

FROM GLORY TO GLORY: 5 Day Devotional

Day 1: From Glory to Glory Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 - Devotional: As we begin this journey, let's reflect on the transformative power of God's glory. Paul contrasts the fading glory of the old covenant with the enduring glory of the new covenant in Christ. Just as Moses' face shone after encountering God, we too are being transformed "from glory to glory" as we behold Christ. Today, consider how you've experienced God's glory in your life. How has your relationship with Christ changed you? Ask the Holy Spirit to continue unveiling your heart, removing any barriers that prevent you from fully reflecting God's glory. Remember, this transformation is a process - embrace it with patience and expectation.

Day 2: The Purpose in Suffering Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19 - Devotional: Suffering is a challenging topic, yet it's an integral part of our Christian journey. Peter encourages us not to be surprised by trials, but to rejoice in sharing Christ's sufferings. This doesn't mean we seek out pain, but rather we find purpose in it. Reflect on a difficult season in your life - how did it draw you closer to God? How did it prepare you for future ministry? Today, if you're facing challenges, ask God to reveal His purposes in your suffering. If you're in a season of ease, pray for those who are struggling, that they might experience God's presence and glory even in their trials.

Day 3: The Seed That Dies Reading: John 12:23-28 - Devotional: Jesus uses the powerful metaphor of a seed dying to produce fruit to describe His impending death and glorification. This principle applies to our lives as well. What areas of your life is God calling you to "die" to so that new life can spring forth? It might be a habit, an attitude, or a dream that needs to be surrendered. Dying to self is never easy, but it's the path to true fruitfulness and glory. Today, ask God to show you what needs to "fall to the ground and die" in your life, trusting that He will bring forth a harvest of righteousness.

Day 4: Discipline for Holiness Reading: Hebrews 12:5-11 - Devotional: God's discipline, while often uncomfortable, is a sign of His love and His desire for our holiness. Unlike earthly parents who discipline as they see fit, God's discipline is perfect and purposeful. Reflect on times when you've experienced God's correction. How did it shape your character and draw you closer to Him? Today, if you're experiencing discipline, thank God for His loving guidance. If you're not, examine your life for areas where you might be resisting His correction. Remember, the goal is to "share in His holiness" - a glorious calling indeed!

Day 5: Present Suffering, Future Glory Reading: Romans 8:18-25 - Devotional: As we conclude this week's readings, Paul reminds us to keep an eternal perspective. Our present sufferings, no matter how intense, cannot compare to the glory that awaits us. This hope isn't just for us individually, but for all of creation, which eagerly awaits its own redemption. Today, meditate on the promise of future glory. How does this hope change your perspective on current challenges? Ask God to fill you with joyful expectation for what He has prepared for those who love Him. Let this hope fuel your perseverance and deepen your faith as you continue your journey from glory to glory.