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This devotional book is designed to engage the disciple of Christ in an exhilarating dive into the Book of Luke AND true fellowship with some of the believers that our Lord Jesus Christ has placed in their life.



Day 1

Introduction

Looking Thru Luke: 40 Days of Discipleship invites you into a transformative journey through the Book of Luke, deepening your faith and fellowship with Christ and fellow believers. This devotional guide encourages daily engagement with Scripture, reflection, and discussion with fellow believers at Calvary. Each day we explore a chapter or partial chapter from the Book of Luke, revealing how faith, grace, and obedience prepare us for God's unfolding plan.

From Zacharias and Elizabeth's steadfast trust to Mary's humble acceptance of divine favor, these accounts ground us in a "know-so" faith rooted in God's Word. Designed to foster spiritual growth, this guide challenges you to live boldly for Christ, sharing His transformative love.

For today's study simply prepare for our 40-day journey by choosing a partner to share notes with and set a time of the day for your daily readings. As you dive into Luke's narrative, may you discover certainty in God's promises, embrace His grace, and grow as a disciple, ready to advance His kingdom with joy and purpose.

TAKEAWAY: After discussing today's introduction with a friend, what does the Lord want me to take away from this study of the Book of Luke by the end of the 40 days?

A SEASON OF PREPARATION

In being grounded in God's Word (Luke 1:1-4), we find certainty through eyewitness accounts, like Luke's reliable narrative for Theophilus. Just as Moses and Paul grew deep roots before ministry, let us anchor ourselves in Scripture for a "know-so" faith, not a false hope, but preparing our hearts for God's unfolding plan.

Through faith (Luke 1:5-25), Zacharias and Elizabeth remained devoted despite childlessness. Gabriel's announcement of John tested Zacharias, yet reminded us that unbelief robs joy, not salvation. May we trust God's timing, faithfully serving even when heaven seems quiet, turning our lives toward Jesus.

By God's grace (Luke 1:26-56), Mary received unmerited favor for her divine mission, birthing the Savior. She wonderfully praises His mercy & unfolding promises. Embrace grace to accomplish the impossible, blooming in service to advance His kingdom and reap eternal joy.

TAKEAWAY: After discussing today's passage with a friend, what does the Lord want me to remember?

Day 3

Luke 1:57-2:20

GOSPEL JOY

In resilient faith (Luke 1:57-67), Zacharias regained joy after doubt silenced him, affirming it's never too late to embrace God's promises. Like him, we may falter, missing blessings, yet God's mercy invites renewal. Cultivate unwavering trust, praising Him anew, for resilient faith unlocks the Gospel's enduring joy, turning regret into rejoicing.

Living for His will (Luke 1:68-2:7) means yielding our plans, as Mary and Joseph did amid interruptions like the census. From Abraham's sacrifice to John's desert preparation, surrender fosters dependence on God. Interruptions aren't setbacks but divine redirects; embrace them to fulfill His redemptive purpose, finding profound joy in alignment with eternity.

Choosing joy (Luke 2:8-20) propels us public, like shepherds proclaiming the Savior's birth. Angels heralded peace for those of goodwill; we must share this transformative news boldly. Don't keep faith private—let it overflow in witness, igniting hearts and glorifying God, for true joy blooms in spreading the Gospel's power.

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WORSHIP 101

In faith and service (Luke 2:21-24), we worship God by obediently following His commands, as Mary and Joseph did in presenting Jesus at the temple. This act of devotion reflects our trust in His covenant, inviting us to dedicate our lives humbly, finding grace in everyday obedience. Worship will always involve simple obedience.

Through praise and proclamation (Luke 2:25-39), like Simeon and Anna, we exalt God's salvation for all people. Their Spirit-led joy compels us to voice hallelujahs publicly, celebrating Christ's light that pierces darkness and unites hearts in eternal hope. Worship will always be given a public voice.

In learning and knowledge (Luke 2:40-52), Jesus' temple encounter teaches us to grow in wisdom, listening and questioning to know God deeply. This pursuit honors Him, urging us to seek His truth diligently for fuller worship. We cannot correctly or completely worship God until and unless we learn who He is!

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Day 5

Luke 3

THE FABRIC OF OUR RELATIONSHIP

In the fabric of our relationship with God, the first fiber is a focus on repentance. Like John the Baptist's call (Luke 3:1-14), we must turn from sin, proving our change through practical love—sharing with the needy and acting justly. This humility levels pride's mountains, preparing our hearts for God's presence.

The second fiber invites us to fawn over the Redeemer, Jesus Christ (Luke 3:15-22). John deflected praise to the One who baptizes with the Holy Spirit and fire, separating wheat from chaff. In awe, we center our lives on Jesus, the Trinity's heart, embracing His power and the Father's blessing.

The third fiber is that we function on reliability (Luke 3:23-38). Jesus' genealogy through Mary affirms His divine lineage, grounding our faith in Scripture's trustworthiness. This "know-so" relationship, proven by history and Christ's resurrection, empowers those that believe to live confidently in God's promises.

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TEMPTED TO PROVE WHOM WE SERVE

Jesus faced temptation in the wilderness, first in His flesh, when Satan urged Him to turn stones into bread (Luke 4:3-4). Satan challenged Jesus to prioritize physical needs over spiritual obedience. Jesus responded with Scripture, affirming that life is sustained by God's Word, not merely physical sustenance. Like Jesus, we face temptations to prioritize earthly desires over spiritual truth. By relying on God's Word, we find strength to overcome fleshly urges, trusting God to meet our deepest needs.

Satan tempted Jesus' spirit, offering worldly glory for worship (Luke 4:5-8). He suggested an easier path, bypassing the cross. Jesus rebuked him, declaring worship belongs to God alone. This temptation reveals Satan's lie that worldly gain can replace divine purpose. We, too, face pressures to compromise our devotion for fleeting rewards. By anchoring our worship in God's truth, we resist idolatry and align our spirit with the Father's supreme authority.

In the final temptation, Satan misused Scripture attempting to confuse Jesus' mind, urging Him to test God's protection (Luke 4:9-12). Jesus countered with the full balanced truth, refusing to manipulate God's Word and will. Satan's partial truths can deceive us, but Jesus shows us to use Scripture rightly, guided by the Spirit. Temptations in our minds challenge our trust in God's plan. By studying God's Word holistically, we discern truth, resist deception, and follow the Spirit's lead, proving our allegiance to God.

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Day 7

Luke 4:15-44

WHO DO YOU THINK JESUS IS?

Jesus' ministry in Nazareth reveals the necessity of faith to truly grasp His identity (Luke 4:15-30). Familiarity bred doubt among His hometown crowd, who struggled to see Him as the Messiah. By proclaiming Himself as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, Jesus calls us to trust His divine authority over sin's effects—poverty, brokenness, captivity, blindness, and wounds. To benefit from His identity, we must shed the curse of familiarity, and believe He is the Son of God, capable of transforming our lives beyond what we've known.

In Capernaum, Jesus demonstrates His power over evil spirits, teaching with unmatched authority (Luke 4:31-37). The demon-possessed man recognized Jesus' divine identity yet resisted submission. We, too, can know who Jesus is but hinder His work by clinging to our own will. Submission means yielding to His plans, trusting His power and purity to guide us. By aligning our hearts with His truth, we allow Jesus to free us from spiritual bondage, ensuring His transformative work takes root in our lives for His glory.

Jesus' healings (Luke 4:38-44) show His compassion, but He prioritized teaching over temporary miracles. The crowds wanted a healer, but Jesus focused on eternal salvation. We must prioritize His mission, seeking eternal outcomes like salvation and spiritual growth over fleeting comforts. By asking God to renew our vision, we can live for what lasts. Let's focus on His eternal kingdom, trusting Him to guide us toward lasting impacts.

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YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I

Here we're called to trust Jesus over ourselves in six profound ways. First, Jesus surpasses our experience (vs. 1-7). Peter, an expert fisherman, obeyed Jesus' counterintuitive command, resulting in a miraculous catch, showing faith in God's Word trumps human expertise. Second, Jesus exceeds our abilities (vs. 8-10a). Peter's encounter with grace revealed his sinfulness and Jesus' lordship, humbling him. Third, Jesus' eternal pursuits outweigh our earthly goals (vs. 10b-11). He calls us to fish for souls, not fleeting gains.

Fourth, Jesus' compassionate attitude surpasses ours (vs. 12-13). The leper's healing reflects Jesus' heart, urging us to mirror His compassion. Fifth, Jesus' divine nature overcomes our sinful one (vs. 14). The leper's cleansing points to salvation through Christ's divine work on the cross. Finally, Jesus' reputation matters more than ours (vs. 15-16). The healed leper couldn't stay silent, nor should we, as we're commissioned to share His salvation. Let's surrender, declaring, "Lord, You know better than I," trusting His wisdom, power, and purpose over our own.

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Day 9

Luke 5:17-39

THE WORST MADE WEALTHY

In Luke 5:17-26, Jesus demonstrates His divine authority to forgive sins, addressing the deepest need of a paralyzed man before healing his body. True faith shows through in persistent actions and makes us eligible for God's grace. Jesus prioritizes our spiritual healing, offering forgiveness to even the most sinful, proving He is God with the power to restore our souls.

In verses 27-32, Jesus calls Matthew, a despised tax collector, showing love to the scorned. His mercy reaches those who recognize their need, offering peace through a transformed life. Like Matthew, we're called to share this love, reflecting God's heart for sinners.

In verses 33-39, Jesus brings joy to the sorrowful, challenging the Pharisees' rigid traditions. His presence as the Bridegroom invites celebration, not mourning. Through grace, He introduces a new way of living, freeing us from the old law to experience everlasting joy in Him.

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THERE'S SOMETHING BIGGER

Jesus refocuses us on God's principles, showing they are about provision, not prevention. In Luke 6:1-5, He defends His disciples' actions on the Sabbath, emphasizing that God's laws, like the Sabbath, are meant to sustain and bless us, not restrict us. Jesus, as Lord of the Sabbath, reveals that mercy and life take precedence over rigid rules. His Word provides wisdom for godly living, guiding us to experience His rest and grace, reminding us to trust His provision for our needs rather than focusing on limitations.

Jesus prioritizes people over strict adherence to principles in Luke 6:6-11. When healing a man on the Sabbath, He challenges the Pharisees' lack of compassion, showing that God's heart is for helping others. Jesus calls us to see those around us as opportunities to show compassion, reflecting His love. By valuing people over rules, we fulfill His command to love others, sharing His grace and presenting Jesus to those in need.

In Luke 6:12-16, Jesus chooses His apostles after prayer, showing that the mission outweighs the men. These ordinary individuals, from diverse backgrounds, were transformed to carry His message. God uses humble tools to achieve His purpose, glorifying Himself through them. Like the apostles, we are called to focus on the mission of reaching souls for Jesus. In just a few years, God can use us to impact the world, reminding us to invest in His eternal purpose over temporary personal pursuits.

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Day 11

Luke 6:17-49

KINGDOM LIVING

Jesus teaches in Luke 6:20-26 that kingdom living promises an eternal reward. Christians, poor in spirit, hungry for righteousness, and persecuted for Christ's sake will inherit God's kingdom. Unlike the self-sufficient who face future sorrow, believers anticipate joy to come. This future encourages steadfast faith, knowing that King Jesus prepares an unimaginable reward for those who love Him. Living with this eternal perspective transforms our trials into opportunities to grow closer to Jesus, trusting in His promise to be forever satisfied.

Kingdom living now calls us to radical love and grace in vs. 27-38. Jesus commands us to love enemies, bless those who curse us, and give generously without expecting return. This supernatural love, empowered by the Holy Spirit, reflects God's grace, not mere justice. By refusing to judge or condemn, we sow forgiveness and reap God's abundant blessing. Our actions, rooted in Christ's example, can transform lives, heaping conviction on others and drawing them to God's kingdom through the power of grace-filled living.

To enter God's kingdom, we must be born again through faith in Jesus (vs. 39-49). Choosing Him as our foundation ensures a life that withstands storms. Self-examination reveals whether our fruit reflects true faith. Merely calling Jesus "Lord" or doing good works isn't enough; genuine belief acts on His teachings. By trusting in Christ's cross and the Spirit's transforming power, we build on the unshakable rock of Jesus, our salvation.

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EXPECTATION OF FAITH

The centurion's faith (Luke 7:1-10) shines where doubt might be expected. A humble Roman, he trusts Jesus' word to heal without seeing Him. His faith, marveling Jesus, shows true belief trusts God's Word, not sight. We're challenged to believe God's promises, embracing faith to enter His Kingdom, even when circumstances seem unlikely.

Jesus raises a widow's son (Luke 7:11-17), unasked, showing compassion. This unexpected miracle reveals God's grace, meeting needs before we ask. It teaches us to trust God's power to bring life from death, glorifying Him for His surprising interventions.

John the Baptist doubts Jesus from prison (Luke 7:18-23). Jesus answers with actions fulfilling God's Word. Doubt is overcome by trusting Scripture. We're blessed to wait on Jesus' timing, anchoring faith in His promises despite uncertainty.

Jesus shows the faithful's path may differ from expectations (Luke 7:24-35). John's imprisonment doesn't diminish his greatness. The Gospel's substance, not delivery, matters. True wisdom bears fruit. We walk by faith, expecting the unexpected.

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Day 13

Luke 7:36-8:21

LOVING JESUS & HIS WORD

Loving Jesus and His Word transforms us profoundly. First, it leads to heartfelt worship, as seen in the woman who humbly washed Jesus' feet, expressing gratitude for His forgiveness (Luke 7:36-50). Her bold, costly act reveals how understanding our need for grace fuels deep love and devotion to Christ. When we grasp the magnitude of His mercy at the cross, worship becomes a natural response, freeing us from guilt and shame.

Second, embracing Jesus' Word makes us part of God's family (Luke 8:4-21). The Parable of the Sower teaches that a receptive heart bears spiritual fruit, confirming our place in His kingdom. By believing and living His Word, we grow in faith, shine His light, and deepen our connection with God, our heavenly Father.

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NOT THE WAY I PLANNED IT

When life's storms rage, like the disciples' fear on the sea (Luke 8:22-25), trust God's Word. Jesus promised they'd reach the other side, yet fear led them to doubt His care. Instead of focusing on circumstances, cling to His promises. His Word is truth, not exaggeration. Like Paul and Silas praising in prison, let faith in God's unchanging Word anchor you, calming fears and guiding you through unexpected trials with confidence.

The Gadarenes valued pigs over a man's deliverance (Luke 8:26-39), missing the spiritual victory. When faith costs us—money, comfort, or plans—prioritize the eternal. Demons recognized Jesus' authority, but the people rejected Him, clinging to earthly loss. Choose spiritual growth over temporary setbacks. Like the healed man sent to evangelize, let God's work in you outweigh worldly costs, trusting His purpose brings greater reward.

Jairus and the bleeding woman (Luke 8:40-56) faced unexpected delays, yet God's plan prevailed. Jairus waited while Jesus healed another, challenging his faith. The woman's public confession deepened her restoration. When life veers off course, surrender to God's timing and methods. His ways surpass ours, leading to miracles we couldn't plan. Trust Him to guide your path, knowing His purpose brings life and wholeness beyond your expectations.

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Day 15

Luke 9:1-36

A CONDUIT FOR GOD'S WORD

God's Word is the power we proclaim, as seen when Jesus sent His disciples to preach the Kingdom (Luke 9:1-10a). Their mission, authenticated by miracles, relied on faith, not material provision. Today, our preaching aligns with God's completed Word, trusting His power to transform lives.

The Word sustains us, illustrated in the feeding of the 5,000 (Luke 9:10b-17). As disciples distributed food, God's Word provides our daily needs, naturally or supernaturally, when we seek and serve Him.

God's Word shapes our path (Luke 9:18-27). Jesus, the ultimate example, denied Himself to follow the Father's will. We're called to follow His pattern, choosing God's path over our own, trusting it leads to eternal reward.

The Word is our life's focus (Luke 9:28-36). Jesus' transfiguration revealed His divine priority—obeying the Father. We must prioritize His Word, undistracted by human opinions or visions, living as conduits of His truth.

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FAILING UPWARDS

In Luke 9:37-45, the disciples' failure to cast out a demon reveals their lack of faith and prayer. Jesus teaches that spiritual power comes from dependence on God through prayer and fasting. We grow as disciples by trusting Christ's authority and seeking Him humbly, never fearing to ask for understanding, knowing His perfect love casts out fear.

In Luke 9:46-50, the disciples are debating greatness. Jesus emphasizes child-like faith and humility as the path to true greatness. By setting aside selfish ambition and embracing God's will, we reflect Christ's heart. Denominationalism divides but focusing on Christ's glory unites us in humble service.

In Luke 9:51-56, the disciples misapply Scripture, seeking judgment instead of grace. Jesus demonstrates love for all, correcting their misunderstanding. Effectiveness as disciples comes from wisely applying God's Word, discerning His heart of grace, and aligning our actions with His mission to save, not condemn.

Luke 9:57-62 challenges us to prioritize Jesus over earthly concerns. Commitment to Christ requires focus, not looking back at personal priorities. Victory comes by trusting Jesus fully, incorporating service to Him in all we do, and pressing forward with single-hearted devotion to His call.

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Day 17

Luke 10:1-24

GO BEYOND SELF & TALK ABOUT JESUS

Jesus sent the 70 to proclaim His coming, urging them to focus on the mission (Luke 10:1-11). Like them, we must avoid distractions, prioritize sharing the Gospel, and pray for more workers. Are we investing as much in God's kingdom as we do in worldly pursuits?

Knowledge of Jesus brings responsibility to act (Luke 10:12-16). Cities like Capernaum faced judgment for rejecting truth. We're accountable to share our faith, warning others as Christ's representatives, not converters.

The 70 rejoiced in power over demons, but Jesus redirected their focus to salvation (Luke 10:17-20). Our goal isn't personal glory but souls saved. Let's shine the Gospel light, not gloat over spiritual victories.

Jesus praised God for revealing truth to the humble (Luke 10:21-24). We need the Spirit's discernment to share Christ effectively. With humility, we embrace the privilege of carrying Jesus' life within us, sharing His love & cross of salvation.

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FROM WORK TO WORSHIP

In Luke 10:25-37, Jesus teaches that true worship begins in the heart. The Parable of the Good Samaritan contrasts self-righteous religious leaders with a compassionate Samaritan who sacrificially helps a stranger. A heart focused on works-based religion seeks justification through effort, but God desires compassion that reflects His love. By checking our hearts, we move from prideful striving to worshipful living, energized by God's love for us and others.

In Luke 10:38-42, Mary chooses worship over busyness, sitting at Jesus' feet while Martha toils. True worship requires open ears, listening to Jesus rather than being consumed by tasks. Martha's stress stemmed from pride in her work, but Mary's focus on Jesus brought peace. We must prioritize time with God, letting His words shape our service, ensuring it flows from worship rather than obligation.

Luke 11:1-13 emphasizes persistent prayer as a cornerstone of worship. Jesus teaches that consistent, heartfelt prayer—rooted in adoration, submission, and dependence—builds a vibrant relationship with God. Unlike sporadic efforts, persistent prayer reflects trust in God's goodness, inviting His presence to guide us. By cultivating a steadfast spirit, we move from dead religion to a living, worshipful connection with our Heavenly Father.

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Day 19

Luke 11:14-54

HEAR THE WORD & KEEP IT

To keep faith strong, let Christ reign supreme in our lives (Luke 11:14-26). His power, not Satan's, drives true miracles. Rejecting Him after encountering His truth leaves us worse off. Prioritize serving Christ over chasing signs.

Focus on God's Word, not just supernatural displays (Luke 11:27-32). Jesus, greater than Jonah or Solomon, calls us to hear and believe, finding true blessing in obedience, not fleeting experiences.

Embrace God's truth fully, without hypocrisy (Luke 11:33-36). Light must shine, not be hidden. We can't live double lives—confess sin and walk in Christ's light, as partial commitment dims our faith.

Stop seeking outward approval; prioritize inner righteousness (Luke 11:37-54). Jesus condemns hypocrisy and empty rituals. Cleanse your heart, align actions with faith, and let God's view of your character guide you.

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PRESCRIPTION FOR EARTHLY PREOCCUPATION

Jesus warns against hypocrisy, urging us to live consistently, pleasing God rather than people. Like yeast, hypocrisy spreads, masking our true selves. Fear of others' opinions leads to deceit, but God sees all. By living authentically, trusting God's care, and confessing faith boldly, we overcome the trap of earthly approval, aligning our lives with His truth (Luke 12:1-12).

Covetousness chains us to material pursuits, blinding us to eternal priorities. Jesus teaches that life isn't about accumulating possessions but about relationships and serving God. Contentment frees us from wanting what we don't need, enabling generosity. By focusing on heavenly treasures, we escape the snare of greed and live for what truly matters (Luke 12:13-21).

Worry about losing possessions steals peace and reveals a lack of faith. Jesus reminds us that God provides for birds and flowers—how much more for us, made in His image? Instead of anxious striving, we're called to diligent, faithful action, trusting God's provision. Prioritizing His kingdom ensures our needs are met, freeing us to serve Him fully (Luke 12:22-32).

Earthly preoccupations—reputation, wealth, and security—fade, but treasures in heaven endure. Jesus calls us to invest time and resources in God's kingdom, where no decay or thief can touch them. Where we spend our energy reveals our heart's treasure. By trusting God and serving others, we store up eternal riches, living for what lasts forever (Luke 12:33-34).

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Day 21

Luke 12:35-13:9

LIVING IN LIGHT OF THE LION'S RETURN

Jesus urges us to be prepared for His return, with "loins girded" and "lights burning" (Luke 12:35-36). Stay rooted in His Word, ready to serve at any moment. His imminent return, like a master serving at the Marriage Supper, promises reward for the faithful (v. 37). Live expectantly, free from worldly hindrances, shining His light.

Faithful service to God brings accountability (Luke 12:41-48). As born-again believers, we're called to live actively in the Spirit, impacting others for Christ. Those who know more face greater responsibility. Don't just serve outwardly; ensure your heart is regenerated. Stay diligent, for God entrusts more to those who faithfully steward His call.

Jesus brings division, not peace, as allegiance to Him divides (Luke 12:51-59). His death paved the way for the Holy Spirit's fire. Discern the spiritual times, as Israel's return and technology signal His coming. Settle your sin debt through the cross now, lest you face judgment later.

Repentance is universal, as all are sinners needing grace (Luke 13:1-9). Jesus, the patient gardener, seeks fruit from Israel and us, not mere works. A transformed heart produces joy and faith. Though He waits patiently, judgment awaits the unfaithful. Stay repentant, trusting in His rescue, for the Lion of Judah will return victorious (Rev 5).

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CONTRASTING HEARTS IN SALVATION

Jesus heals a woman bound by affliction, revealing God's heart to provide restoration (Luke 13:10-17). While human rules, like the synagogue leader's, hinder compassion. Let's not let traditions block us from serving others but embrace God's Word as a guide to freedom and care, trusting His love, authoritative power to heal and shame human logic.

Parables of the mustard seed and leaven warn of Satan's corruption within the church (Luke 13:18-21). False growth and sin infiltrate God's kingdom, spreading deception. As believers, we must discern truth from lies and stand firm against internal attacks. The kingdom, present now, will be purified later. Are we vigilant, resisting Satan's schemes, or conceding to falsehoods within?

The narrow gate to life demands trust, not works (Luke 13:22-30). Many seek salvation through effort, but only faith in Jesus, the singular door, grants entry. Being near the kingdom isn't enough; a heart transformed by belief is required. Are we striving in vain or resting in Christ's finished work, bearing Spirit-filled fruit in God's garden, not Satan's factory?

Jesus longs to gather and save, yet many reject Him (Luke 13:31-35). He offers protection from coming destruction. While man's cunning resists, Jesus remains focused on redemption. His tears over Jerusalem call us to share His heart for the lost. Will we accept His salvation, proclaiming, "Blessed is He who comes," or face judgment for rejecting His redeeming love?

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Day 23

Luke 14

FEASTING ON LOVE

Jesus teaches us to love even when it challenges norms (Luke 14:1-6). At a Pharisee's feast, He healed on the Sabbath, showing compassion trumps rigid rules. As Christians, we're called to prioritize love over tradition, caring for others as Jesus does, reflecting His heart in every action, and fostering fellowship that transcends societal expectations.

In Luke 14:7-14, Jesus urges humility over self-promotion. At the feast, He taught to take the lowest seat, trusting God for exaltation. True love gives without expecting return, showing God's grace to the undeserving. By embracing humility, we mirror Christ's character, building authentic fellowship that honors God and uplifts others.

Jesus' parable in Luke 14:15-24 reveals God's grace-filled invitation to all. Love compels us to share the Gospel with everyone, reflecting Christ's inclusive heart. As His stewards, we're called to extend grace, inviting others to the Kingdom's feast, driven by His boundless love for all people.

In Luke 14:25-35, Jesus calls us to love Him above all, denying personal desires. Discipleship demands sacrifice, prioritizing Christ's Kingdom over possessions or pursuits. Like salt, we preserve, flavor, and draw others to God. By surrendering self, we embody Christ's love, becoming true disciples who reflect His heart in every aspect of life.

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A HEART TO FIND THE LOST

In the parables of the lost sheep and coin (Luke 15:1-10), Jesus unveils heaven's exuberant **joy** over one repentant sinner. God pursues the wandering with relentless love, leaving the secure to rescue the stray. This divine delight, shared even by angels, surpasses the self-righteous who see no need for change. Let us rejoice in every soul reclaimed from destruction, valuing each as infinitely precious.

The prodigal son's tale (Luke 15:11-24) calls for **patience** in welcoming the lost. The father waits with forgiveness, not pursuing into rebellion but embracing humble return. Trials awaken realization of the father's goodness, prompting confession and homecoming. May we foster loving havens, ready to receive the repentant without judgment, mirroring God's enduring compassion.

Grace (Luke 15:25-32) lavishly restores the repentant, as the father celebrates the prodigal's belief with feasting and honor. Reject bitter religious self-righteousness like the elder son; focus on life's transformation from death to eternity. Jesus challenges pharisaical hearts: extend unmerited favor to sinners, seeing them not as vile but as treasures awaiting resurrection through faith in Him.

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Day 25

Luke 16

CHOOSING FORESIGHT OVER EYESIGHT

Choose foresight over eyesight, using earthly resources wisely for eternal gain (Luke 16:1-12). Like the unjust steward, we must prepare for the next phase of life, knowing we'll give an account to God. Money, deemed the least valuable, should serve eternal purposes through sharing the Gospel and discipleship. By managing temporary wealth with diligence, we prove our faithfulness, ensuring treasures in heaven.

Clarity in whom we serve defines our faith (Luke 16:13-18). Jesus warns we cannot serve both God and money. The Pharisees' self-justification, rooted in pride, contrasts with God-esteem, which anchors us in His truth. We must align with God's standards, not man's, resisting covetousness to live for the Spirit, securing eternal life.

****Faithfulness to God's Word****

True faith trusts God's Word over fleeting signs (Luke 16:19-31). The account of Lazarus and the rich man reveals life's choices are final. Miracles alone won't change hearts; only the Gospel's mercy does. By believing and sharing God's Word today, we prepare for eternity, ensuring our destiny reflects love for Christ.

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GRATEFUL FOR RESTORATION

In Luke 17:1-6, Jesus teaches us to foster restoration by avoiding actions that hinder others' faith and by forgiving those who repent. Offenses will come, but we must not be the cause. Instead, we should seek to "clean the water" by promoting reconciliation. A heart of forgiveness, rooted in Jesus' grace toward us, requires not a greater quantity of faith but a faith that prompts obedience, trusting God to work through our smallness.

Verses 7-10 emphasize our role as servants of Christ, joyfully fulfilling our "job description" as sons and daughters of the King. Forgiving others and serving without expecting reward is natural for our new identity. We don't serve for applause but because it's our privilege, reflecting the heart of Christ in our daily walk.

In verses 11-19, the grateful leper exemplifies true worship, returning to thank Jesus for his healing. While all ten were physically restored, only one received spiritual renewal through faith & gratitude. Like him, we should cultivate thankfulness for God's blessings, recognizing that every hardship could be worse and that our new life in Christ is a gift worth celebrating.

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Day 27

Luke 17:20-37

INTOXICATED WITH NORMALCY

The Kingdom of God isn't a physical place but resides within a transformed heart (Luke 17:20-24). It's not about armies or geography but the Spirit's work within us. Like wind, it's unseen yet powerful. Are we living with spiritual eyes, seeing God's Kingdom in our hearts and those around us, rather than seeking it in worldly power?

The Kingdom begins not with a conquering king but a suffering Messiah (Luke 17:25). Jesus' rejection and sacrifice define His mission, not earthly triumph. This challenges our desire for normalcy. Have we embraced the cross's invitation, surrendering to a Savior who gave everything for us, trusting His path over worldly glory?

The Kingdom's arrival won't be gradual but sudden and complete (Luke 17:26-30). Like Noah's and Lot's days, people will chase worldly pleasures, ignoring God. Jesus warns us to stay alert. Are we ready for His return, living for eternity rather than being dulled by life's vanities under the sun?

The Kingdom separates those living for this world from those in Christ (Luke 17:31-37). Like Lot's wife, clinging to the flesh leads to loss, but surrendering to Jesus gains eternal life. God discerns hearts, dividing sheep from goats. Are we living for the Son, glorifying God, or chasing temporary comforts?

TAKEAWAY: After discussing today's passage with a friend, what does the Lord want me to remember?

WILL JESUS FIND FAITH IN YOU?

Jesus teaches us to pray always (Luke 18:1-8), keeping open lines with God, unhindered by sin. Like the persistent widow, we must trust God to answer in His time. Are you faithfully praying, believing He will act? Persistent prayer deepens faith, paving the path to victory.

True faith humbles us, recognizing our worthlessness and God's mercy (Luke 18:9-14). Unlike the self-reliant Pharisee, we must let Jesus increase in our lives. Is He more valuable than your pride? This humility leads to justification.

Childlike faith draws us to Jesus, offering nothing but ourselves (Luke 18:15-30). The weaker we are, the more His glory shines. Are you approaching Him with simple trust? Coming to Jesus brings blessings beyond measure.

Following God's path (Luke 18:31-34), though hard, fulfills His plan. Jesus' death and resurrection show the way up is down. Are you trusting His destiny for you? Choosing God's will leads to a life of purpose and blessing.

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Day 29

Luke 18:35-19:27

JUST ONE CHANCE

In Luke 18:35-43, a blind man's cry for mercy reveals the process of believing. His public confession of need for Jesus, undeterred by the crowd's disapproval, shows faith's urgency. Casting aside his beggar's cloak, he demonstrates belief before receiving physical healing. This revelation of Christ's power not only restores his sight but serves as a witness to others, reminding us that accepting God's Word opens our spiritual eyes, transforming our perspective and drawing us closer to Jesus, even when it's just one chance to encounter Him.

Zacchaeus' account (Luke 19:1-10) illustrates repentance as proof of belief. Unlike the rich young ruler clinging to wealth, Zacchaeus, a tax collector, seeks Jesus with childlike humility, climbing a tree to see Him. Jesus calls him by name, and Zacchaeus joyfully welcomes Him, repenting by giving half his possessions and making restitution. This transformation shows a heart broken from the addiction to riches, proving faith through action. Like Zacchaeus, we must humbly turn from sin, embracing Jesus' call to change our direction, seizing our one chance to live for Him.

In Luke 19:11-27, the parable of the minas highlights the rewards of faithful belief. Jesus, the nobleman, entrusts His servants with the Gospel to spread, expecting diligent effort despite opposition. Faithful servants who use God's gifts are rewarded with greater responsibility and eternal blessings, while the unfaithful lose their potential. This teaches us to invest our God-given resources wisely, not settling for mere salvation but striving to honor Jesus.

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THIS THY DAY

Jesus' Triumphal Entry shows obedience to God's plan, fulfilling prophecy (Luke 19:28-35). Like the disciples who trusted Jesus' instructions for preparing His entry, our faithful obedience leads to joy. Trust God's guidance, even when it's challenging, and rejoice in His perfect plan.

Spreading cloaks for Jesus showed a heart of active service (Luke 19:36-40). Engaging in God's work aligns us with His purpose. Will we join His plan or stand on the sidelines?

Jesus wept over Jerusalem's ignorance of Scripture (Luke 19:41-44). Studying God's Word prepares us for His plans, bringing delight to Him. Know the Bible to live effectively for Christ.

Jesus cleansed the temple, emphasizing inclusion (Luke 19:45-48). God's plan invites all to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Share Christ's love, inviting others into His family, as this has always been His heart.

TAKEAWAY: After discussing today's passage with a friend, what does the Lord want me to remember?

Day 31

Luke 20:1-26

PLAYING POLITICS

Jesus faced religious leaders who weren't seeking truth but clinging to their authority (Luke 20:1-8). They questioned His credentials, not His message, revealing their political motives. Like them, we can prioritize position over honesty. To examine Jesus rightly, we must pursue truth with humility, trusting His authority. Let's approach Him with open hearts, ready to embrace His words rather than defend our agendas.

In the parable of the vineyard (Luke 20:9-19), the husbandmen represent those who take God's blessings for themselves, rejecting His Son. True faith acknowledges everything belongs to God. Instead of grasping for control, we're called to serve humbly, giving back to Him. Examine Jesus with a heart that recognizes His lordship and offers gratitude.

The leaders tried to trap Jesus with flattery and cunning questions about taxes (Luke 20:20-26). Their attacks exposed their fear of losing influence. Jesus' response—give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's—shows wisdom triumphs over politics. Let's examine Jesus with boldness, seeking answers, not battles, trusting His perfection to guide us.

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ELEVATING GOD'S WORD

In approaching God's Word, give it proper power as a supernatural book (Luke 20:27-36). Like Jesus responding to the Sadducees' riddle on resurrection, embrace its truth regarding eternal life, glorified bodies and our state in eternity. Marriage's shadows fade in heaven's reality, reminding us God's plans exceed earthly limits. Let Scripture ignite faith in its miraculous power, drawing us closer to His divine purpose.

Grant God's Word proper precision (Luke 20:37-40), trusting every detail. Jesus highlighted the present tense "I am" in Exodus to affirm resurrection, showing reliance on exact wording. From a singular 'seed' in Galatians to every word in temptation, precision reveals truth. Approach with care, avoiding doubt, for its accuracy unveils redemption's depth and strengthens our walk.

Position God's Word as ultimate authority with humility (Luke 20:41-21:4). Jesus questioned scribes on Messiah's identity, exposing pride, while praising the widow's sacrificial giving from the heart. Shun self-exaltation; let Scripture rule, as God sees our motives. In devotion, pray humbly for teaching, emulating Christ's example of elevating God's truth above all.

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Day 33

Luke 21:5-38

LIVING IN LIGHT OF JESUS' DEPARTURE

Focus on the genuine Jesus, not religious materialism (Luke 21:5-11). Amidst the splendor of temples and worldly treasures, Jesus warns us not to place hope in fleeting things. As He foretold the temple's destruction, He calls us to seek Him authentically, rejecting false messiahs and distractions. Let your heart anchor in Christ's truth, finding eternal value beyond material allure.

Expect troubles from those who hate Jesus (Luke 21:12-24). Persecution may come from authorities, family, or friends, yet God promises wisdom in trials. Like early believers fleeing Jerusalem, trust His guidance. Embrace suffering for His name, knowing your soul is secure eternally. In adversity, let your witness shine brightly for the Savior.

Watch for end-time signs to build confidence (Luke 21:25-33). As nations clash, earthquakes rise, and heavenly signs appear, recognize Israel's rebirth as God's promise unfolding. These point to Christ's return, stirring hope. Lift your eyes heavenward, growing assured in His prophecies, for redemption draws near in these last days.

Live expecting Jesus' soon return (Luke 21:34-38). Guard against worldly cares, excesses, and distractions that dull your spirit. Pray to escape coming wrath, living soberly as those appointed to salvation. Like Jesus seeking peace with friends, nurture your faith daily, ready for that glorious moment when He calls us home.

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WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?

In valuing others, do we prioritize self or the Savior (Luke 22:1-6)? Judas betrayed Jesus for silver, choosing greed over grace. Yet, as believers, we're called to reject possession by worldly desires, embracing the One greater within us. Value eternity over fleeting gain, serving the Savior the Redeemer.

Meditate on the Savior, not self (Luke 22:7-23). The Passover meal foreshadows Christ's sacrifice—His body broken, blood poured for redemption. Beyond symbols, fix your thoughts on the cross's substance. Let communion remind you of deliverance, pondering His love that fulfills ancient promises in eternal truth.

Serve the Savior humbly, forsaking self-promotion (Luke 22:24-30). While disciples vied for greatness, Jesus modeled servant leadership, washing feet and giving His life. In God's kingdom, true power lies in serving others. Choose self-abasement for others' benefit, knowing faithful service yields heavenly rewards.

Trust the Savior over self-deceit (Luke 22:31-34). Satan sifts like wheat, but Jesus intercedes, restoring even failures like Peter's denial. Root yourself in His Word and prayer to withstand trials. Use our pains to strengthen others, relying on the Deliverer whose grace calls us back, ever faithfully.

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Day 35

Luke 22:35-71

MOMENT OF TRUTH

Do we have a heart set on serving God (Luke 22:35-46)? Jesus prepares His disciples for hardship, urging prayer to resist temptation. A heart set on serving God trusts His plan, leaning into prayer during trials, as Jesus did, ensuring we're ready for life's challenges.

Is our heart set on serving people (Luke 22:47-53)? Despite betrayal, Jesus shows grace, healing Malchus' ear. A heart for others reflects His love, offering kindness even in conflict, impacting lives for eternity.

Can we overcome fear (Luke 22:54-62)? Peter's denial reveals fear's grip. A heart free from fear trusts God's plan, relying on His grace to transform failure into bold faith.

Is our heart willing to bend in humility (Luke 22:63-71)? Jesus faces mockery yet remains humble. A heart willing to be humbled accepts God's truth, avoiding the hardness that rejects His call.

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JUDGING JESUS

When facing Jesus, base your judgment on real facts, not distorted lies (Luke 22:1-7). Like the Sanhedrin twisting truths before Pilate, many today believe misconceptions about Christ. Seek Scripture's clear revelations—He paid taxes, taught heavenly priorities, and posed no earthly threat. Ground your view in God's Word to see Him as the sinless Savior, bringing eternal life.

Take judging Jesus seriously (Luke 23:8-12), avoiding superficial curiosity like Herod's desire for miracles without repentance. Entertainment or self-gain misses His call to crucify the flesh. Herod's silence from Jesus warns: ignoring truth leads to rejection. Approach Him with reverence, worshipping His worthiness, for this choice echoes forever.

Address the real problem—sin—rather than seeking political saviors like the crowd choosing Barabbas (Luke 23:13-25). Pilate's compromise highlights serving power over truth. Jesus died innocently to conquer our deepest bondage. Accept Him personally, letting divine revelation open your eyes to His redemptive love.

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Day 37

Luke 23:26-56

HANDLING THE HARDEST OF DAYS

In the midst of life's hardest days, like the crucifixion scene in Luke 23, we learn profound lessons. First, through Simon the bystander (vs. 26), be available—God uses ordinary moments to draw us into His plan. Second, like the mourning Jerusalemites (vs. 27-31), discern the times and act wisely, reaching souls amid impending trials.

From Jesus the forgiving Savior (vs. 32-39), extend grace even to mockers, praying for the lost as He did. The repentant thief (vs. 40-43) reminds us it's never too late to turn to Christ, finding paradise with humble faith.

Some witnessed miracles (vs. 44-49), beholding God's mighty power over darkness and death, inviting bold worship. Finally, emulate Joseph and the women (vs. 50-56): risk everything to serve Jesus, honoring Him publicly for eternal reward. Let these truths strengthen your heart today.

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FAITH IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Jesus' words ignite faith (Luke 24:1-12). The women at the tomb, driven by love, discovered it empty, fulfilling Jesus' predictions. Though initially confused, the angels reminded them of His words about rising again. Peter, despite past doubts, ran to verify the truth. Jesus' own words, spoken and recorded, are a foundation for our faith. Trusting His promises, even when hope seems lost, builds unshakable confidence in His resurrection.

Old Testament prophecies confirm truth (Luke 24:13-27). On the Emmaus road, Jesus revealed how the Old Testament pointed to Him. The disciples' despair stemmed from unbelief, but Jesus showed how Scriptures foretold His suffering and glory. The Old Testament's fulfilled prophecies anchor our faith, proving Jesus as the Messiah.

Even the disciples' testimony fuels belief (Luke 24:28-35). The disciples' encounter with the risen Jesus transformed them. Their burning hearts and bold witness, despite persecution, testify to the resurrection's reality. Their accounts, inspired by God, invite us to trust in Jesus. Faith in their testimony assures us: though unseen, Jesus is ever-present, guiding all those who believe into eternal life.

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Day 39

Luke 24:36-53

FILLED TO OVERFLOWING

Empty: rid yourself of fear (Luke 24:36-43). Jesus appeared to His disciples, calming their fears with His presence. Fear stems from encountering power without trusting its goodness. Jesus, proving His resurrection, invites us to trust His love, as perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). By knowing Him through His Word, we can walk confidently in a chaotic world, free from the fear of failure or death, assured of His good intentions.

Full: receive truth and transformation (Luke 24:44-48). Jesus opened the disciples' minds to understand Scripture, revealing His death and resurrection as necessary for salvation. We need God's Spirit to grasp His Word (1 Corinthians 2:14). Pray for an open heart to receive His truth, transforming your desires and cleansing your conscience, equipping you to share the gospel boldly as His witnesses.

Overflowing: embrace the Spirit's power (Luke 24:49-53). Jesus promised the Holy Spirit's indwelling power, enabling mighty works (Joel 2:28-29). Beyond knowing God, we need His strength to live out our faith. Ask for the Spirit's filling (Luke 11:13) to overflow with love, joy, and grace, impacting others. Let's pray for an outpouring of His Spirit to shine through us into the world!

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Day 40

Conclusion

As we conclude Looking Thru Luke: 40 Days of Discipleship, reflect on the transformative journey through Luke's Gospel. Luke 1:1-4 grounds us in the certainty of eyewitness accounts, ensuring our faith rests on God's reliable Word. Zacharias and Elizabeth's story (Luke 1:5-25) teaches us to trust God's timing, cultivating faith even in silence, preparing us for His promises. Mary's humble response to God's grace (Luke 1:26-56) shows how surrender to His will equips us for His redemptive mission.

These lessons anchor us in Scripture, faith, and grace, shaping us into disciples who live for Christ's glory. As you discussed each passage, what truths did God impress upon your heart? May this journey ignite a lifelong passion for His Word, a steadfast faith in His plan, and a heart overflowing with His grace to share the Gospel boldly.

If you have never come to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, do it now. He's ready right now to receive you. If you are a disciple of Christ already, continue walking as a student of the Word, trusting His Holy Spirit to guide you into eternal truth and joy.

TAKEAWAY: After discussing today's conclusion with a friend, what does the Lord want me to remember? What is something that has changed in you throughout this 40-Day journey? Who else in your life needs to take this 40-Day challenge?

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