

Day 1: Wrestling with God

Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Devotional: Jacob's wrestling match with God teaches us that faith isn't always neat and tidy. Sometimes, it involves struggle, questions, and even wounds. But through this struggle, Jacob received a blessing and a new identity. Today, reflect on your own spiritual wrestling. Have you ever felt like you were struggling with God? How did that experience change you? Remember, it's okay to bring your doubts, fears, and questions to God. He is big enough to handle them, and often, it's through these struggles that we grow closer to Him and discover new aspects of our faith.

Day 2: The Vulnerability of God

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Devotional: The idea of a vulnerable God might seem strange, even unsettling. Yet in Jesus, we see God choosing to become vulnerable, taking on human form and ultimately dying on a cross. This passage in Philippians beautifully describes Christ's humility and self-emptying love. How does this image of God challenge your preconceptions? How might it change the way you approach your own vulnerabilities? Today, consider how you might emulate Christ's humility in your interactions with others, choosing love and service over power and control.

Day 3: The Persistent Call of God

Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13

Devotional: In our sermon, we explored the idea of God as a persistent call or whisper, rather than an overwhelming force. This passage about Elijah reminds us that God often speaks in the "still small voice" rather than in dramatic displays of power. In the busyness and noise of your life, how can you create space to listen for God's whisper? What might God be calling you to do or be that goes against the world's expectations? Take some time today to sit in silence, asking God to help you hear His voice more clearly.

Day 4: Divine Presence in Suffering

Reading: Psalm 22:1-5, 19-24

Devotional: The psalmist's cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" echoes Jesus' words on the cross. This raw expression of pain reminds us that feeling abandoned by God in times of suffering is a deeply human experience. Yet, even in his anguish, the psalmist affirms God's faithfulness. How does the idea of a God who suffers with us, rather than a God who controls everything, speak to your experiences of pain or loss? How might this change the way you pray in difficult times? Today, bring your own sufferings to God, trusting in His presence even when you can't feel it.

Day 5: Embracing Holy Uncertainty

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

Devotional: Faith, as defined in Hebrews, is "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." The examples of Abraham and Sarah show us that faith often involves stepping into the unknown, trusting God even when the path ahead is unclear. This echoes

our sermon's call to "hold our theologies loosely" and be open to God's surprises. What areas of your life require this kind of faith right now? How can you cultivate a spirit of holy uncertainty, remaining open to God's unexpected movements in your life? Today, pray for the courage to follow God's call, even when it leads you into unfamiliar territory.