

THE TEMPLE OF RESTORATION

MONTH OF SACRIFICE 30-DAY DEVOTIONAL



Dear Friend,

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we embark on this journey of sacrifice, we have put together this daily devotional that will encourage you to remain steadfast in faith throughout this month. Reading this devotional in addition to your Bible will be a great way to start your morning *right* in the presence of the Lord. It will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices that men and women of God made in order to reap the blessings that God had in store for their lives.

I pray that you will be blessed by its contents. God bless you abundantly.

Yours In Christ,

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# THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD

NOW MOSES WAS KEEPING
THE FLOCK OF JETHRO (REUEL)
HIS FATHER-IN-LAW, THE
PRIEST OF MIDIAN; AND HE
LED HIS FLOCK TO THE
WEST SIDE OF THE WILDERNESS
AND CAME TO HOREB (SINAI),
THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD"

EXODUS 3:1

There are many mountains mentioned in scripture: Mount of Temptation, Mount of Beatitudes, Mount of Transfiguration, Mount Zion, Mount of Olives, Mount Carmel, etc. So what is so important about Mount Sinai that it is called "the mountain of God"? It was here that the Lord Almighty, the I AM that I AM, appeared to Moses and summoned him to return to Egypt and deliver His people. Here, the commandments are given Hand written by God on tablets of stone. Here, the glorious fire of God burned the top of the mountain. And as your requests are being carried to the top of this mountain, know that the same fire that fell upon this mountain will fall upon your requests, consume everything that is not of God, and purify/strengthen with His glory what is good.

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## ETERNAL BLAZING FLAME

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD
APPEARED TO HIM IN A BLAZING
FLAME OF FIRE FROM THE MIDST
OF A BUSH; AND HE LOOKED, AND
BEHOLD, THE BUSH WAS ON FIRE,
YET IT WAS NOT CONSUMED"
EXODUS 3:1



The Lord your God is the Eternal Blazing Flame. Hallelujah! Know this, dear month of sacrifice participant: As this fire burned bright, you will burn bright for the glory of the Almighty! Nothing will be able to consume you. NOTHING! The Living Fire that burns within you will cause

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heads to turn, and when they do, they will see nothing less than the glory of the Almighty in your life!

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#### SACRIFICING SELF

I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME; AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME" **GALATIANS 2:20 NKJV** 

There is no greater sacrifice than the sacrifice of the flesh and its desires. We, who have accepted Christ into our lives, must be willing to sacrifice self daily. Self and all of its fleshly desires cannot go before the Lord's will. He now lives in us. His Holy Spirit abides in our hearts, and when we open our hearts to hear His Voice, we will begin to live by faith, trusting in God to see us through any and all circumstances of life! Our flesh will shout, scream, and have a fit, but nevertheless, put it into full submission to God's Word, and you'll see the manifestation of great things in your life!

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# IF IT DOESN'T COST YOU, IT ISN'T A SACRIFICE

BUT THE KING SAID TO ARAUNAH, 'NO,
BUT I WILL CERTAINLY BUY IT FROM YOU
FOR A PRICE. I WILL NOT OFFER BURNT
OFFERINGS TO THE LORD MY GOD WHICH
COST ME NOTHING.' SO DAVID PURCHASED
THE THRESHING FLOOR AND THE OXEN
FOR FIFTY SHEKELS OF SILVER"
2 SAMUEL 24:24

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Listen up! Sacrifice costs us. If we don't feel the pain of what we're doing, then it isn't a sacrifice at all. It really is that simple! Sacrifice costs! David understood sacrifice, and he knew God. He wanted to offer unto the Lord sacrifices, and it was nice of Araunah to offer so willingly to help

David out. But sacrifice is personal, and David knew this. It had to come from him, from his resources, from his heart, from his sweat. When we fully understand this and do it, great results follow. Sacrifice costs.

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# WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HAND?

SAID THE LORD SAID TO HIM, 'WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND?' AND HE SAID, 'A STAFF' " EXODUS 4:2

You can only offer unto the Lord what you have. Yes, a sacrifice is giving unto the Lord what you have that is very difficult to let go of. God will never ask you for what you don't have. It will cost you, but if it's in your ability to give, He will use what you give Him. We often think this is too hard to give up, or it's too insignificant for God, and this is where we go wrong and lose out in life. God will ask us for the very thing that we have in our

possession. If we're willing to let it go for a greater purpose, He will use what we release to Him, and He will bless us tremendously as a result of our obedience.

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## RESCUE IN THE WORKS

SO I HAVE COME DOWN TO RESCUE THEM FROM THE HAND (POWER) OF THE EGYPTIANS, AND TO BRING THEM UP FROM THAT LAND TO A LAND [THAT IS] GOOD AND SPACIOUS, TO A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY [A LAND OF PLENTY] - TO THE PLACE OF THE CANAANITE, THE HITTITE, THE AMORITE, THE PERIZZITE, THE HIVITE, AND THE JEBUSITE"

EXODUS 3:8

As soon as you took this step of faith to sacrifice unto the Lord, He heard your cry! Yes, you can believe this with all your heart. He is coming down to do what? To rescue you from what is oppressing you, what is hurting you, and what has become an impossible mountain before you. Stay focused

this month on what you're asking God for. Why did you make your vow? Rescue is in the works even now as you read this word for you today. The Lord is here to rescue you from the hand(s) that have tried very hard to keep you in bondage in life. Break free!

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God is a covenant-keeping God. We have been brought into a covenant with God through the finished work of the cross, through the Blood of Jesus! Know that God is faithful to His promise. His Word can never and will never return to Him void. It

must accomplish what it was sent out to do. When we do our part, He certainly does His.

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# Phy Dreamy MOUNT SINAI

#### THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

WHEN PHARAOH HEARD ABOUT THIS MATTER, HE TRIED TO KILL MOSES. THEN MOSES FLED FROM PHARAOH'S PRESENCE AND TOOK REFUGE IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN, WHERE HE SAT DOWN BY A WELL" EXODUS 2:15

There is no escaping the wildernesses of life. Sooner or later, everybody will find themselves in a wilderness. It's a place of desolation but not despair. It's a place of sacrifice but also serenity. It is in the wilderness that God molds us and makes us who He desires us to be. Don't run away

from your wilderness; you just might find yourself there longer than you have to be. Keep a good sacrificial attitude in the wilderness. Know that God is there with you, and He knows exactly what you need and how long you need to be there. Grow in your wilderness!

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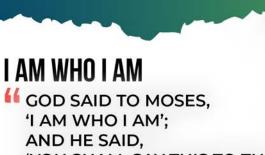
#### A PUSH BACK

LET THE LABOR BE
HEAVIER ON
THE MEN, AND LET THEM
WORK [HARD] AT IT SO
THAT THEY WILL PAY
NO ATTENTION TO
[THEIR GOD'S] LYING WORDS"
EXODUS 5:9

Before it got better, it got worse. There was a pushback not because Pharaoh didn't believe Moses' words but because he became afraid of what those words could do amongst the Israelites. The enemy today is no different. He's in fear right now as you've taken your step of faith and vowed before the Lord in this Month of Sacrifice. He's coming at you with

doubt, frustration, fear, worry, etc. Don't give in to his tactics. There may be a pushback, but it's only to throw you further ahead when it's released! A pushback is not a defeat; it's a strategic positioning to soar further than you thought possible! Stay focused on the breakthrough you're expecting from God.

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AND HE SAID,
'YOU SHALL SAY THIS TO THE
ISRAELITES, 'I AM HAS
SENT ME TO YOU' "
EXODUS 3:14

There is no other explanation needed. Don't waste your time trying to make others understand your sacrificial vow. You cannot. Why? Because there are things in life that make no sense to others, only to the one who is invested in them. Your vow is between you and God. Your request is between you

and God, and the Great I AM is the One you're trusting in. Some around you may not understand you. Some around you may not agree with you, but that's okay. Just keep your heart and mind connected with the Lord. Know why you're doing what you're doing. And know that our God, the I AM WHO I AM, is with you.

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**DAY 10** 



# THE LORD'S PROVISION ACCOMPANIES OUR OBEDIENCE

THEN HE CRIED TO THE LORD
[FOR HELP], AND THE LORD
SHOWED HIM A TREE, [A BRANCH OF]
WHICH HE THREW INTO THE WATERS,
AND THE WATERS BECAME SWEET.
THERE THE LORD MADE
A STATUTE AND AN ORDINANCE
FOR THEM, AND THERE
HE TESTED THEM"

EXODUS 15:25

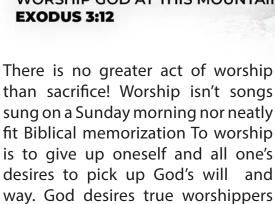
God will always provide for those who sacrifice to Him. But at times, He will ask us to do something before He performs the miracle. You see, this is called collaboration. When we collaborate with God by doing our part, He comes through and does His. What is our part usually? It's sacrificial prayer/fasting, forgiving, loving, obeying, etc. Sometimes, God

will ask us to do something in order to see just how much we're trusting in His command. If we obey, we're showing Him that we believe and we trust; thus, in return, He honors and provides the answer!

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# SACRIFICE IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF WORSHIP

AND GOD SAID, 'CERTAINLY
I WILL BE WITH YOU, AND THIS
SHALL BE THE SIGN TO YOU THAT
IT IS I WHO HAVE SENT YOU:
WHEN YOU HAVE BROUGHT
THE PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT,
YOU SHALL SERVE AND
WORSHIP GOD AT THIS MOUNTAIN' "
EXODUS 3:12



who worship the LORD in Spirit and

in truth. One can never be a real worshipper if he/she is not willing to live sacrificially for the LORD.

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#### **GOD'S FAVOR ON YOU**

AND I WILL GRANT
THIS PEOPLE FAVOR
AND RESPECT IN THE
SIGHT OF THE EGYPTIANS;
THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE THAT
WHEN YOU GO, YOU WILL
NOT GO EMPTY-HANDED"
EXODUS 3:21

What a mighty God we serve! When you give to Him sacrificially, you will receive back in abundance! Not only is your sacrifice speaking for you, but God's favor rests upon you as a result of your obedience. Yes, that step of faith you took that day on the altar is a first step toward uncommon favor amongst others. Even your enemies will hand over to you what God has

ordered them to give you without a grumble or complaint! When God's favor is on you, it's evident to everyone around you. Get ready, for you will certainly not go emptyhanded!

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# Phy Dreamy MOUNT SINAI

# A HUNDRED-FOLD REWARD

THEN ISAAC PLANTED [SEED]
IN THAT LAND [AS A FARMER]
AND REAPED IN THE SAME YEAR
A HUNDRED TIMES [AS MUCH
AS HE HAD PLANTED], AND THE
LORD BLESSED AND FAVORED HIM"
GENESIS 26:12

There is a hundredfold reward for all those who plant sacrificially and believe God for the increase. Hallelujah! A harvest awaits us when we trust in the LORD, even in times of drought, for we have understood the power of sacrificial planting. Letting go of our seed brings forth our

harvest. We cannot have a harvest if we don't let go of the seed. If God did it for Isaac, He will do it for you. Take hold of your seed and look at it well. Will that seed do anything for you in your hand? If you know that it won't (and you know that it won't), sow it. A hundredfold reward will follow.

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#### A GOD THAT SEES AND HEARS

THE LORD SAID,
I HAVE IN FACT SEEN
THE AFFLICTION (SUFFERING,
DESOLATION) OF MY PEOPLE
WHO ARE IN EGYPT, AND
HAVE HEARD THEIR CRY BECAUSE
OF THEIR TASKMASTERS
(OPPRESSORS); FOR I KNOW
THEIR PAIN AND SUFFERING' "
EXODUS 3:7

From the top of Mount Sinai, the Lord assured Moses that He is a God who hears and sees. Don't think for a moment that what you're going through cannot be changed, healed, restored, etc. God is All Powerful! He saw you when you made your vow. He sees you now as your faith and trust is in Him continually. Stay in the spirit of expectation as your requests

are making their way to the very top of Mount Sinai. As surely as God sees and hears you, He is approaching you with the answer to your cry out.

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Sometimes, the sacrifice may not be in going somewhere but in staying right where you are. How many are those who run from a problem rather than remain and try to fix it? Do you know why? It takes sacrifice to remain. It may take self-denial and maybe even a little humbling in

order to remain. How willing are we to sacrifice and stay right where God wants us to be? I can assure you that if we stay when God says "Stay," we will reap the harvest of our sacrificial obedience.

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#### A GOOD SACRIFICE

DO NOT NEGLECT TO
DO GOOD, TO
CONTRIBUTE [TO THE NEEDY
OF THE CHURCH AS AN
EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP],
FOR SUCH SACRIFICES ARE
ALWAYS PLEASING TO GOD"
HEBREWS 13:16

When we set our hearts to do good, the enemy isn't happy at all. No matter how small or big that good may be, you can ready yourself to receive criticism from others and words of discouragement from those who do not have the same heart

as you. But fret not thyself. Keep doing good, keep contributing, for all that you do will be honored by the Lord Almighty!

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#### PRAISEFUL SACRIFICE

ITHROUGH HIM, THEREFORE,
LET US AT ALL TIMES OFFER
UP TO GOD A SACRIFICE OF
PRAISE, WHICH IS THE
FRUIT OF LIPS THAT THANKFULLY
ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFESS
AND GLORIFY HIS NAME"
HEBREWS 13:15

A thankful heart does wonders! It not only makes us feel good, but it is a sweet aroma unto the Lord! Now, it's easy to praise God when everything is going well. However, it's not so easy to open our mouths and glorify Him when all hell is breaking loose. Tough seasons of life call for tough

attitudes, and a grateful attitude is one of the strongest attitudes to obtain! When the devil tries to make you focus on what is against you, remind him of Who is for you! Be grateful!

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#### HUMILITY

MY [ONLY] SACRIFICE
[ACCEPTABLE] TO GOD IS A
BROKEN SPIRIT; A BROKEN AND
CONTRITE HEART [BROKEN WITH
SORROW FOR SIN, THOROUGHLY
PENITENT], SUCH, O GOD,
YOU WILL NOT DESPISE"
PSALM 51:17

There is nothing more beautiful than humility. When we are humble, we understand fully that it is God in us and through us and not that of ourselves. This in itself is sacrificial. Anyone can be proud, but it takes sacrifice of self to be humble. When we come

before the Lord in humbleness, He will always be ready to listen and answer the requests of our heart.

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## **ALL THE "ITES" EXCUSE ME!**

SO I HAVE COME DOWN TO RESCUE THEM FROM THE HAND (POWER) OF THE EGYPTIANS, AND TO BRING THEM UP FROM THAT LAND TO A LAND [THAT IS] GOOD AND SPACIOUS, TO A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY

[A LAND OF PLENTY] - TO THE PLACE OF THE CANAANITE, THE HITTITE, THE AMORITE, THE PERIZZITE, THE HIVITE, AND THE JEBUSITE"

EXODUS 3:8



There are many "ites" that fight to make your life as miserable as possible, but they cannot resist the power of sacrifice. There is so much power in sacrifice that it confuses the enemy without you having to say a single word to them. There are the Jealousites, the Bitterites, the Offendingites, the Stagnationites, the "Who does he/she think they are "ites," etc. The list goes on and on. To all the "ites" in life, God, Himself, will cause them to move out of your way, placing you where you belong. There is no need to address them or answer them, for your sacrifice is already at work on your behalf.

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#### THE SACRIFICIAL COVERING

THE BLOOD SHALL BE A SIGN FOR YOU ON [THE DOORPOSTS OF]
THE HOUSES WHERE YOU LIVE;
WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD I SHALL
PASS OVER YOU, AND NO
AFFLICTION SHALL HAPPEN
TO YOU TO DESTROY YOU
WHEN I STRIKE THE
LAND OF EGYPT"

EXODUS 12:13

There is a covering over a sacrificial life that another life does not have. When a believer lives sacrificially in obedience to the Word of God, there is a "blood covering" that protects him/her from all harm! What blood covering is that? For the Israelites, it was the blood of a young goat or lamb placed on the doorposts of their

homes, but today, it is the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, placed over the doorposts of our hearts in ways that we're not even aware of!

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#### **NOW YOU WILL SEE!**

ITHEN THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, 'NOW YOU SHALL SEE WHAT I WILL DO TO PHARAOH; FOR UNDER COMPULSION HE WILL [NOT ONLY] LET THEM GO, BUT UNDER COMPULSION HE WILL DRIVE THEM OUT OF HIS LAND"

EXODUS 6:1

Compulsion simply means the action or state of forcing or being forced to do something. Pay close attention to God's Words to Moses: He will see to it. My God! Do you know that when you obey His Voice and step out in faith, He will see to it? He will make sure. He will cause things to work together in order for your breakthrough to

happen! It doesn't matter how it looks right now. It doesn't matter what others are saying about it. It doesn't even matter how you feel right now; it's about FAITH! TRUST in God that He will do it for you. Your testimony will not only come to you, but it will run to you! Hallelujah!

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# TRUST BEFORE THE SEA OF TURMOIL

44 AS PHARAOH APPROACHED,
THE ISRAELITES LOOKED
UP AND SAW THE
EGYPTIANS MARCHING AFTER
THEM, AND THEY WERE
VERY FRIGHTENED;
SO THE ISRAELITES
CRIED OUT TO THE LORD"

EXODUS 14:10

How many times have we been before a sea of turmoil? It could be a sea of family problems that seem to be so huge and never-ending. Maybe we're before a sea of negative/fearful thoughts that seem to be drowning out good sense over and over again; no matter how much we try to keep our heads above the waters, we're constantly going down. At times, we feel the devil and his demons right behind us and coming at us in full force! What do we do? Trust God.

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#### **GROWING THROUGH OPPOSITION**

66 BUT THE MORE THE EGYPTIANS
OPPRESSED THEM, THE MORE THEY
MULTIPLIED AND EXPANDED, SO
THAT THE EGYPTIANS DREADED
AND WERE EXASPERATED BY
THE ISRAELITES"
EXODUS 1:12



When a child of God has a purpose over his/her life, there is no sacrifice too big, much less any opposition too strong! A believer who sacrifices is a believer who knows what he/

she is entitled to and will press through any form of opposition and keeps bearing the fruit he/ she is called to bear!

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# **STOP MAKING EXCUSES**

THEN MOSES SAID TO THE LORD, 'PLEASE, LORD, I AM NOT A MAN OF WORDS (ELOQUENT, FLUENT), NEITHER BEFORE NOR SINCE YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO YOUR SERVANT; FOR I AM SLOW OF SPEECH AND TONGUE'"

EXODUS 4:10

Let's be real with ourselves; how often do we make excuses just to not do what God has asked us to do? Maybe, it might seem hard at the time, or maybe we just don't want to do it, period. Either way, making excuses will only hinder our breakthrough. The question is: How badly do we want this testimony? How much are we willing to give up in order to receive? Our excuses can even

sound really legit, but God isn't interested in our excuses. He wants willingness to sacrifice what He's commanding us to sacrifice. I f it's our ego, sacrifice it. If it's our fear, sacrifice it. Is it our pride? Sacrifice it. If it's a monetary amount that God has nudged your heart to offer to Him, sacrifice it. Stop making excuses!

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### NO CONQUEST WITHOUT SACRIFICE

HEHOLD, I AM GOING TO SEND AN ANGEL BEFORE YOU TO KEEP AND GUARD YOU ON THE WAY AND TO BRING YOU TO THE PLACE I HAVE PREPARED" EXODUS 23:20

God has a place of victory prepared for you; do you believe this? Now, if you indeed believe this, you will obey whatever He tells you to do, yes or no? If He tells you go to the right, you'll go to the right. If He tells you not to move, you'll stand completely still even if you really want to move. Our conquest (our testimony, breakthrough, and miracle) will

come through our sacrifice. Nothing good comes free, there's a price to be paid. Even the finished work of the cross for our salvation did not come free. It cost the Father His only begotten Son. And for us to maintain our salvation, we need to sacrifice daily to make sure we're living in the Word of God.

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When we're in a battle, it calls for strength, courage, and much sacrifice. Sometimes, we just have to get up early in the morning and address the problem that is before us! Speak to the problem rather than about it. The more you speak about it, the stronger it becomes. But the more you address it, the weaker it becomes. It takes sacrifice to step out of our comfort zone and walk into the battle

and fight. It's so much easier to have someone else fight for us, pray for us, fast for us. But remember, it's those who fight who will receive the victory of the battle and not the bystanders. It's the one who speaks that gets heard.

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## FROM LITTLE TO PLENTY

SO I HAVE COME DOWN TO RESCUE THEM FROM THE HAND (POWER) OF THE EGYPTIANS, AND TO BRING THEM UP FROM THAT LAND TO A LAND [THAT IS] GOOD AND SPACIOUS, TO A LAND FLOWING WITH MILK AND HONEY [A LAND OF PLENTY] - TO THE PLACE OF THE CANAANITE, THE HITTITE, THE AMORITE, THE PERIZZITE, THE HIVITE, AND THE JEBUSITE"

**EXODUS 3:8** 

One thing you can be sure of is this: When you sacrifice unto the Lord, what comes back to you is never the same measure that you sowed. It will always come back to you multiplied. From little to plenty is where you're heading. When your sacrifice speaks for you, it cries out on your behalf, and it makes a way to take you from where you are now to where God has designated you to be. Know this: Where you are now isn't your

final destination. God has so much more in store for you. Do you believe this? Even before your requests reach the top of Mount Sinai, God is orchestrating ways for greater opportunities, testimonials, and miracles! It is He Who directed your steps to participate in this sacrifice month. He ordered your steps up that altar, and there you took your leap of faith. He is here to take you from little to plenty, to a sweet life.

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"Here I am!" This is the correct manner to answer the call of God. Yes, it is a sacrifice, for at times, what God asks of us goes against our flesh and often pulls us out of our comfort zones. But growth is not found in comfort zones but rather in sacrificial zones. When we sacrifice, we show God how much

we're depending on Him by going against what our flesh desires and submitting to what He desires of us.

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#### **DAY 30**

## **BE PATIENT**

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MOSES TOLD THIS
TO THE ISRAELITES,
BUT THEY DID NOT
LISTEN TO HIM BECAUSE
OF THEIR IMPATIENCE
AND DESPONDENCY,
AND BECAUSE OF
THEIR FORCED LABOR"
EXODUS 6:9

When we become impatient, it's hard to believe that God will do what He said He would do. Do you not know that His timing isn't ours? He knows where, how and when to perform the miracle. Our place is to sacrificially wait on Him. Sometimes, we lose out on many blessings because of our impatience. Many times, God will use the same issue we're praying about

to teach us a lesson before removing that situation from our lives. We learn through what we experience. When we sacrificially learn to wait on God, we have peace and when the breakthrough arrives, we've been molded to receive it. Don't miss out on what God has for you due to impatience.





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