

LEGEND



*The Art Of
Hope*

Bible Devotional

HOUSEFIRE

The thought of fire often leads one to think thoughts of disaster, devastation, and destruction. One of nature's most powerful elements often leaves us nothing but memories of turmoil and trauma. Nothing of promise can be birthed in the presence of flames. Or so we think? As treacherous and deadly as the blaze can seem, fire can give us a chance to start again. To be made anew.

Life presents challenges that can leave us more questions than answers. Moments where we can begin to doubt and ask where is God in all this mayhem? Where is hope in all of the turbulence and chaos? The answer may sound like a cliché but be assured it is one that is true.

God is in the furnace with you. Every second of every minute. Every minute of every hour. God is with you. We win when we cling to God's unchanging promise, that he is always with us through everything. When the day is ablaze it is an offering to start again. A step towards a renewed faith. A stronger belief in purpose. The ashes of what was, can be seeds of what will be. God uses fire to shine light on where we're destined to be.

SCRIPTURES

- **Daniel 3:16-28**
- **Isaiah 48:10**
- **James 1:3**

PRAYER

Lord remind me that even when trouble comes that you are here beside me through it all. That you are my protection and my source of strength. That in you and with you there is nothing that I can't overcome.

HOPE

Hope is a choice. A beautiful choice. A choice that can be liberating if we allow it to be. If we can see past the smoke and despair it'll allow us to ascend to heights beyond what we see in front of us.

Hope is an optimistic outlook on things to come with faith being the grounds of foundation. Hope is the option of seeing good, even when the choice of good isn't always easy to see. Hope is worth it. Hope is a necessity. Hope is vital. God has a plan for your life.

Hope awakes your calling..

Choose Hope.

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 119:114

Hebrews 11:1-6

Romans 12:12

Isaiah 40:31

PRAYER

Lord help me to see with an outlook of absolute belief in you and your plan for my life. Let hope be my guide as I navigate life and everything the road may bring.

NEVA SEEN IT

It's crazy how easy it is for us to forget what God has done for us when things don't go according to our plan. Life sometimes has us so preoccupied that we forget to examine all God has done for us over the course of our lives.

If we rewind our life's clock, we would see these truths exist as evidence and reminders of what God can do. In moments that represent our frail humanity, we can allow the most tumultuous chapters of our lives to become the whole story.

*But yet, the very **true** truth remains that God has never forsaken us and has crowned us victorious every moment of every day. Every moment we live is an example of God making provision for our purpose. God has never failed or forgotten his people.*

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 37:25

Phillipians 4:11-13

Romans 8:28

PRAYER

God I thank you. For you have never failed me and because of who you are, I know you never will. Continue to guide me according to your purpose and beneficial will.

SPARROW

It's normal to have questions. It's normal to ask why? What's next? Where do I go from here ? But the questions we have to truly ask ourselves are ; who are we asking? And will we truly be okay with the answer?

A problem often arises when we look solely to ourselves for the answers we seek. As trials begin to spread as blinding fog, we can become lost in the storm that we ourselves have created.

Our fault comes when we focus on the problem and ignore the problem solver. It is important that in moments of uncertainty that we choose to look to God first and not try to play his role. There is beauty in the unknowns when you remember who truly holds the answers. God will never take you where his presence will not keep you. Hope is always near.

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 6:33

Matthew 10:28-31

Psalms 37:1-9

PRAYER

*Lord help me to delight myself
in you daily. To trust your plan
fearlessly and willingly. Help
me remember you are my
peace and the source of my
strength.*

BACK TO YOU

God's thoughts are supremely beyond anything that we could ever fully comprehend. Yet how many times have we tried to orchestrate things on our own, only to see things disastrously fall into shambles. We've all been guilty of this offense.

We've all had moments where we've struggled with the unknown. Where we've tried to seize power from the almighty's throne.

Forgiveness is found when we choose humility. When we choose repentance over vanity. Like the father of the prodigal son graciously welcomed home his son, so it is that our father in heaven endlessly always leaves his arms wide open for us to come home.

SCRIPTURES

Daniel 9:9

Psalms 130:7

Ephesians 1:6-8

PRAYER

*Lord forgive me of my wrongs. Forgive me
for my trespasses against you.
Lead me to have a heart of obedience and
humility according to your will and
purpose for my life.*

BE OK

God will never lead us and then leave us. Life's journey will present many moments where **certainty can't** be your guide, but **faith** must truly be. We must have belief in God's faithfulness. For God is ever faithful even when we aren't. God never forgets his own.

God's provision can't not be quantified.

For the days he has shown us grace & mercy are countless. In our arrogance, we sometimes selfishly rank the blessings that God gives. Where we say "God I thank you for this, but I really wanted that." In those moments we miss the beauty of the blessing.

The blessing that God has cared enough for us to provide. He may not always give us everything that we want, but he always ensures that we have everything that we need. Life storms do come but the rain never lasts forever. Let us not live worried or fretful but with the peace of mind that we are on God's mind. That he will never leave us stranded. Not one day.

SCRIPTURES

Philippians 4:6-7

Matthew 6:25-6

1 Peter 5:7

Psalms 55:22

PRAYER

Lord help me to not be anxious but to trust your sovereignty in all things. Help me to not be led by fear but by your love and your ever comforting hand.

FOREVER

Life is so much greater when you know that death has lost its sting. When you remember the assurance of heaven. What a beautiful future that is promised to those who believe. What greatness it is to not be shackled by fear, but welcomed by the love of the savior.

This life on earth is only temporary, but the beauty of knowing your eternity is a freedom that you can't replace or replicate. We choose to abide in the fullness of God's radiant glory because we know the beauty that is promised to us after this life. It is well with our soul because we know to whom we belong.

SCRIPTURES

Rev 21:4

Corinthians 5:1

John 14:1-3

Matthew 16:25

PRAYER

Lord help me to cast my thoughts on things of heaven. Help me as I live here on earth to be a true representation of what it means to be a citizen of heaven. Help me to cherish this life righteously until I dwell with you in the next.

ANTI

Weirdo. Outcast. Loser. Reject. These words can be seen as insults. Critical blows to the psyche and self-esteem. But when you remember whose you are, you are reminded of who you are. It creates a complete shift of perspective.

I urge you to never doubt the royalty that is ingrained in your DNA. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, not made to live in fear.

You are God's masterpiece. God's divine workmanship.

Your worth or value is not defined by the world, but by the creator. Embrace the uniqueness that God has graced you. For when the world spews it hatred or deems you foolish, you wear it as a badge of honor. Remain zealous with your head held high. For you are God's trophy, uncategorized by the world opinions.

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 139:14

Galatians 1:10

1 Thessalonians 2:4-6

John 15:18-19

PRAYER

Lord give me the strength to never be afraid to represent you. Every minute of every day.

No matter the opposition or hatred that may come my way.

Help me to be a courageous ambassador everywhere I place my feet for your glory.

EXCELLENT

Never be afraid to put the work in to achieve a dream. Always be content, but never settle. In everything you do remember to walk by faith. Placing your best foot forward with expectation and the knowledge of what God can do.

The road ahead at times may seem treacherous and unfamiliar, but today, you decide. Decide that fear won't be your stumbling block. You won't be afraid of the grind. You will be one-hundred percent dedicated as you stride towards excellence.

Stay focused. It is important that we labor with the heart that displays God's presence in everything we do. Christ is the blueprint for divine execution. Let us not allow mediocrity to be our dwelling place. You are a doer and not just a hearer.

Strive to walk with integrity, with purpose, and faith in all things. God is with you and in him there is no failure. Dream on dreamer.

SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 10:31-33

Colossians 3:23

2 Peter 1:5-11

PRAYER

Lord give me the endurance to do everything with a heart dedicated to excellence and servanthood. Help me be motivated to go beyond my comfort zones and never settle for mediocrity, but to strive for greatness in every way.

HAVEN

We all need reminders that we're loved. It's nothing surprising. It's normal for the heart to be fueled by affirmation. But it is important to know the difference between love and lies. Lies can make toxicity seem appealing.

If we aren't careful we can easily be misled and find ourselves surrounded by a cloud of misery and deceit. Deception can lead us to blind spots where our spiritual health and growth can be in jeopardy.

But in the moments where we feel rejected, let us be reminded of Jesus's sacrifice. Christ suffered the sting of abandonment, the scars of betrayal, and the wrath of sin for your sake.

Christ endured separation from the father so we would never have to. God's never ending love for us is our refuge. Our strong tower in the time of trouble. An ever present promise in the midst of our unknown. You are never too far where God can't reach you.

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 18:2

Psalms 62:5-7

Isaiah 41:10

Proverbs 18:10

PRAYER

Lord remind me when my heart is heavy and the days that I feel weary that you are my haven. That you are my refuge and my strength. Whenever I feel lost, let your love guide me back to purpose and joy.

LIFE AINT NO PARTY!

IT AINT FUN

Being in love is a beautiful thing. No! like really. Loving someone and committing to that special person is a feeling that is fully worth wild.

There are a multitude of growing misconceptions about relationships this day and age. Flawed ideas such as trust no one, only care about yourself, and be bitter and not better. Being petty has become a moral sophistication. Don't get me wrong, I understand guarding your heart.

We all want someone whose intentions and goals are purpose driven. But many have distorted guarding our hearts with never letting anyone in.

God created us to be relational people. To love one another and have joy doing so. God ordained relationships are the most fulfilling kind.

Good company is the best company to keep. Love is a journey. An adventure worth taking. A family that edifies one another is one that is built to last. Love with honesty, intention, commitment and purpose. Life is no fun dancing alone. Join the party.

SCRIPTURES

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Psalms 133:1

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

1 Corinthians 15:33

Proverbs 18:22

PRAYER

Lord help me not have a heart of stone or be timid when it comes to love. But allow me to see the benefits of relationships. Let your spirit guide every engagement. Help me purely and righteously as I seek companionship.

MORNING

When the house is on fire it can seem impossible to breathe in the midst of the smoke. It can be difficult to stand because of the ever rising flames.

But on the other side of the inferno, there is victory. The blaze may have looked devastating, but all in all it refined us. The weapons may have formed, but they fail in prospering.

What a beautiful truth to know that the troubles you've endured were never for not, but worked for your good. God always walks with us through the valleys. He's with us through it all. What may look like ruin, God uses to produce Gold. The heat of fiery trials can never compare to God's glorious blessings of victory. The storm clouds may come. The wind may blow. The rain pours, but morning always comes. Embrace the Sun.

SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Lamentations 3:22-23

Romans 15:13

James 1:12

PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for the morning. I thank you for your grace and mercy that helps carry on each day. I thank you for the fire that refines so I can be as pure gold.

Continue to allow me to be led by the beauty of hope each day.

GRATEFUL

You know what's great to remember? Beyond your situation you are blessed in some shape, way or form. If you woke up today, you're blessed. You having breath in your body means that you still have a purpose. You still have a story to tell.

The air in your lungs is testimony that you can still be used to display God's divine glory. An attitude of gratitude makes life the most fulfilling. Hope brings brightness to the dullest of days.

Happiness is lavish, but I choose joy and all brings. Happiness is based on condition or fortune. Joy is contentment and delight no matter the situation or predicament. This is truly the best way to live. I don't aspire just to live, but I want to live life as abundant as God intended.

Success is not defined by material things accumulated or social status. Success is gained when we choose to see through the lens of hope. When we decide to abide in the fullness of joy. This is accomplished when our heart is anchored by gratitude.

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 100:4,5

Psalms 119:2

Hebrews 13:5

James 1:17

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

PRAYER

Lord help me to continuously live with a heart of gratitude. Let me live in the fullness of joy.

Abiding in your perfect peace. Letting faith, hope and love set the course of my days. Let my love for you not be conditional, but quicken by hope and anchored in gratitude.

HOPE'S ECHO

*Today and everyday I will choose **HOPE.***

*I will remember **God's promises.***

*I will confidentially walk In **purpose.***

*I will strive for **excellence** in all that I do.*

*I will remember and embrace **God's love**
for me.*

*I am **loved** and **not forgotten.***

*I am **fearfully** and **wonderfully** made.*

*I am **God's chosen.***

*I am a **rebel** against doubt and despair.*

*Today and everyday **I will live** in the
fullness of joy.*

*Today and evermore I will **choose HOPE.***

For God will never fail me .