

DAY 7

Sitting with the King of Kings - Practice Being in His Presence

What does it look like for you to sit with God? Ask Him questions you have never asked Him before. **Practice talking, then listening.** This requires you to still your mind and listen for whatever He impresses on you. Warning: being with God can become addictive.

Write down whatever comes to your mind as you sit with Him.

Worship - Today worship Him in prayer. He is, *“Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be His name...”* Lift Him up in adoration! Tell Him how much you appreciate Him in your life. Enjoy this time.

Write down anything God impresses on you from your time of worship.

The Bible - Write out Psalm 119:1-3. *“Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. 2 Blessed are those who keep His statutes and seek Him with all their heart— 3 they do no wrong but follow His ways.”*

The word BLESSED means to be happy. In the book of Psalm, what does God say is the secret to happiness? How does this verse help you in your recovery?

Men, we at Revive40 are called to serve!

“Walking with someone in the dark is better than walking in the light alone.”

PRAYER

The Power of a Righteous Man



Connecting with God

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. **The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**” James 5:16

Week 1

DAY 1

Confess | Learn | Adjust - Confessing Mistakes, Proclaiming Victories, Learning from Mistakes and Adjusting. Do this daily and watch your life change!

Connection Passage - 1Thessalonians 5:16

*“Be joyful **always**; pray **continually**; give thanks in **all** circumstances, for **this is** God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

PRAYER - It is a mystery! It is simple! It is supernatural! It is life-changing! It is always available! It is affordable! It is avoidable! It can be continual! It is man conversing with GOD! It is relational! When you think about how prayer changed situations, lives, and even history throughout the Bible, IT IS UNBELIEVABLE! **This week we want to have a conversation about prayer.**

1. Read the connection passage.
2. Then take 5 minutes and pray. Pray and ask God why HE has you reading this scripture at this moment in life. Ask him what He is trying to communicate to you through it.
3. Don’t over analyze if it’s God speaking to you or just your brain!

Write down what you feel He is saying **to you** about the verse.

Does what you wrote agree with what Scripture teaches? Why? Does it align itself with God’s will, and would it be pleasing to Him?

We often wonder what God’s will is for our life. HE gives us “3” things that are HIS WILL in today’s reading. As you list them below, reflect on what it means to live them out daily.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The Challenge

This week is about prayer. Daily you will be asked to pray more than usual. The focus will be on your relationship with God and hearing Him speak to you in a conversational way. List “**3**” **specific wills** God has for your life. Don’t go to a resource book; practice listening.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Develop a relationship with your Creator, Savior, and Lord

Spend today with God JUST BEING with Him and aware of His presence.

DAY 6

Confess | Learn | Adjust - Describe anything you have not dealt with this week... dishonesty, secrets, anger, frustrations, hatred, shame, lust, hurts, unforgiveness, etc.

Share your greatest victory this week. Look for ways you didn’t get defensive, trusted God to handle something, made calls before temptation struck, forgave, met with God, chose to be honest, etc.

Your “Top 3” - Write **3 ways** your Recovery Work and devotional time spoke to you this week. It may be a recovery principle, a scripture, or something God is teaching you.

Share these with your R40 team each week!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**“Your recovery with God must come first so
you don’t lose everything you love.”**

DAY 5

Confess | Learn | Adjust - Describe why this exercise is important to do daily.

Connection Passage - John 17:15

Jesus said, "My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one."

Write out this verse and think about each WORD specifically.

The above verse sounds like a FAMOUS QUOTE from a modern day preacher. Here are a few modern day preacher quotes on prayer. Write something **you learn** from each quote.

"If GOD answers your prayer, He is increasing your faith. If He delays, He is increasing your patience. If He doesn't answer your prayer, He is preparing the best He has for you!"
Mother Teresa

"**I PRAY** because I can't help myself. I PRAY because I'm helpless. I PRAY because the need flows out of me constantly. It doesn't change God, it changes me." C.S. Lewis

"The Christian life is not a constant high. **I have moments** of deep discouragement. I have to go to GOD in PRAYER with tears in my eyes crying out, "O GOD, forgive me, or help me." Billy Graham

"I would rather teach one man to PRAY, than "10" men to preach." Charles Spurgeon

"**Be** joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in PRAYER." God, Romans 12:12

The Challenge

V15 shows us the role we play in this world. We are called to be a light in it! (Matt 5:14) But Jesus makes it clear we have an enemy who wants to destroy us. **Tell God you want Him** to protect you from the evil one but also **to make you aware when** he is attacking and tempting you. Ask Jesus to show you the way of escape from the temptation. Learn to take the way of escape; it is always your best choice! Do this now.

Sit with God - Talk with Him about how you can bear more fruit.

DAY 2

Confess | Learn | Adjust - What does God want to teach you from yesterday?

Connection Passage - Psalm 37:4-6; 1 John 5:14

"Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and he will do this."

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God; that if we ask anything according to **His will**, He hears us."

Write out 1 John 5:14, and think about each WORD.

Does God hear your prayers? What condition did God place on what we ask? Why do you think HE put this condition in this verse?

Would you ever want God to answer a prayer outside of HIS WILL for your life? Why?

Do you have confidence when approaching God in prayer that HE will be listening and He WILL answer you? Why or why not?

Make a list of some of your "If Only's", e.g., "If only I had a different job, I would be happy."

1. If only...

2.

3.

The Challenge

Do you believe that God knows best what you need? Are you willing to trust HIM with your life, wants, and needs? Write down a couple of **your major wants and needs**:

WANTS:

NEEDS:

Meet with God - Tell Him your concerns today. Ask Him about His concerns for you.

DAY 3

Confess | Learn | Adjust - Connect with God Today to Keep a Clear Conscience

Connection Passage - James 5:16

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

As you write the verse above, think about it. Then read it once to yourself and once aloud.

According to V16, what are two conditions God gives us in order to be healed and to recover from an addiction?

- 1.
- 2.

There is confession to God telling HIM you agree with HIM that your behavior was wrong and sinful. Then, God calls us to confess to other people in order to be healed. Why do you think GOD tells us to confess to others and not just to HIM?

If you have not confessed your sin to another person, you need to prayerfully seek God right now as to when you will do this and to whom. Don't put this off!

Define RIGHTEOUSNESS from the dictionary:

Who is a RIGHTEOUS MAN in the New Testament? How do you know? 2Cor. 5:21

Does this mean you have to be **perfect** to be a “righteous man”? Why?

The Challenge - Tomorrow's Devo will cover the following principles in a deeper way. According to the Bible, below are a few reasons that may prevent God from answering your prayers. 1) Disobedience, Is. 59:1-2 2) How you treat your wife, 1Peter 3:7 3) Injustice, Is 59:1-2, 8-9. **Below, write a note of repentance to God** of anything HE brings to mind that you haven't yet repented. Remember, a RIGHTEOUS MAN is not a perfect man but is one who is seeking God and is willing to deny himself his desires to live for God.

Ask God to tell you who He wants you to be. Tell Him the man you want to be.

DAY 4

Confess Setbacks & Victories | Learn from them | Adjust

Connection Passage - 2Chronicles 7:14

“If My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

The Lord appears to Solomon in V14 right after he dedicated GOD'S TEMPLE and fulfilled David's dream of building a dwelling place for God. HE tells Solomon HE has heard his prayers and explains how the people will need to deal with their sin and the consequences of sin. As you list below the main principles of the RECOVERY PROCESS, think about what you can learn from this model that God gave us in V14 and how important of a role **prayer** plays in it.

What are the “4” IF's of V14?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What are the “3” THEN's of V14?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

In your own words, write the importance of each of the “4” IF's in regards to your recovery:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What does God promise to do IF you truly seek HIM and repent? Is it possible that ultimately God is wanting to teach you how to seek HIM and to depend on HIM for healing and restoration? Explain:

Which of the “4” IF's do you struggle with doing most in the Recovery Process? How can you change that?

The Challenge

God doesn't mention PATIENCE in the recovery process above, but He covers it in other scriptures. Many men give up on the Recovery Process when they don't see **immediate results**. Pray and ask God to help you continue seeking Him and to remain humble as He does His healing work in you. Realize He hears you! You may need to repeat the above process many times, but **eventually you will see His hand turning your heart**.

Build a Relationship with Jesus - Talk with Him about your humility!