



## 5 Day Devotional – Part 2

### Monday: When Faith Falters

**Scripture:** Matthew 26:31–35

After leaving the Upper Room, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives and told them something shocking: they would all fall away. The disciples insisted this could never happen. Peter boldly claimed he would follow Jesus even to death. Yet Jesus knew the truth. Their faith would falter. The phrase Jesus used suggests a **“lapse of faith.”** It was not the end of their faith—but a moment where fear would overshadow trust. Many believers experience similar moments. When life becomes overwhelming, faith can feel fragile. Trials reveal the difference between confidence in ourselves and dependence on Christ. The comforting truth is this: Jesus predicted their failure, yet He **did not abandon them**. He even promised to meet them again in Galilee. Their lapse would not be the end of their story. Our failures never surprise God. And they never cancel His plans for us.

**Reflection:**

When have you experienced a “lapse of faith”? How did God meet you afterward?

**Prayer:**

Lord, when my faith feels weak, remind me that You already know my struggles. Strengthen my heart and draw me back to You again and again.

### Tuesday: The Danger of Pride

**Scripture:** Proverbs 18:12

Peter and the disciples believed they were strong enough to stand when everyone else would fall. Their confidence sounded noble, but it revealed something deeper—**spiritual pride**. Pride whispers dangerous lies:

- *I would never fail like that.*
- *I'm stronger than others.*
- *God needs my strength.*

But pride blinds us to our dependence on God. When we trust in our own strength, we drift away from intimacy with Christ. Humility keeps us close to Jesus. It reminds us that every good thing in our lives flows from Him. Instead of relying on ourselves, we lean fully on His grace.

**Reflection:**

Where might pride be quietly shaping your thinking or actions?

**Prayer:**

Father, guard my heart from pride. Teach me to walk humbly with You and depend on Your strength rather than my own.

## Wednesday: Choosing Trust Over Fear

**Scripture:** Psalm 56:3–4

When Jesus predicted the disciples would scatter, He knew fear would drive their decisions. Fear is a natural human response when life feels uncertain or dangerous. But fear does not have to control us. Scripture consistently reminds us that when fear rises, **trust must rise higher**. The psalmist declares, “When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.” Fear grows when we focus on our limitations. Faith grows when we focus on God’s power. God’s love, revealed through Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, is the ultimate answer to fear. When we remember who God is—His strength, wisdom, and sovereignty—we find refuge in Him.

**Reflection:**

What fears are you currently facing? How might bringing them to God change your perspective?

**Prayer:**

Lord, when fear tries to overwhelm me, remind me that You are my refuge. Help me trust You completely.

## Thursday: Trials That Refine

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:6–7

Life is filled with trials. Jesus never promised His followers an easy path. Instead, He explained that hardship would come—but that **He has overcome the world**. Throughout Scripture, God uses trials to refine His people. Like gold purified by fire, faith grows stronger when tested. Peter himself became a powerful example of this process. The man who once denied Jesus would later boldly proclaim the gospel. His failures became the very place where God shaped his character. Trials do not destroy genuine faith—they **reveal and strengthen**.

**Reflection:**

How might God be using a current challenge to grow your faith?

**Prayer:**

God, help me trust that You are working through every trial. Refine my faith and draw me closer to You.

## Friday: Scattered to Spread the Kingdom

**Scripture:** Hebrews 13:20–21

After Jesus’ resurrection, the disciples were eventually scattered across the world. What once looked like failure became part of God’s greater plan. The scattering of believers often leads to the **spreading of the gospel**. This reminds us of the humble dandelion. Many see it as a weed, yet when the wind carries its seeds, new life spreads everywhere. In the same way, followers of Christ are often scattered into different places, circumstances, and challenges. But God uses these moments to expand His Kingdom. Peter’s journey shows us this beautifully. From denial to restoration, from fear to boldness, his life became a testimony of God’s redeeming power. And the same is true for us. Even when life scatters us, God is still sending us.

**Reflection:**

Where might God be sending you right now to share His love and truth?

**Prayer:**

Lord, wherever You scatter me, help me live as a witness for Your Kingdom. Use my life to spread the hope of Jesus.