

Day 1: Clearing the Clutter

Reading: Colossians 2:6-10

Devotional: Like a phone overwhelmed with too many apps, our hearts can become crowded with worldly philosophies, endless activities, and cultural values that compete with Christ. Paul warns the Colossians against being "taken captive by philosophy and empty deceit." The question isn't whether we believe in Jesus, but whether we've added so much to Him that He's no longer central. Today, examine what's running in the background of your life. What beliefs, habits, or pursuits have you blended with your faith that don't actually come from Christ? The fullness of deity dwells in Jesus alone—He doesn't need our additions. He needs our surrender. What one thing can you close today to make more room for Him?

Day 2: The Prayer for Depth

Reading: Colossians 1:9-14

Devotional: Paul's prayer reveals what spiritual maturity actually looks like: not accumulating more biblical information, but being filled with the knowledge of God's will, bearing fruit, growing stronger, and overflowing with thanksgiving. Notice he doesn't pray for their circumstances to improve or their problems to disappear. He prays for transformation from the inside out. There's a profound difference between being impressed spiritually and being deeply rooted spiritually. We can attend church for years, know all the right answers, and still lack depth. True growth happens in the unseen places—in daily surrender, in quiet obedience, in choosing Christ when no one is watching. Ask yourself honestly: Am I seeking information or formation? God's will is to take you deeper today than you were yesterday.

Day 3: Walking IN Him

Reading: Colossians 2:6-7; John 15:1-8

Devotional: "As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him." Not beside Him. Not toward Him occasionally. IN Him. This is the language of abiding—remaining connected to the vine so that His life flows through you. A rooted life doesn't happen quickly or visibly. Trees with deep roots grow slowly, weathering storms that uproot shallow plants. The world demands instant results, constant productivity, and visible success. Jesus calls you to something slower, deeper, unseen. He's developing endurance, patience, stability, and joy beneath the surface. When everything around you is collapsing, these roots will hold. The question isn't how much you're doing for God, but how deeply you're rooted in God. What would it look like to walk IN Christ today, not just alongside Him?

Day 4: The Uprooting

Reading: Matthew 15:1-14; Hebrews 12:1-2

Devotional: Jesus spoke of plants that His Father didn't plant being uprooted. Crowded soil cannot deepen. When everything has access to your attention—entertainment, social media, endless activities, others' expectations—nothing can take deep root. This is the hard work of discipleship: identifying what needs to be removed. Not everything competing for your heart is evil; much of it is simply insufficient. It promises fulfillment

but delivers emptiness. It sounds good but leads nowhere. Paul calls it "human tradition" and "elemental spirits of the world." What have you planted in your life that interferes with Christ's roots going deeper? What philosophy, habit, relationship, or pursuit needs to be uprooted? This isn't about legalism; it's about making Jesus the main thing. Ask Him to show you what needs to go.

Day 5: From Here to There

Reading: Philippians 1:3-6; 2 Corinthians 3:18

Devotional: The most powerful testimony is a transformed life: "I was this, Jesus intervened, and now I am this." Not perfection, but progression. Not arrival, but movement. God is faithful to complete the work He started in you. When you fall short—and you will—His patience, mercy, and grace endure. Don't become disgusted with yourself or see growth as hopeless. Tomorrow is a new day to surrender again. Working out your salvation with fear and trembling is a daily process of being corrected, getting back on track, and moving forward. The goal isn't to impress others with spiritual performance, but to become deeply rooted so that when people observe your life over time, they see undeniable change. Where were you ten years ago? Where are you now? Where is Jesus taking you next? Trust the process. He's cultivating depth in you.