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Day 22: Step of Faith

Be a peacemaker

Day 22 Step of Faith: Be a peacemaker. Having continued conflict in our lives is not God's plan. Making peace is. If you have had conflict, have you tried to make peace? Maybe someone has tried to make peace with you but you refused to accept them back? Today is the day. Make peace with someone. Even if it's a simple baby step in a text or phone call with kind words.

Prov. 18:19, "An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars.

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1 Peter 4:8

"Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins."

Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs."

Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I ask you to help me make peace where I can today. I understand that I cannot control others reactions and responses to me, so I leave the results to you. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 23: Step of Faith

Be God's employee

Day 23 Step of Faith: Be God's employee where you work. Believe that God is actually your boss. That everything your earthly boss has required of you is at God's behest. Whereas, all day you work to the best of your ability for Him. Recognize also that He has reasons for putting you where you are today, with the people you are with. Do His work, His way. Give it your best!

Eph. 6:7, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people...."

Col. 3:23, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...."

Phil. 2:14-15,

"Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world...."

Proverbs 16:3, "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I commit my work to you today. No matter what happens, I trust you are giving me opportunity to serve you. Help me to do my job 100%, and with you in mind that I may be a blessing to the company and people I work for. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 24: Step of Faith

Be more than God's groupie

Day 24 Step of Faith: Be more than God's groupie. A young lady had the opportunity of a life to dance with a young heartthrob superstar, the man of her dreams. While dancing with him, she giddily asked if he would sign her dress so she could keep it as a souvenir. He signed it and she ran off to show everyone. What she didn't know, was that he was looking for a bride. She could have had the ring, but settled for an idol.

God is not interested in being your idol to worship. He wants a long term relationship that is best understood by us as a marital commitment. He is not interested in a one night stand; God is looking for a bride. Don't settle for His autograph or endorsement, go for the relationship! So today, consider yourself to be closely bonded with God. Believe you are more than a Christian groupie, you are God's cherished love. WEAR HIS RING and let the world know.

Matt. 22:37, "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"

Rom. 12:1, "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship."

Prov. 8:17, "I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I commit myself to You. I gladly belong to You. Help me to always remember that You are truly with me and I'm with you. Let the world see someone that has this relationship with you and want it too. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 25: Step of Faith

Use your authority for God

Day 25 Step of Faith: Use your authority for God. You have authority over someone, who is it? A family member, your kids, co-worker(s), etc.... Use your authority for a good purpose today. Inspire a good deed to do together. Secretly clean out that trashy windblown corner of your neighbor's yard. Or, check with your local food pantry to see what they will need most as we approach Thanksgiving and do it together in the next week. Be creative; ask God to give you an idea. Use the influential position God has giving you to do something for Him.

Heb. 10:24, *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."*

Titus 2:7, *"In everything set them an example by doing what is good."*

Matt. 10:16, *"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves."*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me to influence others to do Your good work today. Give me Your wisdom and creativity to find what we can do for you today, and make it happen either today or in the days to come. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 26: Step of Faith

Gift-card a single parent

Day 26 Step of Faith: Gift-card a single parent. Find a single parent that you sense God wants to express His love to and give them a gift card of your choosing. It could be for practical use, or for personal pleasure, whatever you sense God wants you to do. You may or may not know them, but you'll know it's them when you see them if you ask God to lead you. Trust God for your needs and be a blessing to someone.

Philippians 4:19, *"And with all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs."*

Proverbs 3:5-6, *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way."*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who do You want to show your love to? The challenge is to gift-card a single parent. I need You to guide me to the right gift-card, and the right person. I ask You to help me say and do the right thing at the right time for You. To You I entrust my own life and needs to walk in faith because I believe in You. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 27: Step of Faith

Forgive

Day 27 Step of Faith: Forgive. Who has offended you? It's time to believe they are accountable to God for that action, not you. Believe that God will deal with it, and He will. As long as you hold on to it, God will let you do it your way. He invites you to let it go and trust Him to bring justice to all of us. Your forgiveness doesn't free them, it just transfers them to another warden; a more capable one. Your forgiveness of them frees you. Trust God today. Forgive the unforgivable in your life. Be free.

Col. 3:13, "Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

Matt. 18:21-22, "Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."

Mark 11:25, "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, today I trust You with the person I haven't been able to forgive. I turn them over to You. They are now in Your jurisdiction, and Yours to deal with. Fill me with peace and hope again. And I pray for the offender, that You will do Your will in their life. In Jesus's Name, Amen.

Day 28: Step of Faith

Respect an elder

Day 28 Step of Faith: Respect an elder. Who is that older person in your life that has influenced you to do life God's way, a better way? Take time today to put into words what they have meant to you and how they made a difference in your life along the way. Ask God for the most appropriate and meaningful way to tell them. Maybe a letter by snailmail, an email, text, in person, or a phone call....

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Lev. 19:32, *""You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."*

1 Pet. 5:5, *"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

Proverb 19:20, *"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the people who have given me wisdom from You. Help me to respect and give them honor for their help in my life today. Give me words and direction for communicating with them today. In Jesus's Name, Amen.