Heart

Confess sin, forgive others, and set your mind on God's Word. Remember, fasting is about drawing near to Him, not about following rules.

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### A FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

You don't need a perfect plan, just a willing heart.

1. Pick a day.
2. Choose a meal.
3. Write down what you're praying for.
4. Invite someone to join you.
5. Seek God.

Fasting and prayer help us linger longer, listen deeper, and love more fully. May this season be one where we hunger for the presence and power of God in our lives.

For a deeper look at fasting and prayer, scan the QR Code below or visit <https://www.cowee.church/blog/when-you-fast>.



## WEEK 1 - ONE MORE SERVANT

This week, take time to pray and fast as the Lord leads. Ask Him to prepare your heart to serve with humility and courage.

### 11/17 Day 1 - Established in His Presence

**Read:** Exodus 33:7-11

Before Joshua ever led Israel into battle, he learned how to linger. Exodus 33 paints one of the most intimate pictures of God's presence in all of Scripture. Moses would leave the camp and pitch a tent outside, a place set apart to meet with God. The Lord spoke with him face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his young assistant Joshua remained behind. He lingered in the presence of God.

Joshua didn't stay because he had to. He stayed because he wanted to. He wasn't trying to get something from God; he simply wanted to be with Him. Before Joshua became a warrior or a leader, he was a worshiper. He learned that courage and clarity come not from striving, but from stillness.

This devotional guide is a place for us to pause and linger like Joshua. When I read Exodus 33, my heart stirs with a deep desire that we, too, would long for His presence and linger there. Out of that time, we will be prepared for whatever work He calls us to.

We live in a world that rarely slows down. The noise never stops, and our minds stay crowded with what is next. And yet, God still calls us to step away from the camp and meet with Him. He invites us to the quiet place, not to check a box, but to be renewed by His presence. Every great move of God begins with His people drawing near to Him. Take time today to open His Word, pray, and listen. Ask God to stir your heart with a hunger for more of Him. Linger long enough for His peace to quiet your thoughts. Time with Him is never wasted; it is the most important part of every day.

#### **Reflect:**

- What keeps you from spending unhurried time with God?
- How can you build a rhythm of lingering this week?

**Pray:** Father, draw me close and help me rest in Your presence.

#### **Notes:**

**Read:** Joshua 1:1-9

Moses is gone, but God's mission keeps moving. His plan does not stop when one season ends. When God called Joshua to lead, He was showing that His work always goes forward through servants who trust Him.

Joshua had seen what it looked like to walk with God. He lingered near the tent of meeting and learned to listen. Now he stood on the edge of the Jordan with a huge task ahead. God told him, "Be strong and courageous."

That strength did not come from Joshua's ability. It came from God's presence and His Word. God told Joshua to keep His Word close— to meditate on it day and night. Thinking deeply on Scripture helps us remember who God is and what He has promised. When we fill our minds with His Word, it shapes our steps and strengthens our faith.

Deuteronomy says that the Lord goes before His people and will not fail or forsake them (Deuteronomy 31:8). Hebrews reminds us of that same truth: "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

God's presence gives courage. His Word gives direction. His faithfulness gives hope. When we serve, we do not stand alone.

**Reflect:**

- Where do you need courage to obey God's call?
- How does His presence strengthen you today?
- What truth from God's Word do you need to meditate on today?

**Pray:** Lord, help me to be strong and courageous in Your presence.

**Notes:**

**Read:** Joshua 1:7-8, Psalm 1:1-3

When God called Joshua to lead His people, He didn't give him a detailed plan for every battle, and He didn't tell him to figure it out on his own. He gave him His Word. God said, "Be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left." And He promised to be with Joshua. (Joshua 1:7)

Joshua didn't have a Bible like we do today. He had the law of Moses, the written record of God's commands and promises. But even that was enough to guide his life and strengthen his faith. God told him to speak it often, to think about it constantly, and to obey it completely. The Lord knew that Joshua's courage would come from knowing His voice and trusting His truth. Our courage comes from the same place.

Meditating on God's Word means more than reading it once and moving on. It means letting it stay with you all day. It means turning it over in your heart, praying it back to God, and letting it shape the way you live. Psalm 1 says that, "the person who delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night is like a tree planted by streams of water; rooted, steady, and full of life" (vv. 2-3).

Joshua learned that success was not about strength or talent— it was about surrender. The same is true for us. When we read the Bible, we are not just learning information; we are meeting with the living God who speaks through His Word. As you read today, slow down and listen. Ask God to help His truth take root in your heart so that His Word will guide your steps in every part of life.

**Reflect:**

- What Scripture is God using to encourage you right now?
- How could you keep His Word before you this week?

**Pray:** Lord, help me hide Your Word in my heart and live it out.

**Notes:**

### **Read:** Acts 6:1-7

The early church was growing fast. New believers were coming to Christ every day and the Spirit of God was moving. But with growth came new challenges. Some widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution, and tension began to build. What could have caused division, became a moment for God to display His power through His people.

The apostles did not ignore the problem. They did not take it personally; they took it prayerfully. They prayed, listened, and led the church to raise up seven faithful men, servants full of the Spirit and wisdom, who would help meet the need. These men were not chosen for influence or status but for character and surrender. Through their obedience, God brought unity to the church and advanced the gospel.

Acts 6 shows us that Spirit-filled servants meet needs and maintain unity, while Scripture-fed shepherds devote themselves to prayer and the Word. Together, this combination brings growth. Verse 7 says, "The word of God kept on spreading." What started as a potential division turned into a picture of God's design, ordinary people empowered by His Spirit, working together for His mission.

God is still calling His people to that same kind of service today. When we step in to serve, we strengthen the body and make room for the gospel to move. Every act of service, big or small, is part of how God reaches one more person with His love.

### **Reflect:**

- Where is God calling you to serve as part of the body of believers here at Cowee? If you have not joined a team in using your gifts, there is a place for you and together we are better! Reach out to a staff member today.
- How could your obedience bless others this week?

**Pray:** Holy Spirit, empower me to serve faithfully and joyfully.

### **Notes:**



### **Read:** Joshua 3:5

Before the people crossed the Jordan, Joshua said, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.” It was a call to prepare their hearts before they stepped forward. Before they could see God’s power, they needed to pursue His presence.

Consecration means being set apart for God’s purposes. For Israel, it involved washing, repentance, and renewed devotion. For us, it means pursuing holiness and laying aside anything that keeps us from walking closely with the Lord. God still calls His people to be clean vessels through whom He can work, and to recognize that we are created to bring Him glory. As His people, we are set apart for His work.

Joshua did not say, “Get ready because you will do wonders.” He said, “Get ready because God will.” Our part is obedience. We trust God to do the work. When we respond with faith and purity, He moves in ways that only He can.

What God does through us always flows out of what He is doing in us. If we want to see God move in our homes, our church, and our community, it begins with hearts that are clean and surrendered before Him.

Purity in our private lives results in power in our public lives.

### **Reflect:**

- What step of obedience is God asking you to take?
- What might you need to lay down to follow Him fully?

**Pray:** Lord, set me apart for Your purposes and prepare my heart. Help me pursue holiness, and lay down anything that is hindering me from the work you desire to accomplish through me.

### **Notes:**

**Read:** Joshua 2:15-21; Matthew 28:18-20

Rahab tied the scarlet cord, believing God would save her family. Her act of faith was not only about her own rescue, but also about the people she loved. She trusted that the God who delivered Israel could deliver her too. Grace does not stop with us. It moves through us to reach others who need the hope of salvation.

When Rahab believed, she immediately thought of her family. She wanted everyone she cared about inside the safety of the house marked by the scarlet cord. In the same way, when we experience God’s grace, He calls us to share it. The Gospel is meant to flow through us to those still outside His family.

Jesus said, “Go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). That means we each have a part in His mission. God has placed people around you such as family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors who need to hear about His love. Write their names. Pray for them. Look for opportunities to show kindness and speak the hope of Christ.

Visit [www.cowee.church/sharingjesus](http://www.cowee.church/sharingjesus) for simple tools to help you begin. You can also use the OIKOS Map and testimony guides at the end of this devotional to help you identify and reach those in your circle.

**Reflect:**

- Who is your 'one more' that you are praying for?
- What step could you take this week to share Christ with them?

**Pray:** Lord, give me boldness to share the gospel. Draw one more to Yourself through my witness.

Write the name of your One More: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

## 11/23 Day 7 - Reflection

**Read:** Psalm 46:10

Pause and remember that God is faithful. Take a deep breath and rest in His presence. This week has been a journey of learning to slow down, to linger with the Lord, and to trust that His presence is enough. You have reflected on Joshua's call to courage, Moses meeting with God in the tent and Joshua lingering there, the early church serving together in unity, and Rahab's story of redemption and faith.

God has been reminding us that obedience begins with time in His presence. The courage to lead, the strength to serve, and the love to reach one more all flow from the time we spend with Him. The Spirit of God takes the Word of God and shapes the people of God to fulfill the mission of God.

As you think back over the last several days, remember the moments when His Word came alive. Maybe there was a time of stillness that refreshed your heart. Maybe you saw a small act of obedience become a blessing for someone else. Maybe you began to pray for a person who needs the hope of Christ. All of those are signs of His grace at work in you.

Let this day be a pause to worship, to breathe, and to give thanks. God is not finished. He is preparing you for what is next. His faithfulness yesterday is the foundation for your faith tomorrow.

### **Reflect:**

- Where did you see God at work this week?
- What is one thing you're grateful for?

**Pray:** Father, thank You for Your faithfulness. Help me rest and rejoice in You.

### **Notes:**

## WEEK 2 - ONE MORE STEP

Pray and fast this week as God leads. Ask Him to show you the next step of faith and courage to take in obedience.

Like Israel at the Jordan, God calls us to trust Him even when we cannot see the outcome. Listen for His voice, follow His presence, and take one more step in faith.

**Set an alarm for 10:02 each day to pray that God would send laborers into the harvest, and ask Him to use you as one of them.**

### 11/24 Day 8 - Trust God's Presence

**Read:** Joshua 3:1-6

The Ark of the Covenant was a visible reminder that God Himself was leading His people. When Joshua gave the command to move out toward the Jordan, the priests carried the Ark ahead of the people. The message was clear: do not move until the presence of God moves first.

When we face seasons of uncertainty, this truth still holds. We do not have to know every detail of the path ahead. God goes before us. His presence lights the way, and His Word keeps our steps steady. He does not call us to figure everything out, but to follow Him in faith.

Keep your eyes on Him. Listen for His voice. Rest in the confidence that the same God who led His people through the wilderness still leads His children today.

**Reflect:**

- Where do you need to trust God's leading today?
- How can you keep your eyes on His presence?

**Pray:** Lord, when I can't see the way, help me follow Your presence in faith.

**Notes:**

**Read:** Joshua 3:13-17

The priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant stepped into the Jordan while the river was still overflowing its banks. The current was strong and the water was deep, but God told them to move forward. The waters did not stop first. They stepped first. When their feet touched the water, God stopped the flow miles upstream and made a dry path for His people to cross.

That is how faith works. God calls us to trust Him enough to move before we see the result. He does not always show the full plan in advance. Sometimes He just shows the next step. The same God who parted the Jordan still calls His people to walk in obedience today. He asks us to believe His promise, to take action, and to trust that He will do what only He can do.

Maybe your next step is to forgive someone, to serve where you are needed, to share your faith, or to start again after failure.

Whatever it is, take the next step in faith. God is already working upstream in ways you cannot yet see.

**Reflect:**

- Where is God calling you to take a step before seeing?
- How can you encourage someone else to step in faith?

**Pray:** God, give me faith to move at your command even when the outcome is unseen.

**Notes:**

### **Read:** Romans 12:1-2

Paul calls believers to present their lives as living sacrifices— holy and pleasing to God. This is not a one-time decision but a daily choice to surrender. To follow Jesus is to live with open hands, saying, “Lord, my life belongs to You.”

Earlier in this devotional journey, we talked about lingering in the presence of God. We talked about consecrating ourselves. That rhythm continues here. The world constantly competes for our attention, and if we are not intentional, noise and hurry will drown out the still voice of the Lord. Renewal happens when we pause to listen again and let His Word shape our hearts.

To be “transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:2) means allowing God to realign your thoughts, values, and desires with His truth. It is letting His Word change how you see the world, how you respond to challenges, and how you love people around you.

As we read God’s Word, we come to know the truth. This allows us to recognize the lies of the enemy, replace them with the truth of Scripture, and repeat the process as God continually renews our minds. Over time, it produces a life that looks more and more like Jesus.

As you walk through this week, remember that God is not calling you to perfection, but to surrender. A surrendered heart is where His power flows.

### **Reflect:**

- What area of your life needs renewed surrender?
- How can you live entirely devoted to God this week?

**Pray:** Confess sin and pray... “Lord, cleanse my heart and set me apart for Your glory”.

### **Notes:**

**Read:** Exodus 14:13-16; Joshua 3:14-17, James 1:2-4

When God brought His people out of Egypt, they stood trapped between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army. Moses told them, "Do not fear. Stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord" (Exodus 14:13). Then, God parted the waters before them. Sometimes God works that way. Other times, like at the Jordan, He calls us to step first and trust that He will make the way. Either way, His presence goes before us.

James reminds us that when we face trials, we can "consider it all joy," knowing that God uses these moments to grow our faith. His work is not always immediate or visible, but it is always good.

This Thanksgiving, take time to thank Him not only for what He has done, but for who He is. Even when the waters do not part right away, His heart is steady and His promises are sure. Gratitude grows when we remember His faithfulness and trust His plan.

**Reflect:**

- Where have you seen God's faithfulness when you trusted Him, even through a hard time?
- How could you testify to His work this week?
- Where can gratitude replace worry in your life today?

**Pray:** Father, thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness. Teach me to trust Your heart, walk by faith, and give thanks in all things.

Use the notes section to make a list of things you are thankful for this special day.

**Notes:**

**Read:** Joshua 4:1-7

After the Israelites crossed the Jordan, God told Joshua to have twelve men take stones from the riverbed and set them up as a memorial. Each stone was a reminder of God's power and faithfulness. When their children would ask, "What do these stones mean?" they could point and say, "This is where the Lord showed His strength. This is where He was faithful."

Remembering strengthens faith for the future. God knows how easily we forget His goodness. That is why He calls us to remember. When we look back, we see His fingerprints on our story, His provision in times of need, His peace in moments of fear, and His grace in our weakness.

When I think of these memorials of God's faithfulness, it is often in a trial or a hard moment where God has sustained me. When Sherry and I had a car wreck early after we started dating, it was a difficult time, but we can look back and see how God was faithful and how He used it for good. Those moments remind us that He is present and working even when we cannot see how.

Take time today to think about your own memorial stones. Where has God met you, carried you, or worked through pain for His glory? Remember His wonders and tell His story because others need to hear that the Lord is faithful.

**Reflect:**

- What are your memorial stones, those moments when God has blessed or strengthened you?
- How can you tell His story to others?

**Pray:** Lord, help me remember and tell of Your faithfulness.

**Notes:**



**Read:** Isaiah 54:2-3

God called His people to enlarge their tents, stretch out their cords, and strengthen their stakes. It was not a call to comfort but to courage. God was preparing them to believe Him for more and to take new ground for His glory.

In 1792, a young pastor and cobbler named William Carey preached from this passage and said, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." His words stirred a movement that carried the gospel across the world. Carey believed that ordinary people, when surrendered to God, could be used in extraordinary ways.

That same call reaches us today. God invites us to believe that He is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine. Faith looks beyond what is safe or familiar and trusts the power and presence of God. Every step of obedience creates space for His glory to be revealed.

Maybe God is calling you to speak to someone about Christ, to serve in a new place, or to give in a way that stretches your faith. Whatever it is, expect Him to work through your obedience. Faith that expects great things always acts in trust.

Believe. Act. God moves.

**Reflect:**

- Where might God be calling you to take a step of faith for His glory?
- How can you live on mission with greater courage this week?

**Pray:** God, expand my faith to believe for more of Your glory.

**Notes:**

**Read:** Psalm 37:5-7

Faith moves and trusts God with the outcome. To walk by faith means believing His promises and trusting His timing. There are moments when He calls us to take a step forward and others when He calls us to be still and wait. Both require faith. I see so often in my life that I am not good at waiting. We live in a world where things move fast, and we prefer instant results. I heard someone say we are the “microwave generation” and if we are honest, we don’t like waiting. As you reflect this week, know that God is working, even when we might not see it.

David reminds us that waiting is not wasted time. He says, “Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He will do it” (v. 5). Our responsibility is obedience. The outcome belongs to God. When life moves slower or differently than we expected, we can rest in knowing He sees what we cannot and always works for our good.

When we reflect on William Carey’s words, “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God,” we are reminded that faith involves both courage and patience. God calls us to share Christ with our neighbors and the nations, but only He brings the harvest. We obey, and we trust Him in the waiting.

So step forward in faith and trust God with the outcome. He is faithful. Believe, Act, Wait. God is faithful. Trust Him.

**Reflect:**

- What has God taught you through waiting?
- Where can you choose to rest in Him today?

**Pray:** Lord, help me trust Your timing and rest in Your faithfulness.

**Notes:**

## WEEK 3 - ONE MORE GENERATION

Fast and pray this week for the next generation. Ask God to use your life and generosity to reach those who come after you.

### 12/1 Day 15 - Prepare for the Future

**Read:** Joshua 5:1-15

Before Israel faced Jericho, God called them to pause. At Gilgal, He renewed His covenant with His people and reminded them that preparation comes before victory. The men were circumcised, the people rested, and they celebrated Passover. Only then did God move them forward.

Gilgal became the place of preparation. It was where God rolled away the reproach of Egypt and readied His people for the promises ahead. They had to remember who they were and whose they were. The same is true for us. God often does His deepest work in seasons of waiting and renewal. He wants us to remember our identity in Him, and to recognize who He is. He is in charge and we want to walk in his plan.

Spiritual preparation means setting apart time to seek the Lord, to confess sin, and to obey His Word. We cannot fight tomorrow's battles in yesterday's strength.

When Joshua encountered the Commander of the Lord's army, he realized the battle belonged to God. Victory begins in His presence. Obedience positions us for what He intends to do.

#### **Reflect:**

- What spiritual preparation might God be calling you to make?
- How can you encourage the next generation to prepare?

**Pray:** Lord, prepare my heart to walk in obedience and faith.

#### **Notes:**

### **Read:** Joshua 6:1-5

The walls of Jericho looked impossible. They were thick, towering, and built to keep people out. To Israel, they represented everything standing between them and the promise of God. Yet the battle for Jericho was never about military strength or human strategy. It was about trust.

God's instructions to Joshua seemed strange. March around the city in silence for six days. On the seventh day, march seven times, blow the trumpets, and shout. That was not a plan any commander would design, but God was showing His people that His ways are not our ways and His power does not depend on our understanding.

Faith obeys even when the plan makes no sense. It listens before it speaks. It steps forward before it sees the outcome. The people had to trust that God would do what only He could do. And He did. When they obeyed, the walls fell.

Nate Garrett, an evangelist who has served in our community through the years, is battling cancer. With every update he shares, he ends the same way: "God is good, all the time... no matter what." God's victory may not always look the way we expect. The walls may not fall in a day. The answer may come differently than we imagine. But faith reminds us that God's presence is still with us and His power has not changed. The same God who brought down Jericho's walls still brings victory today.

Our responsibility is obedience. The outcome belongs to Him. When we trust God with both the process and the results, we learn to rest in His character instead of striving in our own strength.

### **Reflect:**

- What walls in your life seem too high to fall?
- How can prayer become your first weapon this week?

**Pray:** God, I trust You to bring victory in Your way and time. Help me walk in obedience and give You glory in every outcome.

### **Notes:**

**Read:** Joshua 6:6-16

Israel moved together at the command of the Lord. The priests carried the ark. The people followed. No one ran ahead or dragged behind. Day after day they circled the city in silence, trusting that God would do what He said. Every step was an act of faith, every lap a reminder that they were in this together.

God's instructions may have seemed unusual, but His people obeyed together. The miracle of Jericho was not only that the walls fell, but that the people of God walked in unity before they did. Their obedience required patience, humility, and trust. They didn't argue about the plan or try to improve it. They simply listened and followed.

There is power in that kind of unity. When God's people move in step with one another and keep their eyes on Him, He works through their obedience. Division weakens our witness, but shared faith strengthens our mission. Cowee Baptist Church stands as a testimony of that same faithfulness. For almost two hundred years, God has worked through the unity, prayers, and generosity of His people to reach this community and beyond.

As we walk into this season of Generosity for Generations, may our hearts echo the same faith that marched around Jericho. Every step of obedience and every act of generosity is a declaration of trust that God will use our giving for His glory and the good of generations to come.

We stand on the sacrifice of generations before us.

We steward the blessing of generations among us.

We sow into generations after us.

### **Reflect:**

- How can you take part in God's work through unity and generosity?
- What would it look like to give joyfully, trusting that God will use it for His glory?

**Pray:** Lord, unite our church in joyful obedience. Use our generosity to tell the story of Your faithfulness for generations to come.

### **Notes:**

### **Read:** Joshua 24:14-15

Near the end of his life, Joshua gathered the people and reminded them of all God had done. He spoke of the deliverance from Egypt, the victories in the wilderness, and the blessings in the Promised Land. Then he challenged them to choose whom they would serve. With conviction, he declared, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (v.15). How much do we need to declare that among the people around us in this culture. Regardless of what others may choose, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua knew faith must be passed down to the next generation. True devotion to God begins in our individual lives; it starts in the home and overflows into every part of our lives. The way we lead, speak, and love shapes those who come after us. Our children and grandchildren are watching and whether we like it or not, more is caught than taught. I like to say, if it isn't working at home, it just isn't working at all. What would it look like to build a rhythm of discipleship into our homes that ripples for generations.

Men, like Joshua, we are called to set the spiritual direction of our homes. Our role is to be the thermostat, establishing the temperature and atmosphere of the environment around us. Remember, our legacy is not measured by what we own or accomplish, but by whom we serve. When we choose to follow the Lord wholeheartedly, everything changes. Will you choose this day who you will serve?

Like Joshua, may we decide today to serve the Lord and keep Him at the center of our lives and homes.

### **Reflect:**

- What legacy of faith do you want to leave?
- How can you model wholehearted devotion to Christ in this season?

**Pray:** God, help me lead my family in love and obedience to You.

### **Notes:**

### **Read:** Psalm 78:4-7

In 1828, the Lord led Reverend Humphrey Posey into the Cowee Valley where he saw fertile fields ready for cultivation. He planted here, and from his vision and the Lord's provision, this church was born. Nearly two hundred years later, we are the fruit of that faith and obedience, and God is still planting seeds for the future.

Psalm 78 reminds us to, "tell the coming generation of the work of the Lord so they will set their hope in Him." That is our mission. We remember God's faithfulness in the past, we trust Him in the present, and we invest in the future.

As we give, serve, and pray, we are joining a story that began long before us and will continue long after us. We are a moment on the mission. May we make the most of our moment.

God has been faithful through every generation of Cowee, and we believe He is still at work in us, giving us one more:

- one more step of obedience to take
- one more soul to be saved
- one more laborer equipped and sent
- one more generation reached

We stand on the sacrifice of generations before us.

We steward the blessing of generations among us.

We sow into generations after us.

As we look back, we see God's hand guiding us. As we look ahead, we trust His Spirit to lead us.

### **Reflect:**

- How can you use your time, talents, and treasures to impact the next generation?
- How might your obedience today prepare the way for others tomorrow?

**Pray:** Lord, make me generous with what You've entrusted to me.

### **Notes:**

**Read:** Joshua 7:10-13; 8:1-2

After the great victory at Jericho, Israel expected another easy win at Ai. Instead, they faced a humiliating defeat. The problem wasn't the enemy's strength but their own sin. Someone had taken what belonged to God, and hidden disobedience had broken fellowship with Him. Joshua fell before the Lord, overwhelmed and confused, but God's response was clear: "Get up. Consecrate the people" (*see Joshua 7:13*).

Before there could be victory again, there had to be repentance. The people dealt with their sin, and only then did the Lord say, "Do not fear or be dismayed... take all the people of war with you, and arise" (Joshua 8:1). God had not abandoned them. He was restoring them. The same God who exposed their failure now invited them to walk again in faith.

Every believer knows moments like this. We step out in confidence, only to stumble. We chase results instead of remaining dependent. Yet God, in His mercy, calls us to rise, confess, and return. The grace that saves us also sustains us. What was broken can be rebuilt when we return to Him in humility.

When Israel obeyed, God turned their place of defeat into a place of victory. Ai became a testimony of grace. God specializes in rewriting stories, using even our failures to form deeper faith.

**Reflect:**

- Where has God been inviting you to get up and begin again?
- How has He used past failure to draw you closer to His heart?

**Pray:** Lord, thank You for meeting me with mercy when I fall. Help me to rise in obedience, to trust Your forgiveness, and to walk forward in faith. Turn my failures into reminders of Your faithfulness.

**Notes:**



**Read:** Joshua 24:14-24; Judges 2:6-10

After Joshua's generation served the Lord faithfully, a tragic line follows: "There arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that He had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10). The people forgot what God had done, and their devotion faded.

Joshua's final words still echo: "Choose this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." He knew that faith must be more than a moment; it must be multiplied. What we pass down will shape the spiritual future of our homes, our church, and our community. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 are beautiful verses about generational impact and discipleship. God is calling faithful men to invest in teaching others who will do the same. It is beautiful what God is doing in the next generation in this season.

Let it not be said of us that another generation arose who did not know the Lord. Let us tell His stories, model His love, and live for His glory. Every act of obedience, every gift of generosity, every prayer of faith is an investment in those who will come after us.

As we conclude these twenty-one days, remember that the mission is not finished. God is still calling us to reach one more soul, one more family, and one more generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Reflect:**

- What are you passing on to the next generation through your words and example?
- How can you help those coming behind you know and love the Lord? Who could you disciple? Who could help disciple you?

**Pray:** Father, keep my heart faithful and my hands ready for Your work. Let my life point the next generation to Your greatness. May it never be said that they did not know You, because we failed to show them who You are.

### **Notes:**

PREPARING MY TESTIMONY TO SHARE

Before: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_  
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After: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**BEFORE** – Give a brief summary of your life before knowing Christ.

**CIRCUMSTANCES** – Then you tell what happened specifically to bring you to Christ.

**IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES SECTION** - Communicate the Gospel clearly.

**Some possible verses to memorize:**

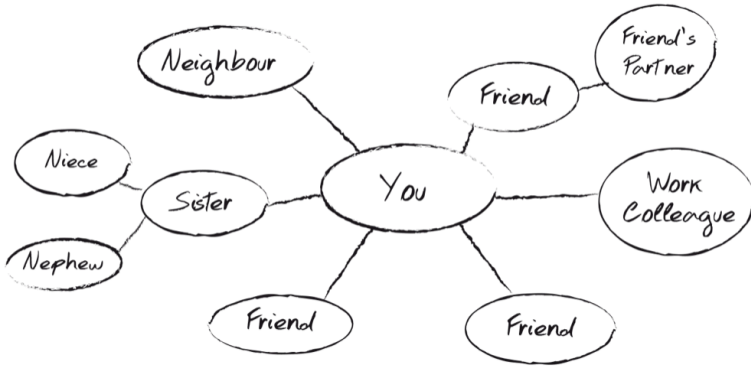
- Romans 3:23 - The truth about sin.
- Romans 6:23 - The consequences of sin.
- Romans 5:8 - The payment for sin.
- Romans 10:9, 10:13 - The response. They need to trust Christ as the payment for the penalty of their sins in order to have a personal relationship with God.

**AFTER** – Describe what your life is like now.

*Note: your testimony should only last 3 or 4 minutes. You can expand your testimony whenever you have more time or see that there is more interest. Practice until you feel comfortable sharing out loud and easily remember all the parts of the testimony.*

## OIKOS MAP

A visual tool to help you be intentionally missional with the people you know who are yet to trust in Jesus.



Draw your map below:

Who is your one?

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"I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;" John 17:20 (NASB)

