

50 Days of Drawing Near for Protection and Guidance

April 2 - May 22

CORE INVITATION:

"FOR THE NEXT 50 DAYS, WE ARE SETTING OUR HEARTS TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD— PERSONALLY AND CORPORATELY—BELIEVING THAT WHEN WE SEEK HIM, HE MEETS US AT EVERY POINT OF NEED."

AS A FELLOWSHIP WE ARE IN A SEASON OF RESISTANCE, CHALLENGES, AND HEIGHTENED ATTENTION FROM OUR ENEMY AS WE DETERMINE TO SERVE OUR LORD WITH PURE HEARTS. OUR NEED FOR GRACE TO ENDURE, STRATEGY TO ADVANCE, AND WISDOM TO GOVERN IS A MUST. MAY WE ALL BE FOUND WITH EXCELLENT SPIRITS WHEN TRIALS END.

3 Simple Daily Practices:

1. Word (10–20 minutes daily)

- Read a passage each day (This is not about quantity but quality and focused engagement with The Father).
- Encouragements: Don't rush - listen for what God is saying, share insights, encouragements, or what Holy Spirit highlights with others in this season.

Suggested focuses:

In all these suggestions, please consider how various men and women in scripture carried their hearts through trial and the rewards that followed.

- Gospels (life of Jesus)
- Genesis (life of Joseph)
- Daniel (life of Daniel)
- Psalms (prayer language)
- Acts (movement of the Spirit)
- Proverbs (Wisdom and Guidance)

Suggested Practices:

- Pray in the spirit
- Sing Scripture
- Read Scriptures out loud

Anchor Verses

"But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

Matthew 6:17-18 NKJV

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

James 4:8 NKJV

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the Lord."

Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

"But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one."

II Thessalonians 3:3 NKJV

"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble."

Psalms 46:1 NKJV



2. Prayer (10–15 minutes Daily)

Suggested focuses or themes:

- Adoration (Declaring Gods attributes)
- Confession (Honesty before God)
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication (Requests)
- Protection
- Guidance

3. Surrender (One intentional act daily)

- Forgive someone
- Encourage someone
- Serve quietly
- Determine to say “yes” to the Holy Spirit’s prompting & leading.

Things to consider diminishing or to avoid:

Social media

- News
- Gaming
- Anything that stands as a personal distraction.
- Entertainments

You are encouraged to dialog with the Father and to set goals with Him.

Feel free to share goals and intentions with trusted church family. Avoid religious trappings, be quick to encourage. The goal is consistency and simplicity not religious extravagance.

During this time of Counting the Omer ask the Lord to speak to you for a testimony to share at the feast of Pentecost.

