

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

# DAILY DEVOTIONALS

TUESDAY - SATURDAY  
POSTED TO FACEBOOK @ 6:00AM

## Tuesday, March 31st Day 1: The Cup of Perfect Obedience



**Reading:** Mark 10:35-45

**Devotional:** James and John approached Jesus seeking glory without understanding the cost. Jesus asked them a penetrating question: "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" They confidently replied, "We are able," yet they had no comprehension of what that cup contained. Jesus walked a road of perfect obedience that no human could walk. Every moment of His life, He drank from the cup of servanthood—facing rejection, temptation, and suffering without a single sin. His perfection qualified Him as the Lamb of God. Today, reflect on this truth: Jesus didn't just endure suffering; He chose it perfectly. Because He remained the perfect servant of Yahweh, you can drink from the cup of eternal life. What areas of your life need surrendered obedience today?

---

## Wednesday, April 1st Day 2: When You Cannot Follow

**Reading:** John 13:31-38

**Devotional:** For the first time in Peter's life, Jesus told him, "Where I am going, you cannot come." Peter had walked on water at Jesus' command. He had witnessed the transfiguration's glory. He had seen the dead raised. But now Jesus was going somewhere Peter lacked the capacity to follow. This wasn't about permission—it was about capability. Jesus alone could bear the weight of the world's sin. He alone could satisfy the Father's wrath. Yet in this moment of separation, Jesus gave a new commandment: love one another. When we cannot follow Jesus into the depths of His suffering, we can follow Him in love. The world will know we are His disciples not by our theological knowledge alone, but by how we demonstrate sacrificial love toward one another. Who needs your Christlike love today?

---

## Thursday, April 2nd

### Day 3: The Garden Prayer

**Reading:** Mark 14:32-42

**Devotional:** In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed with unprecedented intimacy: "Abba, Father." This is the only time Scripture records Him using this tender term "Abba" —like a child crawling into a father's arms. Yet the prayer that followed was agonizing: "Take this cup away from Me." Jesus wrestled with the full weight of what lay ahead—not just physical torture, but bearing the sin of humanity and experiencing separation from the Father. His humanity recoiled. His soul was "exceedingly sorrowful, even to death." But then came the words that secured your salvation: "Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." In that moment of surrender, Jesus chose you. He chose the cross. He chose the cup. Today, bring your own struggles to the Father. Acknowledge what your will desires, then surrender to His perfect will.

---

## Friday, April 3rd

### Day 4: The Cup the Father Gave

**Reading:** John 18:1-11

**Devotional:** When soldiers came to arrest Jesus, Peter drew his sword in misguided defense. Jesus' response reveals everything: "Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?" Notice the grammar—the cup "has given" uses the perfect tense, indicating a completed action with effects that continue into the future. This wasn't a last-minute decision. Before the foundation of the world, the Father prepared this cup for the Son, and the Son accepted it. The cup contained God's righteous wrath against sin, the physical brutality of crucifixion, and the spiritual horror of bearing humanity's rebellion. Yet Jesus called it the cup "the Father has given Me"—a gift of divine purpose. The effects of drinking that cup continue forever: forgiveness, reconciliation, eternal life. Every sin ever committed must be paid for by someone—either Christ or yourself. Have you received the gift of His finished work?

---

## Saturday, April 4th

### Day 5: It Is Finished

**Reading:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12; John 19:28-30

**Devotional:** Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be "marred more than any man"—beaten beyond recognition. This wasn't hyperbole; it was prophetic truth. What made Jesus' suffering unique wasn't just the physical torture that hundreds of thousands have endured, but that He became sin for us. He drank the full cup of the Father's wrath against every sin ever committed. And then, from the cross, He declared: "It is finished." The cup was empty. The debt was paid. The work was complete. Nothing remains for you to add. Your salvation doesn't depend on your performance but on His perfection. The same Jesus who said "It is finished" now offers you the cup of eternal life, eternal peace, and eternal presence with Him. This is why we gather at the Lord's Table—to remember the cup He drank so we could drink from the cup of life. Don't let this week pass without deep gratitude. How will you live as a grateful recipient of such costly grace?