

### Day 1: Speaking for God

Reading: Proverbs 18:13, James 1:19-20

In our eagerness to help others, we sometimes rush to speak on God's behalf without fully understanding the situation. Today's passages remind us of the importance of listening before speaking. Reflect on times when you may have offered advice too quickly. How can you cultivate a spirit of patient listening in your interactions with others, especially those who are suffering? Ask God for wisdom to know when to speak and when to remain silent, trusting that His timing is perfect.

### Day 2: God's Presence in Suffering

Reading: Job 1:20-22, Romans 8:38-39

Job's story reminds us that suffering is not always a result of personal sin. Sometimes, God allows trials in our lives for reasons we may not understand. Despite his immense loss, Job worshipped God. Paul assures us that nothing can separate us from God's love. In your current struggles, how can you lean into God's presence? Take time to worship God today, acknowledging His sovereignty and love even in difficult circumstances.

### Day 3: The Danger of Assumptions

Reading: Matthew 7:1-5, 1 Corinthians 4:5

Eliphaz assumed he knew why Job was suffering, but his assumptions were incorrect. Jesus warns us against judging others, and Paul reminds us that only God can judge the motives of the heart. Examine your own life – are there areas where you've made assumptions about others' situations or motives? Ask God to help you approach others with humility and compassion, recognizing that you may not have the full picture.

### Day 4: Comfort in God's Promises

Reading: Isaiah 41:10, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

When we're going through difficult times, it's crucial to remember God's promises. He assures us of His presence and comfort. Reflect on times when you've experienced God's comfort in your life. How can you share that comfort with others who are struggling? Make a list of God's promises that are meaningful to you and meditate on them throughout the day.

### Day 5: Growth Through Adversity

Reading: James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5

While suffering is never pleasant, God can use it to develop our character and deepen our faith. James encourages us to consider trials as opportunities for growth. Paul explains how suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope. Think about a challenging situation you're facing or have faced. How has it shaped your faith? What lessons have you learned? Thank God for His work in your life, even through difficulties, and ask Him to continue molding you into the image of Christ.