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DAY 1 — God Works Through Interruptions

Scripture: Luke 1:26–29

When the angel appeared to Mary, her life was instantly interrupted. Her future, her routine, her expectations—everything changed. Yet that interruption was the start of God’s greatest miracle.

Sometimes what feels like a disruption is actually a divine invitation. God often enters our lives when He has something better planned than what we were pursuing on our own.

Reflection:

1. What recent interruption could God be using to get your attention?
2. How do you normally respond when plans change unexpectedly?

Prayer:

Lord, help me see interruptions not as setbacks but as opportunities. Give me eyes to recognize Your presence in the unexpected.

DAY 2 — When You Don't Understand

Scripture: Luke 1:34

Mary asked, “How will this be?”

She didn't understand what God was doing—and that's okay. God never demands perfect understanding before He calls us to obedience.

Faith is trusting God even when His plan doesn't make sense.

Reflection:

1. What “How will this be?” question are you carrying right now?
2. What would it look like to trust God without all the answers?

Prayer:

Father, remind me that understanding is not a requirement for obedience. Strengthen my faith in the middle of uncertainty.

DAY 3 — When God Redirects Your Path

Scripture: Matthew 1:20–21

Joseph's plan was to quietly walk away.

God's plan was to draw him closer.

Sometimes what you think is an ending is actually the beginning of God's direction.

When God redirects, it's never random. It's always purposeful.

Reflection:

1. Where might God be redirecting your plans right now?

2. Are you resisting or receiving His leading?

Prayer:

God, even when You redirect my path, help me trust Your wisdom above my own. Lead me clearly and gently.

DAY 4 — God Uses Ordinary People

Scripture: Luke 1:30–33

Mary and Joseph were ordinary. Their resumes didn't stand out. Their backgrounds were simple and humble. But God chose them.

Why? Because availability is more important to God than ability.

He still works through ordinary people who are willing.

Reflection:

1. Do you ever feel too ordinary or unqualified for God's plan?
2. How might God want to use you this Christmas season?

Prayer:

Lord, here I am. Use me. No matter how ordinary I feel, I surrender myself to Your purpose.

DAY 5 — Trusting the Planner, Not the Plan

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8–9

God reminds us that His ways and thoughts are higher than ours. That means His plans will sometimes confuse us—but they will never harm us.

You don't always need clarity when you have confidence in God.

Reflection:

1. Where have you been trying to control the outcome instead of trusting God?
2. What step of surrender could you take today?

Prayer:

Father, Your ways are higher. Help me let go of control and trust the One who sees the whole picture.

DAY 6 — Saying Yes to God

Scripture: Luke 1:38

Mary's response changed history:

"I am the Lord's servant... may Your word be fulfilled."

A simple yes unlocked God's miraculous plan.

God is still looking for surrendered hearts—people willing to say yes even without knowing all the details.

Reflection:

1. What is God asking you to say "yes" to right now?
2. What fears make it difficult to surrender?

Prayer:

Lord, increase my faith. Give me the courage to say yes, even when I can't see the whole plan.

DAY 7 — God's Unexpected Plan Is Always Good

Scripture: Romans 8:28

Christmas reminds us that God works all things together for good—even the unexpected, the uncomfortable, the unwanted, and the unclear.

Mary and Joseph didn't understand God's plan, but they experienced God's goodness.

Trust this: If God is in it, it will be good in the end.

Reflection:

1. Looking back, where have you seen God bring good out of something unexpected?
2. How does that give you confidence for what you face today?

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for turning unexpected moments into miraculous ones. Help me trust Your goodness in every season.

