

Day 1: Faith vs. Fear

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27; Matthew 6:25-34

#### Reflection:

As a young adult preparing to enter a new chapter, it's normal to face uncertainties, much like the disciples did in the storm. They were experienced fishermen, yet the storm overwhelmed them. Jesus teaches us to trust Him, even when our expertise and understanding fall short. College has prepared you academically, but life will require a deeper trust in Jesus' authority over all things.



### Prayer:

Lord, help me navigate life's uncertainties with faith rather than fear. When storms arise, remind me that You are with me, calming the chaos around and within me. Amen.

### Action Step:

Identify a current fear or anxiety, and write down ways you can hand it over to Jesus.



Day 2: Authority in Action

Scripture: Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 1:27

#### Reflection:

Jesus' authority isn't just over the natural world but also the spiritual. As your career begins, remember that Jesus has authority over personal and professional challenges you face. Trust in His power over the seen and unseen aspects of life.



### Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for Your authority over all things. Help me to live confidently, knowing nothing in my life is beyond Your control. Guide my decisions and actions as I step into this new phase. Amen.

#### Action Step:

Reflect on an area of life where you feel powerless. Ask Jesus to demonstrate His authority and bring peace in that area as you spend time with Him and learn His character, attributes, and ways.



Day 3: The Power of Forgiveness

Scripture: Matthew 9:1-8; Isaiah 35:5-6

#### Reflection:

As you transition from college, it's essential to address past mistakes and relationships. Jesus prioritizes forgiveness over physical healing, highlighting its transformative power. Forgiveness is foundational to moving forward unencumbered by past regrets and offenses.



#### Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your forgiveness. Help me to extend grace and forgiveness to others, handing You any grudges or bitterness I may be holding onto, will you strengthen me by Your power to forgive and ask for forgiveness from others where You say it's needed. Amen.

### Action Step:

As the Lord reveals relationships that need forgiveness on your part take time to seek for ways to forgive them and seek forgiveness where necessary.



Day 4: Mercy over Sacrifice

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-13; Hosea 6:6

#### Reflection:

In your new ventures, it's tempting to show success through achievements. Jesus reminds us that mercy and understanding are more valuable than sacrifice and appearances. Building relationships founded on empathy and mercy will define true success.



### Prayer:

God, teach me to value mercy over material successes. Cultivate my heart to prioritize relationships and compassion as you lead me into the future you know is best. Amen.

### **Action Step:**

Take time listening to a friend, volunteering, or simply offering kindness to a stranger.



Day 5: Embracing the New

Scripture: Matthew 9:14-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### Reflection:

Graduation will open doors to new opportunities and challenges. Jesus speaks of new wine requiring new wineskins, symbolizing the open embrace of God's work in new ways based on His desires. Be prepared to adapt and grow, welcoming change as God leads you.



### Prayer:

Lord, open my heart to the new things You are doing in my life. Help me to be flexible and willing to change as You guide me. Amen.

### **Action Step:**

Identify an area where you've resisted change. Commit to embracing God's new direction and seek His guidance in the new steps the Lord has for you both before and after graduation.

May this devotional guide you through this exciting period of your life, helping you cultivate deeper trust in Jesus, purposeful relationships, and readiness for new beginnings.