

Daily Devotions from Genesis 1:1

Day 1 — In the Beginning, God

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 — "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

Before there was anything, there was **God**. No planets, no oceans, no animals, no people — just God. This simple sentence sets the foundation of everything we believe. Life does not start with us, our feelings, or our opinions. It begins with **God Himself**.

If we don't start with God, we will always end up confused — because meaning cannot come from things that are temporary. When we begin with God, we understand who we are, why we are here, and what life is for.

Reflection Questions

- 1. Where in your life have you been tempted to start with *your plans* instead of God's?
- 2. What changes when you remember your life has a Creator and a purpose?

Prayer

Lord, remind me that everything begins with You. Help me place my identity, my decisions, and my priorities in Your hands. Teach me to build my life on You alone. Amen.

Day 2 — The Authority of Scripture

Scripture: 2 *Timothy 3:16* — "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

The Bible is not just a religious book. It is *the voice of God* preserved for us. Every page — even the parts we don't fully understand yet — carries wisdom, truth, life, and direction.

Many people today treat the Bible like a suggestion. Something to follow if it feels convenient. But Scripture does not exist to *agree* with us — it exists to *lead* us, shape us, and form us into the likeness of Jesus.

Reflection Questions

- 1. Do I treat Scripture as optional or authoritative in my life?
- 2. What part of my life do I need to surrender to God's Word?

Prayer

God, thank You for Your Word. Give me a hunger to read it, humility to receive it, and courage to live by it. Shape me through the truth of Scripture. Amen.

Day 3 — Cultural Winds vs. Eternal Truth

Scripture: *Isaiah 40:8* — "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

Culture changes constantly. Opinions shift. Trends rise and fall. What is celebrated today may be rejected tomorrow. But God's Word does not move. It does not weaken. It does not expire.

When culture says, "Follow your feelings," Scripture says, "Follow Jesus."

When culture says, "Truth is whatever you want it to be," Scripture says, "Truth is found in God."

One of the most loving things God does is **give us truth that does not change** — because He knows shifting beliefs lead to anxiety, confusion, and instability.

Reflection Questions

- 1. Where do I feel pressure to fit into culture's values?
- What would change in my life if I trusted God's truth more deeply?

Prayer

Lord, help me stand firm in Your truth even when the world goes in a different direction. Give me strength, clarity, and peace. Amen.

Day 4 — Jesus: The Word Made Flesh

Scripture: *John 1:1,14* — "In the beginning was the Word... and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."

Jesus is not just a teacher or moral example — He is **God Himself**. He stepped into creation, lived a real human life, experienced pain and joy, and walked among us so we could know God personally.

If Jesus is God, then every teaching, every command, every promise carries eternal weight. He is not only Savior, but **Lord** — worthy of our trust, obedience, and worship.

Faith is not just belief in an idea — it is a relationship with a Person.

Reflection Questions

- 1. How do I relate to Jesus as a concept, or as a living Savior?
- 2. What is one area where I need to trust Jesus more fully?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for coming close. Help me know You personally, trust You completely, and follow You faithfully. Be the center of my life. Amen.

Day 5 — Building a Faith That Lasts

Scripture: *Matthew* 7:24 — "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Faith is not just **hearing** God's Word — it is **doing** something with it.

Jesus says a strong life — a stable, peaceful, grounded life — is built on **obedience**, not just belief. We don't drift into spiritual maturity. We build it one act of trust at a time.

Storms will come. Culture will shift. Emotions will rise and fall. But when our foundation is Jesus, we will not be shaken.

Reflection Questions

- 1. What is one step of obedience God is asking me to take right now?
- 2. What does building on the rock look like this week?

Prayer

God, make my faith real in my daily life. Help me not just to hear Your Word, but to live it. Strengthen my foundation in Christ so I stand firm in every season. Amen.