

My First 40 Days with Jesus

When doing your devotional time with God try to keep a journal of each day. A simple way to walk you through spending time with Jesus is using the acronym S.O.A.P. : Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer.

Who is God?

Day 1: Genesis 1:1-27

- S:** Genesis 1:1-27
- O:** What can we discover about the creation story?
- A:** How can we see ourselves differently knowing we were made in the image of God?
- P:** God, I pray I always see the miracles in your creation.

Day 2: Romans 1:20

- S:** Romans 1:20
- O:** How does the world point to the creator, God?
- A:** How can we look at the world to prove against any excuse someone has that God doesn't exist?
- P:** God, reveal to me any lie I am believing about you and your existence.

Day 3: Matthew 28:19

- S:** Matthew 28:19
- O:** Who are people baptized in the name of?
- A:** What contribution can you make to the great commission (making disciples)?
- P:** Jesus, teach me daily how I can make disciples that serve and love you.

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 13:14

- S: 2 Corinthians 13:14
- O: From this verse, what do you depict are the three different parts of the Holy Trinity
- A: How can you have "Fellowship" with the Holy Spirit?
- P: God, help me to show grace, love and fellowship with others in the same way you in the same way we have with you, your son, and the Holy Spirit.

Free will, sin, why do I need salvation?

Day 5: Ephesians 1:7

- S: Ephesians 1:7
- O: How have we been forgiven from sin? What was the payment for sin?
- A: Who in your life needs to hear this good news?
- P: Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross and forgiving my sin.

Day 6: Romans 8:28

- S: Romans 8:28
- O: Who's purpose is in everything?
- A: How can God use a tough situation you're going through for your good?
- P: Jesus, help encourage me through the tough Seasons I go through

Day 7: Philippians 4:10-13

- S: Philippians 4:10-13
- O: How is our joy determined? Who is working through us?
- A: How can we learn to be "content in all circumstances?"
- P: I pray that you continue to give me your strength to accomplish the things you've created me to do

How can I be saved?

Day 8: Romans 10:9-10

- S: Romans 10:9-10
- O: What are the two things one must do to be saved? (vs. 9)?
- A: Have you taken those steps?
- P: Jesus, I declare you are Lord, and I believe that you were raised from the dead. Draw near to me as I continue searching my heart to follow you.

Day 9: Romans 3:23

- S: Romans 3:23
- O: Who has sinned? Who didn't meet God's standard?
- A: Why does this apply to your life? What does this mean in regards to the decision you just made?
- P: Jesus, thank you for loving me even though I fell short of your standard. Amen.

Day 10: Romans 6:23

- S: Romans 6:23
- O: What's the payment for sin? Who has sinned? What does God offer instead?
- A: How does God's gift impact your life?
- P: Jesus, Thank you for your free gift of eternal life. I've sinned and deserve to pay for my sin but your gift pays for it.

Day 11: Romans 5:8

- S: Romans 5:8
- O: When did God send Jesus to pay for our sins?
- A: Why don't we have to have it all together to come to Jesus?
- P: Jesus, thank you for paying my debt! I deserved death, but you paid the price for me.

Day 12: Romans 10:12-13

- S: Romans 10:12-13
- O: Who has the ability to be saved?
- A: With this verse, what is the one thing we ALL have in common?
- P: Thank you Jesus for allowing everyone to have a relationship with you. No matter the background, culture or ethnicity, you allow us all to come to you and have a new life.

What's my purpose?

Day 13: Jeremiah 29:11

- S: Jeremiah 29:11
- O: What are God's plans for the future?
- A: What does this tell you about the season of life you're in?
- P: Jesus, show me the things I am doing in life that are not a part of your plan

Day 14: Romans 12:1-2

- S: Romans 12:1-2
- O: How can we be changed for the better by Jesus?
- A: What "ways of this world" are you conforming to?
- P: God, help me wake up with a renewed mind every single morning. Reveal to me where I am conforming to the world and not to your word.

Day 15: Philippians 3:12-14

- S: Philippians 3:12-14
- O: What should be forgotten in your life? What is the goal for the future?
- A: What are practical steps you can take to actually "forget" those things?
- P: God, help me to forget what is behind me and push forward to what is ahead.

Day 16: Romans 12:17-21

- S: Romans 12:17-21
- O: What is the ultimate weapon against our enemies? What can you be overcome with?
- A: Who in your life do you need to be at peace with?
- P: God, help me to be at peace with every person in my life and give me the same heart for people that you have.

Why should I read the bible?

Day 17: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- S: 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- O: How much of the Bible is inspired by God?
- A: What is one thing that you have read in the Bible that you know God was using to show you something that you needed to correct in your life?
- P: God, speak through your word to teach me how to live. Use it to purify and to cleanse my heart. Help me to learn how to do all the things you are calling me to do.

Day 18: Joshua 1:8

- S: Joshua 1:8
- O: How often should you reflect on the Word of God?
- A: What will reading the Bible help you be in life?
- P: God, help me to study and meditate on your word so that I can succeed in all that you would want me to do. Thank you for this book that is living and active.

Day 19: Isaiah 40:8

- S: Isaiah 40:8
- O: How long will the word of God stand?
- A: How does the word of God compare to things of the world?
- P: Holy Spirit, please illuminate your truth in my heart so that I can understand and properly interpret your everlasting word.

Day 20: Proverbs 7:2-3

- S: Proverbs 7:2-3
- O: Why is it important to keep God's commands and instructions?
- A: What are some things you can do to remember God's word?
- P: God, I pray for a new and fresh anointing that will help me to remember your word and memorize scripture. Help me to hide your word in my heart so I will not sin against you.

Day 21: James 1:22

- S: James 1:22
- O: Why is it foolish to listen to God's word and not obey it?
- A: What are some areas in your life that don't line up with God's word?
- P: God, show me, through your word, the things in my life that need to be realigned to your teaching.

Prayer

Day 22: 1 John 5:14

- S: 1 John 5:14
- O: What can we be confident in regarding our prayers to God?
- A: Have you ever filtered what you are asking God for through the lense of "Does this request please God?"
- P: God, please continue to align my thoughts and desires with the things that please you.

Day 23: 2 Chronicles 7:14

- S:** 2 Chronicles 7:14
- O:** What are things God wants His people to do? What will He do in return?
- A:** Are there any things you need to pray for and ask God to forgive you?
- P:** God, Thank you for hearing my prayers.

Day 24: Luke 18:1-8

- S:** Luke 18:1-8
- O:** How did the widow get justice in this story?
- A:** What are the things in your life that you are on the verge of giving up on? How frequently are you going to God in prayer?
- P:** Lord, here I am again, asking you to hear the cry of my heart.

Day 25: 1 Thessalonians

- S:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- O:** What is God's will for those who love Jesus?
- A:** When you don't feel joyful or thankful, what can you always do?
- P:** God, remind me that whether I'm feeling down or joyful I can always talk to you.

The blessing of giving and generosity

Day 26: Nehemiah 10:35-36

- S:** Nehemiah 10:35-36
- O:** What is a tithe?
- A:** What does tithing look like in your life? What does it mean for you to bring God the first tenth of everything?
- P:** God, I give you the first part of every aspect of my life.

Day 27: Leviticus 27:30

- S:** Leviticus 27:30
- O:** What does the Bible say belongs to the Lord?
- A:** Why is it important to God to have it?
- P:** Lord, I am willing to give you what you have made holy.

Day 28: Proverbs 3:9-10

- S:** Proverbs 3:9-10
- O:** What does the Bible say we should honor God with?
- A:** What benefit will being obedient to the Lord in this area bring to your life?
- P:** Lord, I honor you with everything that I have. Thank you that your word says that you will bless me.

Day 29: Malachi 3:10-12

- S:** Malachi 3:10-12
- O:** What does God say He will do for you if you tithe?
- A:** What effects could a blessing like that have in your life?
- P:** Lord, thank you that you have blessed me more than I could have ever asked or thought was possible.

Worship

Day 30: 1 Timothy 2:8

- S:** 1 Timothy 2:8
- O:** What is God's desire for us in worship?
- A:** To achieve God's desire in worship, what do you need to pray through so that you can worship with "Holy Hands?"
- P:** God, I lay down anything that would be holding me back from fully worshipping you.

Day 31: Psalm 98:1

- S:** Psalm 98:1
- O:** What does the Bible mean when it says "new song"?
- A:** Think of something new and recent that God has done for you and praise Him for it!
- P:** Lord, thank you that you continue to do new and marvelous things in my life.

Day 32: Romans 12:1-2

- S:** Romans 12:1-2
- O:** What does the Bible say your spiritual act of worship is?
- A:** How can we present our bodies as a living sacrifice in our everyday lives?
- P:** Lord, please renew my mind so that I can walk in your good and pleasing perfect will.

Day 33: 1 Samuel 16:23

- S:** 1 Samuel 16:23
- O:** How did worship change Saul's attitude?
- A:** How can worship change your attitude?
- P:** God, thank you for giving us worship to change the atmosphere and to change me. I pray that you would speak to me through worship.

Day 34: Acts 16:25-28

- S:** Acts 16:25-28
- O:** How were Paul and Silas able to encourage the other prisoners?
- A:** How can you use worship to encourage yourself and others around you?
- P:** God, Help me to use worship to encourage others around me.

Day 35: Psalm 100

- S:** Psalm 100
- O:** With what attitude should we enter his gates?
- A:** Think of a time when you gave thanks to the Lord and your mood became joyous.
- P:** Lord, I thank you for being good, and I thank you that your love endures forever.

Living a spirit led life

Day 36: John 14:15-17

- S:** John 14:15-17
- O:** Who is the advocate that this scripture refers to?
- A:** How can you receive the Holy Spirit?
- P:** God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to comfort and advocate for me. Help me to know Him more.

Day 37: Galatians 5:22-26

- S:** Galatians 5:22-26
- O:** What kind of things does the Holy Spirit produce in us?
- A:** How can you allow the Holy Spirit to lead you and change you?
- P:** God, please use the Holy Spirit to change me and produce the fruit of the spirit in my life. Help me to have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in every area of my life.

Day 38: Acts 1:8

- S:** Acts 1:8
- O:** What is the purpose of us receiving the power of the Holy Spirit?
- A:** How can you use the power of the Holy Spirit in your world?
- P:** Holy Spirit, Give me the courage and boldness to tell others about your love and grace.

Day 39: John 16:5-8, 13

- S:** John 16:5-8, 13
- O:** Why is it important that Jesus went away? What is the role of the Holy Spirit?
- A:** Do you allow the Holy Spirit to operate for His purpose?
- P:** Holy spirit, have your way in my life. Speak to me and guide me in all your ways.

Day 40: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- S:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- O:** Why does the Holy Spirit give us spiritual gifts?
- A:** How can you use the spiritual gifting you have received from the Holy Spirit?
- P:** Holy Spirit, thank you for the spiritual gifts you have given me. Allow me to use these gifts for your kingdom.



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