

# *-Day 1- Don't Despair*

## SCRIPTURE

“I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the LORD.”

Psalm 27:13-14

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for...

Hebrews 11:1

## PRAYER

Lord, I ask that you would breathe faith into *Jeremy's* heart so that he knows beyond a shadow of a doubt that one day he will enter the land and see the full measure of your goodness to him. Give him the assurance of those things he hopes for. And between now and then, give him the strength and courage to wait for you LORD, yes to wait for you. Amen.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

Believe. Be strong. Take courage. Wait. You can do this.

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## *Notes*

## -Day 2- *Close to the Brokenhearted*

### SCRIPTURE

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; his ears are open to their cries for help...

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

Psalm 34:16-19

### PRAYER

Lord, I pray that you would encourage *Jeremy's* heart to know that he is doing right, that your ears are hearing his cries for help, and that you are even now rescuing him from his troubles with a tapestry woven by your sovereign hand. I ask that you would double his portion of comforting angels, and brush him often with their wings so that he does not question your sweet presence. Touch his heart with your fullness, your comfort, your peace, your hope, your faith, and even a taste of your joy here and there... touch it deeply, and touch it often I pray. Amen.

## ENCOURAGEMENT

Even this time He will come to the rescue... yes, even this time.

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# -Day 3- *Forgiven*

## SCRIPTURE

For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just...

Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.... The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Psalm 51 (selected verses)

## PRAYER

Lord, I ask that you would flood *Jeremy's* heart with a profound sense of your complete forgiveness. I ask that you would help him to know that even this can be forgiven; that there is no sin that is so great that your

powerful love cannot reach it, and your atonement cannot pay for it. Help him to feel the wash of your forgiveness deep within. Restore his confidence before you and before man. May he continue to move forward in ministry, knowing that you are pleased with a broken and repentant heart, and that your powerful Holy Spirit resides within him. And may the condemning eye of judgmental Christians pale into insignificance, as he sees the brilliance of your forgiving and empowering love. Amen.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT

You are forgiven. Get up, brush yourself off, hold your head high, and move forward with the applause of Heaven.

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