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Daily Devotionals

November 3-9, 2025

Devotions are prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday, Nov. 3 **Hope That Endures**

Scripture: Romans 5:3-5 and Job 19:23-27a

Job's words in chapter 19 seem insane because of when he said them. He had lost his family, his home, his health, and his reputation. His friends had turned against him, his body was covered in sores, and his prayers seemed unanswered. And yet, Job declared, "I know that my Redeemer lives." Paul reminds us in Romans that suffering can become the place where hope grows. The Holy Spirit takes our pain and turns it into perseverance. As we endure, our faith deepens and our hope matures.

Prayer: Redeeming God, teach me to hold onto hope when everything feels uncertain.

Tuesday, Nov. 4 **My Redeemer Lives**

Scripture: John 11:25-26 and Job 19:23-27a

Long before Christ came into the world, Job expressed a deep, Spirit-given truth: there is a living Redeemer who will one day stand upon the earth. Job didn't know all the details, but he trusted that God's justice and mercy would prevail beyond his lifetime. When Jesus called Lazarus from the grave, He proved that death itself bows to His command. Our Redeemer still lives. He lives to intercede for us, to forgive, to restore, and to raise us up. The power that raised Lazarus is the same power that promises life to all who believe. Because our Redeemer lives, we can face tomorrow with peace and courage.

Prayer: Lord, thank You that You conquered death and gave us new life.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 **God Sees Me**

Scripture: Psalm 34:18 – Job 19:23-27a

There may be no lonelier place than the one Job found himself in—physically broken, emotionally drained, and spiritually confused. His friends accused him of hidden sin, and his cries seemed to echo into silence. But during that darkness, Job held onto one truth: God had not abandoned him. When we walk through our own seasons of pain, it can be easy to believe that God has turned away. But Scripture reminds us that God moves closer to the brokenhearted. His presence may not remove the pain immediately, but it transforms it. The Lord sees your tears. He

hears your prayers whispered through exhaustion. Like Job, we can cling to the assurance that even in silence, God is near.

Prayer: Compassionate God, thank You for being near when my heart is heavy.

Thursday Nov. 6 **The God Who Will Make Things Right**

Scripture: Isaiah 25:8 – Job 19:23-27a

God will wipe away every tear and defeat death forever. The message is consistent: our Redeemer doesn't just comfort us in brokenness; He is committed to making all things new. There's something deeply healing about knowing that injustice, sorrow, and death don't get the last word. Every tear that falls is noticed by God, and every wrong will one day be made right. As believers, we live between the "already" and the "not yet." Christ has already conquered death, but we still wait for the day when His victory fills the whole earth.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the promise that one day You will make all things new.

Friday, Nov. 7 **I Will See God**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:12 – Job 19:23-27a

Job didn't just hope for heaven as a concept; he hoped for God Himself. Paul echoes that same vision. Our understanding now is dim, like looking into a foggy mirror, but a day is coming when clarity will break in like the sunrise. We will see the Lord face to face. Every question, every wound, every unanswered "why" will disappear in His presence. Faith is living in anticipation of that moment. It's trusting that the God we cannot see now is real, loving, and near. One day, like Job, we will see Him—not as a distant Creator, but as our Redeemer and Friend.

Prayer: Faithful God, I long for the day I will see You face to face. Amen.

Saturday, Nov. 8 **Redeemed and Restored**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 and Job 19:23-27a

Job's body was failing, but his faith was growing stronger. Paul knew that same truth when he wrote to the Corinthians. Looking on the outside, life takes its toll, but on the inside, God is forming us. In the middle of struggle, faith is refined; in moments of loss, compassion is deepened. God is shaping us for glory, using every moment to draw us closer to His heart. The redemption Job longed for is the same redemption Christ brings to us daily. Even when we feel like life is slipping away, the Spirit is quietly renewing our souls. What's broken is being remade. What's wounded is being healed.

Prayer: God of new beginnings, renew my heart today.

Sunday, Nov. 9 **Living by Faith**

Worship at 10:00am

Job 19:23-27a

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