



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 25 of 365



Week 4 – walk an inch He'll take you a mile

Seeing the Lord at work in the lives of those He touches is truly one of the most breathtaking and amazing things ever seen. Christ makes all things new and with each regeneration the creature standing after the entering in of the Holy Spirit is so different that glory is given to God as those around them realize "something is different". It is by the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit that men are able to break the bonds of addiction, to turn their back on the lives of sin, and become Holy through the working of the Holy Spirit, the promised comforter. This should not be a surprise... the Lord Himself has made the promise and time and time again demonstrated His power through the changes in the lives of those who surrender all.

Day 25 – I'm tired

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)

There are days where the pain and temptation seem more than we could ever possibly hope to bare. There are moments when the valley has become so dark, that the burden has become so heavy, that our flesh gives out and we collapse in exhaustion. We may still be walking and talking just like nothing is wrong but no matter how hard we fight, no matter how desperate we search, the victory avoids us. The enemy defeats us at every turn and no matter how hard we try, no matter how desperately we cry we can't break lose of chains... Jesus calls out to us always to trust in Him as the rock of our faith, the immovable rock that we must depend on, cling to, and desperately move closer to in the most violent storms. It is in the pain and suffering that when we remember Christ has already walked the same paths, He has already faced the same giants, He has already blazed the trail for us that we understand: Christ gives us peace. Christ can give men a peace that passes all understanding and if we would just trust in Him He will deliver us through the darkest most pain filled nights.

There is a wonderful story about a preacher in China who was taken from his home at night, taken to a secret prison and tortured for the names of those in his ministry. Time and

time again the preacher refused to give up any information, time and time again the Chinese government relentlessly tortured and punished the man. Finally cuffing him to a old rusty pole in the dead of winter in China they stripped him down and began to spray him with a water hose. The preacher cried out to the Lord for God to free him like He had freed Peter, instead of freeing him physically Christ reminded the desperate brother: "my grace is sufficient for thee". Never forget in the most trying and painful times that the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ are more than enough to sustain us and deliver us! Rejoice in the Lord always! As you enter day 25 of the 365 day devotion I wonder, are you tired? Are you in pain? Is there a battle you can't win? Cry out to the Lord in prayer and trust in Him to deliver you through the storm, even if the storm does not die down the savior will call out: "peace, be still" and the storm with-in you will calm as you know He is in control!

Today's prayer:

Today pray the Lord would allow you to enter in to His rest. Pray the Lord would shower you with peace and joy and that even in the storm He would calm your soul. Pray the Lord would strengthen your soul to fight this fight and that He would give you victory through His precious name.