

NEW CITY DAILY DEVOTIONAL FOR WEEK OF 12/28/2020-1/1/2021

The following content is based on the message on 12/27/20 at New City Church in Phoenix, AZ. It is not meant to be a full synopsis, but rather a resource to help you analyze and apply the main ideas. To use this devotional effectively, please listen to the message found at <http://newcityphx.com/sermons/>.

MONDAY // JESUS IS WITH YOU

Read James 5:13-14. Regardless of what your year has looked like, Jesus wants to hear from you. If you feel like your year was good, then praise God for what he's done. If your year was painful, then take that pain to God. James says that if someone is sick, we should even ask God for healing.

Jesus enters into both your moments of pain and your celebrations.

- *What is a celebration from 2020 that you can rejoice with Jesus?*
- *What is a painful moment from 2020 that you need bring to Jesus?*
- *Set a timer to quietly reflect on the faithfulness of Jesus.*

TUESDAY // TO RAISE YOU UP

Read James 5:15. James further shares about how God wants to heal us. Sometimes Jesus chooses to heal us physically. Other times He does not. While physical healing is important, the most important healing that we could receive is in our spiritual lives. When we turn our hearts to Jesus, He promises to raise us up to new life.

We can always count on Jesus to raise us up—now or in the future.

- *How does spiritual healing give hope to you even if you don't experience physical healing?*
- *Set a timer to quietly reflect, without interruption, on the ways that Jesus has healed you—physically or emotionally—in your own life.*

WEDNESDAY // THROUGH THE COMMUNITY OF OTHERS

Read Galatians 6:9-10. Many times Jesus chooses to heal or provide for us through the provision from others. Christians should be able to give and receive beyond measure because of the ways that God has given everything to us. Generosity should be a mark of the Christian life because we've already received the generosity of God.

God's provision often comes through the love of others.

- *Reflect on a time that someone was generous to you this year. How do you usually respond to the generosity of others?*
- *Set a timer to quietly reflect on the generosity of God in your life.*

THURSDAY // THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Read Philippians 2:5-7. The God of the universe could have provided salvation for humanity in numerous ways. But He chose to become one of us. He could have come with great glory, but instead he chose to come to us humbly. This humble example is incredibly important for the Christian. Not only did Jesus' humility mean that He could take our punishment, but it also should inspire the Christian to live in this same humility.

Jesus made Himself less in order to save us.

- *How can you be more intentional in 2021 to follow the example of Jesus into humility?*
- *Set a timer to quietly reflect, without interruption, on the humble example of Jesus.*

FRIDAY // THE ULTIMATE HUMILITY

Read Philippians 2:8. The incarnation of Jesus was a way that Jesus could serve us in humility. However, He didn't just serve us in humility. He took it a step further and served us by giving His life for us. Jesus didn't just come to earth and live the perfect life on our behalf. He also took the punishment for the imperfect life that we lived instead.

Jesus humbled Himself, even as far as death, on our behalf.

- *How should the extent of Jesus' humility motivate you to live a humble life toward others? What are some ways that you can be more generous toward others?*
- *Set a timer to quietly reflect, without interruption, on how much Jesus loves you.*