



Twenty-One Day Journal

Welcome

What does it look like to truly seek God??

What happens when we do seek Him?

# What changes are you planning or willing to make as you pursue God?

For 21 days, this journal invites you into a simple but life-shaping practice: seek the Lord with your whole heart. Based on the promise of Jeremiah 29:13, the purpose of this journey is to help you develop a habit of daily pursuit—listening, reflecting, praying, and responding. As you seek Him, you will find Him, and in finding Him, you will discover the peace, clarity, and renewal your soul longs for.

For the next three weeks, we will be doing three things every single day:

- Praying
- Fasting
- Journaling

### Pick a Fast

Fasting is withholding from something we want so we can set our minds and attention on God. Food is an important part of life, but Scripture is full of invitations to go without it for a period of time to connect with God and be more mindful of our reliance on him.

Fasting for the next 21 days will enhance your experience as you fill out this journal. Read through the various fasts and decide which is right for you. If you don't feel comfortable fasting from food for any reason, the final option (the soul fast) is for you.

#### **Complete Food Fast**

In this fast, you drink only liquids. Drink a lot of water or black coffee.

#### **Partial Food Fast**

This fast is sometimes called the "Jewish Fast" and involves abstaining from eating any type of food for a certain period of time each day. For example, you can choose to skip a certain meal or abstain from eating until sunset (Judges 20:26, 2 Samuel 3:35).

### **Selective Food Fast**

This type of fast involves removing certain elements from your diet. One example of a selective fast is the Daniel Fast, during which you remove meat, sweets, and bread from your diet and consume water and juice for fluids and fruits and vegetables for food (Daniel 10:3).

#### **Soul Fast**

A soul fast is choosing something other than food to abstain from. If you don't have much experience fasting from food, have health (or other) issues that prevent you from fasting food, or if you wish to refocus certain areas of your life that are out of balance, this is a great option for you. For example, you might choose to stop using social media or watching television for the duration of the fast and then carefully bring that element back into your life in healthy doses at the conclusion of the fast (1 Corinthians 7:35).

\*This can be done in tandem with other fasts.

### Pick a Bible Plan

Just like it's important to have a plan for your fast, it's important to have a plan for your Bible reading time. Maybe you read one Psalm a day, or one Proverb a day. You can also find a 21-day plan on the YouVersion Bible App. Do it with friends, if you need extra accountability. Set a plan, and stick to it. .

- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Any 21 day Bible App plan

### **Vision for the Fast**

As you are pursuing God, seeking His face and finding Him, how do you hope to see God work:

In yourself (i.e. habits, attitude, wisdom, thoughts, creativity, etc.):		
In your relationships (i.e. friends, spouse, co-workers, etc.):		
In your family		
In your church		
In your community		

### **Make the Commitment**

This journal belongs to:	
Today's date is:	
For the next 21 days, I will be doing a	_fast.
What Bible Plan am I reading:	
For the next three weeks I will journal, pray, and fast every day!	
Signature:	

Start each day by finding a quiet place to sit down for ten minutes and fill out your daily exercise.

**Listen** Read your Bible and meditate on His

Word. Ask Godto speak to you.

Reflect What are you grateful for? What is

God speaking to you?

Pray Thank God. Tell Him what you're

walking through. Ask for His specific

help.

Respond What specific actions will you take today

to pursue God? How can you fully obey

Him?

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# **Example Number One**

Listen Today's Bible passage	Psalm 16:8 — I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Reflect  Today,  I am  grateful  for:	1.My relationships. I am thankful for people who support, challenge and encourage me.  2. The stability God provides. I am grateful the He remains constant even when life feel uncertain
What is God speaking to me?	God is reminding me to slow down, pay attention to His presence, and make room for meaningful connection with others
Pray	Lord help me today to keep my eyes fixed on you. Help me to see where you are at work in my life.
Respond Today I will:	Today I will look for someone to show God's love to.

# **Example Number Two**

Listen Today's Bible passage	Proverbs 3:5-6 — Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight
Reflect Today, I am grateful for:	<ol> <li>Clarity I am grateful for the wisdom God gives when I ask.</li> <li>Supportive people. I am grateful for friends and mentors who speak truth into my life.</li> <li>My current opportunities. I am grateful that God opens doors and guides my steps.</li> </ol>
What is God speaking to me?	God is guiding me to trust His direction and acknowledge Him in my decisions today—big or small.
Pray	Lord, help me today to lean on you and trust you in every situation. Show me if there are any areas in my life that I am trying to control Control rather than trusting you with them.
Respond  Today  I will:	Today I will surrender my plans completely to God and trust him

# **Daily Checklist**

Day 1:	Pray	Fast	Journal
Day 2:	Pray	Fast	Journal
Day 3:	Pray	Fast	Journal
Day 4:	Pray	Fast	Journal
Day 5:	Pray	Fast	Journal
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Day 10:	Pray	Fast	Journal
Day 11:	Pray	Fast	Journal
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Day 21:	Pray	Fast	Journal

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