



*365 days of devotion to Christ*

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**...I am with you always, even  
unto the end of the world...**

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Day 21 of 365



### **Week 3 – Each day is getting better!**

We are referred to as the “bride of Christ” throughout the New Testament and that reference gives us many truths we must understand, embrace, and seek each day in our lives with the Lord. As any relationship we must seek to know the Lord more, we must set aside special time for Him, we have a desperate desire to know Him, to feel Him, and to understand His desires for our life. As the bride we are also called to be servants of Christ but not just servants by command but led by His very example, as we are reminded: the greatest among us will be the least among us, those with hearts to serve, humble, and understanding just what we have here: liberty, eternal, paid for by the blood of Jesus and given out of the great love of the Father.

### **Day 21 – Come weary and hurting soul!**

**Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew Chapter 11 verse 28-30 KJV)**

As we remember that each day is truly getting better, as we seek the Lord in prayer, through Bible study, as we walk by faith and grow in our love and understanding of the Lord's mercy and grace we may be tempted to think everything will be a bed of roses... the truth? The enemy will never overcome my spirit and even if I die I am covered by the blood of the Lamb, I can never be taken out of the hand of the Almighty BUT life can be pretty hard. Don't believe me? Read the book of Job! “God won't put more on you than you can handle” the 21<sup>st</sup> century thought of “everything is just alright” is a false hope! Of course God will put more on you than you can take so that you'll trust in Him to deliver you through it! This life can be hard but we are reminded by the beautiful promise of Christ, when it gets to hard for us remember we aren't in this alone! Christ will face each day, He will give us strength, rest, and peace even in the most violent storm!

Before Christ saved me I used to think I was a “strong” person, that I could handle anything, that I could work harder, than I could work longer, than I could spend more time and everything would be alright... I thought I could overcome the addictions on my own, I thought I could make myself a better dad, a better husband if I just “tried harder” and the

truth? Not until that day in September of 2011 was I given victory over anything. Not until that cold dark night was I given power to change anything, not by my own hands but by the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ! As you enter day 21 of the 365 day devotion I wonder, are you tired? Is your life a war that just won't end? Surrender to the Lord Jesus and lay your burdens down! Enter in His peace and even in the valley know that He is with you!

**Today's prayer:**

Today pray the Lord would drive false hope away and secure your hope through the Blessed Hope Jesus Christ. Pray the Lord would open your eyes to the truth of life and that He would demonstrate His great love for you daily. Pray the Lord would remind you of His promise and that He would allow you to enter in to His presence everyday. Pray for a closeness that you have never had and trust in faith God will be with you always.