

Ruth Devotions / Week 1 "Trial & Sorrow"

Day 1:

Scripture / Read John 16:33 & James 1:2-4.
What trials are you facing in your life right now?
Are these trials testing your faith? How?

How do you feel or how do you hope these trials will help you grow in Christ and become complete in Him?

How do the Words of Christ in John 16:33 bring you peace?

Give your trials over to God and let Him handle them for you.

Pray and ask God to give you peace and direction as you walk through the current trials you are facing.

Day 2:

Scripture / Read Isaiah 26:1-4

What is this scripture saying to you?

Focus on v.3-4. Reread those and reflect on them.

What areas of your life do need peace in right now?

How can you refocus your mind on the Lord and increase your trust in Him So that you can experience His peace.

Pray and ask God to overwhelm you with Peace in areas where you need to grow in your trust in Him.

Day 3:



Scripture / Read Job 1:1-22.

Think of all that Job endured in this passage?

How would you handle all that happening to you in your life?

Focus on v.21b. In the midst of this many trials and sorrows, would you really be able to praise God? What do you need in your life to be able to praise God in any situation?

Pray and ask God to help you praise Him in any situation that arises today.

Day 4:

Scripture / Read Proverbs 12:15 & James 1:5.

How do you go about making decisions in your life?

Do you seek out wisdom and direction from God when making decisions?

Do you seek wisdom and direction from others around you?

What are times that you have made bad decisions because you did not seek out advice or follow Scriptures? What are good decisions you have made in life?

How important is it to make good choices in everything you do? Why? Pray and ask God to give you wisdom in decisions you are currently making in areas of your life. Thank Him for giving you wisidom.

Day 5:

Scripture / John 11:1-44.

How can you relate to the family of Lazarus in this story as they are facing this trial and sorrow in their life?

Focus on verse 35 and that moment where Jesus displays such emotion. How does that make you feel knowing the personal love and care that Jesus had for this family facing this difficult time, and to know that He loves and cares for you that much too, and that He is just as personal with you?

Pray and thank Jesus for being such a personal part of your life and for caring for every area of your life. Rest assured that there is nothing you will go through alone as His presence is always with you.