

Day 31

Daily Scripture Reading: 1 Joshua 7-9

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into my life this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded me how much I need you and rely on your presence filling me every single day.

I pray for your Spirit to lead me each step of this New Year. I ask that you will guide my decisions and turn my heart to deeply desire you above all else. I ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. I ask that you would help me release my grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." I ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within my heart.

I ask for your wisdom, your strength and power to be constantly present within me. I pray you would make me strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give me the ability beyond what I feel able. Let your gifts flow freely through me, so that you would be honored by my life, and others would be drawn to you. I pray that you'd keep me far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in my ear when I need to run, and whisper in my heart when I need to stand my ground.

I pray that you would give me understanding and wisdom to know your will, hear your voice, and follow your ways. I ask that you would keep my feet firm, on solid ground, helping me to be consistent and faithful. Give me strength to stay the course, not being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call me away from a close walk with you.

Forgive me for the times I thought I can do it on my own, forgetting my need for you, living independent of your Spirit. Forgive me for letting fear and worry control my mind, and for allowing pride and selfishness rule over my life. Forgive me for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

In Jesus Name, Amen.