
21 Daily AHAs

*Our goal over the next 21 days is to DISCOVER,
EXPERIENCE and SHARE daily AHAs!*

We all have a VIBE. The GOAL set before us is to experience the power and peace found only in the presence of Jesus. He is the original GOOD VIBE, the Savior of the World and the Hope of all mankind. I want to encourage you to seek a place of **quietude** and **gratitude**. Focus your heart and mind on the Lord, **read His Word, learn His Word, express our gratitude, bring our prayers to Him, and engage in serving people in need.**

Day 1

Read

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. ⁶Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. ⁸And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Understand:

Anxiety is bad for the body just as joy is good for it. If we know that everything is going to work out for our ultimate best (Rom 8:29) then whatever happens (anything) can be brought to God in prayer but we should be bringing with these needs and wants our gratitude to the Divine. All of our anxiety can be brought to the Divine, and those things that brought the anxiety can be placed in His hands. He is more - far more capable than we could ever imagine! We can rest in the fact that when we come with a grateful heart and make our requests to God, our anxiety about life's issues will seem to lessen because *"He has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire"* (2nd Peter 1:4).

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Day 2

Hebrews 13:1-6

¹Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. ²Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! ³Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies. ⁴Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery. ⁵Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"

Understand:

Fear is the opposite of courage but it can also show a lack of trust, particularly in the Divine. What can any human do to us since we are firmly in the grasp of God the Father (John 10:28-29)? We know that Jesus will turn no one away that comes to Him as He says "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out" (John 6:37) because it is the Father's will "that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day" (John 6:39). Knowing that should give you confidence and squelch any fears you might have. You are more than conquerors. You are an image bearer of the most high God! You are a Child of the King and Creator of the Universe. Go live like it today! That's some GOOD VIBES!

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Day 3

Read

Philippians 4:11-13

¹¹Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. ¹³For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Understand:

The Book of Philippians has been called the “Epistle of Joy” by many because of all the references to joy. This seems to be the only church that Paul never had any major issues with; therefore this might have been his favorite church. How can Paul be so positive? In the first place, the only way that Paul can do anything at all is because of Christ (John 15:5) but he also had to learn how to be content with what he had or whatever circumstances he was in and said “*In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need*” (Philippians 4:12). This allowed Paul to not be anxious about anything but thankful (Philippians 4:6) but he said “*I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content*” (Philippians 4:11) so it was a learning process. Paul writes “*the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:7) and that should give you the confidence that you can do all things, according to God’s will, because He Himself will strengthen you. That’s some GOOD VIBES!

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Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You!

Galatians 5:22

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...

Understand:

I once heard a story where a teacher asked some students to draw a picture of what they think peace looked like. One student drew a picture of a large field. Another drew a picture of a sunset. But one student drew a picture of a huge, raging waterfall, with gallons of water crashing on the rocks below. Does that sound peaceful to you? What made the picture peaceful was that above the waterfall, there was a bird sound asleep in its nest! Even though there was danger below, the bird knew he was safe in the tree branch that held him – he was at peace. That is having peace with others. There are two other types of peace. There is peace with God. When Adam and Eve started out in the Garden of Eden, they had peace with God. *“There is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all”* (Acts 10:36). There is peace within our own hearts. We have peace in our hearts when we are not worried, upset, angry, or afraid. This is something that people may not be able to see on the outside, but we know it’s there on the inside. When we don’t have peace we feel miserable on the inside. We think about all the things that can go wrong. Our mind races and our heart beats quickly. God does not want His people to live without peace in their hearts and minds. During His time on earth, Jesus restored peace everywhere He went. And He still desires to bring peace into your life. Invite the Risen Lord to bring peace into your life today!

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Day 5

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Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Colossians 3:10

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

Understand:

What is your attitude today? Are you bitter and carrying around anger or jealousy or even rage towards another person? Sometimes we even carry around those feelings towards God. Friends, adjust your attitude where God (through His Holy Spirit) is showing you it needs to change. God loves you the way you are but He loves you too much to leave you that way. Seek the Lord your God today!

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Day 6

Read

Philippians 2:14-15

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Understand:

The Greek word translated “whiner or complainer” means literally “one who is discontented with his lot in life.” It is akin to the word grumbler. Complaining is certainly not a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and, in fact, is detrimental to the peace, joy, and patience that come from the Spirit. For the Follower of Jesus, whining is destructive and debilitating personally and only serves to make our witness to the world more difficult. Who, for instance, would be attracted to a faith system whose adherents are dissatisfied with life and who continually whine and complain?

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Day 7

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Galatians 2:20

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

John 17:2

For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him.

Understand:

Many times we get gifts we do not like so we return them to the store they came from to get a refund are something else we want.

Jesus gave us gifts, the greatest gifts in the world and so many won't even pick them up. Its almost like we don't want what he has to offer. HE GAVE US HIS LOVE and HE GAVE US HIS LIFE. You have the gift of new mercies everyday. You have the Hope of Glory, and you have the Peace that Passes all Understanding. Open your gifts and live for Jesus today!

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Day 8

Read

1 Peter 3:10-12

¹⁰For the one who wants to love life and to see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, ¹¹and he must turn away from evil and do good. He must seek peace and pursue it, ¹²because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their request. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.

Understand:

Today's passage isn't playing around. The tongue - our words have great power. They can speak truth and life and they, just as easily speak deceit and hate. Apart from the power of the Divine at work in your heart, you cannot tame your tongue. Isn't it interesting how the words immediately following the statement about our words (tongue) speak of turning from evil and turning our hearts toward peace? That is because of verse 12. The Lord desires to hear us call on Him and Him alone for strength, might, power and peace, Today, call on the Lord. Allow Him to direct your steps and control your words!

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Matthew 7:24-29

24“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like wise man who built his house on the rock. 25And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

Understand:

Edward Mote wrote just one hymn in his lifetime. From what we know of his life, “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” was just as much an anthem of his own testimony as it has become for believers all over the world. Having grown up knowing nothing of God or His existence, Mote first attended church and became a Christian as a young adult. While still a new believer, he was compelled to try his hand at hymn writing. Thus, Mote wrote from a basic, yet profound understanding of his salvation. Christ is the sole means of our salvation. Our hope is truly built on nothing less than Jesus.

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less by Edward Mote

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,*

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Ephesians 5:1-2

“Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

Understand:

Walk in love. These three words inspire, stirring us to love others with the love we received from Jesus. But the apostle Paul didn't stop with inspiration, he moved on to instruction. And then, to strengthen his instruction, Paul pointed us to the individual who can be an example for us – Christ Jesus is our model for what walking in love looks like.

On the cross, Christ presented Himself to God as an offering. Paul adds it was a “fragrant offering,” a phrase that appears forty times in the first five books of the Old Testament. The Lord's sacrifice was pleasing to His Father and was accepted as the means of being made right. When a Christian identifies with Christ in His death, the believer's life becomes an acceptable sacrifice to God.

Real love—Christ-like love—makes sacrifices for the good of others and the glory of God. This kind of costly love has a sweetness to it that others find attractive and encouraging. This love not only smells good, but it sounds good as well. There is something uplifting about being around people who have a song in their heart and encouragement on their lips. You notice these rare individuals and appreciate them because they are so refreshing to be around.

A life that is like the love of God, will be a life of love. Love is the essential mark of the Christian's character. Our model for love is Christ Himself. Because He laid down His life for us, we are to love others to the point of the sweet aroma of sacrifice. He now lives in us and through us, and that is why we are able to imitate Him and resemble Him.

“Lord, teach me to walk in love—staying close to You—so that Your presence will be a winsome aroma and a sweet song of worship to those around me. Amen.”

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Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Ephesians 6:10

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Understand:

Courage is a major theme throughout the scriptures. Each of us have seasons when we desperately need courage. We find the need for courage in every aspect of our life. We have seasons when we need courage to face challenges in our health, our work, our relationships, home and church. Courage isn't as we see it on television or on the big screen. Courage, as the Divine describes it is that we would cease believing in our own wisdom or capacity and start surrendering our man made courage into courage that the only the Divine can create. When David faced Goliath, he made a bold statement that "he was going to kill the giant and cut his head off!" That's a lot of courage for a runt of the litter. He then said why he was capable of doing that very thing! That he was strengthened and directed by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. And so are you! Go face and defeat your giants today!

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Day 12

Romans 2:1-16

"¹Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. ²We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. ³Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? ⁵But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; ⁸but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. ⁹There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, ¹⁰but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. ¹¹For God shows no partiality. ¹²For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³For it is not the bearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. ¹⁴For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. ¹⁵They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them ¹⁶on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Understand:

Paul is trying to get religious people, or at least people prone to judging other's behavior, to see that when you are critical of others, you set yourself up for condemnation. Whether you do this with laws everyone agrees on or the Law of God, you are really pronouncing a guilty sentence on yourself. Why? Because we are all guilty before God. We all deserve His judgment. The problem is, this is so hard to get people to see. So Paul uses their own moral compass against them. Paul's goal, of course, is not just to make sure we know our own guilt. He wants us to trace the line from guilt, to need, and then on to the good news of what God has done in Christ.

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Day 13

Philippians 3:1-11

3-6 Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears. 7-8 It's not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece. All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God. He knows how much I love and miss you these days. Sometimes I think I feel as strongly about you as Christ does! 9-11 So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

Understand:

Because of the gospel, sinful and selfish people are capable of living in community with one another, being of one mind and one love. Because of the gospel, there can be gain in death. Because of the gospel, we can be made righteous through faith in Christ. Because of the gospel, we can have a citizenship in Heaven. Because of the gospel, we can be content in all circumstances. The Gospel of Jesus changes everything! Even in his imprisonment, Paul found contentment and joy in believing and preaching the gospel and encouraging the church to do the same. **Whatever our circumstance, even in our comfortable chairs, may we do the same.**

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Day 14

James 2:1-13

¹My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? ²For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. ³If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, ⁴doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives? ⁵Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? ⁶But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? ⁷Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear? ⁸Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. ¹⁰For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws. ¹¹For the same God who said, “You must not commit adultery,” also said, “You must not murder.” So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law. ¹²So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. ¹³There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

Understand:

Most of us aren’t murderers or thieves or adulterers. Those sins are the “worst” of sins, the extra-really bad ones. Those are the sins that clearly break God’s law. We don’t do those things. (I mean, unless you count bitterness, coveting, lust, or pornography. Moving on quickly, though.) **Yet we’re all law-breakers in one overarching way: we lack love.** Wait, what? Yes, a lack of love and a lack of mercy not only break God’s law, but this is where all law breaking comes from. We are all inclined to favor one kind of person over another. And in so doing, we fail to love as Christ loved. We think of “love your neighbor as yourself” as the Golden Rule. That’s a cute, shiny phrase, but it undersells what Jesus calls one of the two greatest commandments. When we lack love, we judge, whether or not we are in any position to do so. We judge others more harshly than we would like to be judged and for the very things we fail at daily. We forget we will be held to the very standard by which we judge others. We are blinded by the log in our own eye while we make much of the sawdust in someone else’s. We are all law-breakers because we lack love. For this reason, we deserve judgment and we need mercy. Aren’t you grateful for the mercy and grace that Jesus has extended to you?

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Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. ¹⁴The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

Understand:

I remember singing the old hymn, "Jesus Paid it All" in church as a kid. I can sing, by memory every word of every stanza. I remember my dad singing the tenor part as he harmonized and held the hymnal where I could read along, even though we didn't need it. The words of this classic hymn explain it all.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

*I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."*

*Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

*Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.
And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.*

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Day 16

Read

Proverbs 6:16-19

¹⁶There are six things the Lord hates—no, seven things he detests: ¹⁷haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, ¹⁸a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, ¹⁹a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

Understand:

One of the critical and awesome themes of the Bible is the amazing love of the Divine toward a very rebellious and sinful people. In case you are wondering - that's us! This aspect of God's nature is so incredible because it plays out in every setting and circumstance—even in a broken world full of terrible things. To truly know God, and therefore truly walk in wisdom, we must know not only what God loves, but also what He abhors. Knowing what the Divine hates, should give each of us a passionate desire to run the other way! Choose well today!

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Day 17

Mark 10:46-52

46 Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. 47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!" 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Understand:

Jesus cared deeply for the blind man, as He cares for all of us. However, in addition to turning right side up that which is upside down in our lives, miracles also remind us of the power and goodness of God. This is why the blind man couldn't help but confess, "I believe, Lord" in John 9:38. Miracles are moments when God breaks into our dying world and sets things right. They are evidence that Jesus' power and status are equal with the Father's. They give us hope for belief and fresh eyes with which to see the world. When we encounter miracles, no matter how big or how small, they are moments for us to declare again, "I believe, Lord! I believe." Today, don't try and explain away the miracles of God in your life. Believe!

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Day 18

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Luke 11:1-4

¹Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ²Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. ³Give us each day the food we need, ⁴and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation."

Understand:

The prayer of Jesus - The Lord's Prayer - is as much about the spirit of the prayer as it is the words of the prayer. Jesus spoke about prayer having just prayed. Just minutes before He bowed in humble worship seeking the face of His Heavenly Father. He gloried in the glory of the One from Heaven who sent Him to earth to save the world. What a privilege, what an honor, to pray in the presence of Creator God. Our spirits are emptied of all selfish pride and refreshed with selfless humility. The reverent and submissive spirit of our Lord's prayer is the design for our prayers. Bring your humble, grateful and submissive prayers to the Divine today!

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Romans 12:19-21

¹⁹Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord. ²⁰Instead, "If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads." ²¹Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Understand:

Leo Tolstoy once said, "Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." When you see stories of evil and sorrow that leave you speechless, don't let it overwhelm you with fear or fret. Instead, look close in the mirror and ask the Divine to show you how you can be a conduit of His goodness and love in the circles of influence He has given you. This is how Followers of Jesus can learn to faithfully follow Him in the midst of a confusing and broken world. As we push hard against evil and overcome it with good (only received from Christ), we encounter a foretaste of the goodness and justice of His coming Kingdom! Let Him make the changes He desires in your heart as you resist evil in the name of Jesus today!

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Proverbs 12:21-25

²¹No harm comes to the godly, but the wicked have their fill of trouble. ²²The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in those who tell the truth. ²³The wise don't make a show of their knowledge, but fools broadcast their foolishness. ²⁴Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave. ²⁵Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up.

Understand:

Your personality may lend itself to worry and fret. You can see it in your stressed out responses, short tempered actions and sleeplessness. It is also seen in and around your pouting countenance. You worry about the economy and its effect on your retirement. You wring your hands over terrorism and wonder when it will ever end. You are stressed out over work, because of situations and people you are unable to change. Anxiety may have paralyzed you as a mom or dad, because you don't feel qualified to carry out your responsibilities. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Read the Bible out loud and meditate on its promises that are filled with hope and encouragement. Use uncertainty as a reason not to worry, but rest in the Lord. You are freed up when you don't fret, but apply faith instead. Above all else, His word wins over worry and provides strength for your faith journey! "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4).

I am grateful for these three things today:

Today, I am praying for:

Today's reading taught me:

Today, I will serve:

See you back here tomorrow for another DAILY AHA!

Read

James 1:19

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Understand:

I saved the shortest reading for the last day of our 21 Days of AHA. This one verse is so powerful that every Follower of Jesus should commit it to memory! James challenged his community of believers to talk less, listen more and not hang on to angry attitudes. Maybe he had seen unhealthy interactions between folks who should be treating each other with the utmost respect. James addressed his readers as brothers and sisters. This family of faith needed to raise the quality of their conversations. The better we get to know one another—the better we should be at anticipating one another’s needs. Passive listening confuses comprehension, but active listening gains insight. God blesses a heart that really wants to hear. My friend, as we end these 21 Days - Slow the pace of your words to allow for the ear to listen. The Divine is the voice we are to seek most! So Hush! And hear with ears to hear the difference between wisdom and foolishness!

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