

Utilize this companion guide to **Everyday Epiphany**, in whatever way fits your life and context, to discover how God is working in the world around, through, and within you.

There is no set structure to this devotional study. Move at your own pace. Gather weekly or do it all in one weekend. Read Scripture. Ask questions. Share stories. Step back and discover what He has been up to in your life.

**Each section will include these prompts to help lead personal times of reflections and community-based conversations.**

- Start with Scripture
- Look Around
- Write it Down



Ask the questions. Read the Bible.  
Talk to God. Have an epiphany.

Write your own stories about how He has showed up in your life. Share what it means to really know Him. Tell everyone you can about the Creator, Healer, Guide, Provider, Comforter, and Savior who has changed your every day into an eternity.

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## HAVE AN EPIPHANY

If you look up the word **epiphany** in a Google search, you'll find that it describes something simple and striking that is an illuminating discovery or realization.

Discovering God in every moment began for me when I turned my focus toward Him by reading the Word more intentionally. I opened my Bible (almost) every day with a desire to seek Him and an open enough mind to hear Him. Those daily quiet moments helped me start to see God outside the pages of a leather-bound book and I started to genuinely know Him more.

## I FOUND HIM TO BE...

### A Creator

who doesn't make mistakes

### A Healer

who reaches the deepest wounds

### A Guide

who pursues and leads

### A Provider

who withholds nothing that is needed

### A Comforter

who weeps and knows our sorrows

### A Savior

who offers grace as a loving embrace



# CREATOR

## who doesn't make mistakes

In the beginning...

When we think of creation, in terms of faith, we often think of that specific phrase. Recalling the Creator speaking the world into existence.

But we limit the Creator when we stop there! He continues to speak and create.

God created in a way that was continuously reproducing. The animals, the plants, the people. We all repeat the act of creation! He also offers transformation through the cross so that we become new creation through Him.

**Created in His image and renewed by His grace.**

### WRITE IT DOWN



He can take your mess and turn it into miracles.



### START WITH SCRIPTURE

**Genesis 1:27**

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.

**Psalms 139:14**

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

**2 Corinthians 4:16**

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

### LOOK AROUND

Adam and Eve tried to sew their own clothes to hide the shame and misunderstanding that came along with stepping away from the presence of God and the purpose He had planned for them.

God wanted to know who told them they were naked. He had never planned for that shame to stain their lives and infiltrate their minds. But it did and we still hear whispers that pull us away from His presence and our purpose.

Paul had every reason to hide. He not only stepped away from God's presence, he threw stones at those who were living into His purpose.

But God showed up and spoke to Paul, too. Giving him direction and instruction on how to see Him more clearly. Paul went on to share the gospel message in ways that are impossible to understand without also realizing the transforming nature of our continuous Creator.

**What have you been trying to hide that is actually an opportunity to share the renewing grace of a generous Creator?**

# HEALER

who reaches the deepest wounds

Do you want to be healed?

Feels like a ridiculous question, but it's what Jesus asked a man who had been unwell for years, waiting on a miracle at the edge of a bubbling pool.

But He didn't have to ask the question when a woman reached for His hem in a crowd. The answer was obvious as she risked everything and was healed of a disease that had plagued her body and life for years.

She didn't wait.  
She reached for the Healer.

**Trust Him enough to reach for His hem.**

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But we are promised a Healer who loves us so deeply that He will hear our prayers, draw us close, and transform our lives in miraculous ways.



## START WITH SCRIPTURE

### **Psalms 34:18**

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

### **Mark 5:36**

Don't be afraid, just believe.

### **John 20:27**

Put your finger here in the wounds of my hands. Here - put your hand into my wounded side and see for yourself.

### **1 Peter 2:24**

He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

## LOOK AROUND

It's hard to reach out for help. It means we have to uncover our wounds and allow them to be visible. Our pain, shame, and sorrow. All out there in the open.

Sometimes we end up feeling like we are broken beyond repair. But God isn't worried about our damage. He isn't bothered by our imperfections.

He just wants us to show up with a willingness to unwrap the bandages, reveal the cracks, and reach for Him. Wounds reveal a lot, that's why He showed the holes in His hands to the disciples as they were trying to piece together all that happened on the cross.

His wounds draw us close to Him. Our wounds draw us even closer. It's only when we're close that healing happens and our wounds become scars that reveal His glory.

**Show the scars. Share the stories.**



# GUIDE

## who pursues and leads

As humans, it's our natural tendency to follow our own desires, thoughts, and cravings. But if we're being honest, we can admit that we don't always make the best choices.

We drift. We stray. We wonder. We wander.

But while we are wandering, there is a Guide who calls us to follow and leads us there.

He is walking with you and talking with you all the way from the struggles to the blessings. Equipping, empowering, and engaging along the way.

**Be brave enough  
to let Him guide the journey.**



### START WITH SCRIPTURE

**Psalms 25:4-5**

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; on You I wait all the day.

**Proverbs 19:21**

You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.

**Mark 1:17**

'Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'

**2 Timothy 1:9**

He has saved us and called us to a holy life, not because of anything we have done, but because of His own purpose and grace.

### LOOK AROUND

In the book of Hebrews, the author talks about a great cloud of witnesses. There is a list of names and experiences that showcase God's care and guidance over the years. It's an interesting group of people...

Some were murdered while others were murderers. Some were prostitutes and adulterers. Some immediately obeyed God's Word and others needed more convincing. But all were identified as people who were faithful.

Not perfect, but faithful.

See if you can compile your own list of a great cloud of witnesses. They may be grandparents or a wise neighbor. They might be someone you read about or watched on TV.

These people and their lives are examples of God's relentless pursuit of us. Reminding us of His goodness and grace through the years. They give us encouragement in the difficult stretches of life and guidance when the path isn't clear.

### Who is in your cloud?

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God will make us promises,  
and we will always be  
inadequate to carry them out  
on our own.



# PROVIDER

## who withholds nothing that is needed

God provided light at the time of creation. He saw that it was needed to push out the darkness. Since then, the darkness has become heavier and light even more necessary. God saw this and sent Jesus as the Light of the world.

With the Light, we receive all that is needed. God provides for our daily needs and offers eternal hope.

Social media has a remarkable way of giving us direct access to what we think we want while also convincing us that we'll never have it all. Pretty discouraging!

But we are loved by a God who created us and continues to provide exactly what we need. There is proof all around us....

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We didn't earn what took place on the cross. Instead of waiting until we were enough, God proved how much He loves ' us by doing it anyway.



### START WITH SCRIPTURE

#### 1 Samuel 12:24

Fear the Lord, serve Him in truth with all your heart, and consider what great things He has done for you.

#### Psalms 107:9

For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

#### John 8:12

I am the world's Light. No one who follows me stumbles around in the darkness. I provide plenty of light to live in.

#### Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

### LOOK AROUND

.God is our Provider. But that doesn't mean we always get what we want. The reality is that there are times when our prayers are answered with a 'no' or at least a 'not right now' response from the One who hears and holds it all. Understanding that, and accepting the uncertainty, allows us to face everything with a next-level faith attitude.

Daniel and his friends faced a lot of challenges. Most notably, a den of lions and a fiery furnace.

When they faced what felt impossible, they did so with faith. In fact, they had enough faith to trust that God would rescue them from what appeared impossible while also proclaiming that even if He didn't, they knew God was still good and was still providing for them.

Sometimes when we see lack in our lives and assume God has let us down. We feel struggle applying pressure and think that maybe God has stepped away for awhile. We wonder if He will even show up. But what we really need is the 'even if' kind of faith that David and his friends showed as they were brave enough to trust that God would provide in all sorts of ways with every circumstance.

# COMFORTER

## who weeps and knows my sorrow

Life hurts sometimes. I'm sure you don't need me to tell you that. We make mistakes, people disappoint us, plans don't work out, tragedy shows up when least expected, and complicated circumstances seem to lurk around all sorts of corners.

Job is described as a blameless and upright man who experienced a lot of loss in a very short amount of time. He battled a lot of the same thoughts many of us have when he became disheveled and disgruntled in his grief. But what's remarkable and notable about Job is that he found a way to worship in his sorrow.

This response to trouble is only possible because our Comforter is one who weeps at tombs, sits quietly in the desert, whispers in the dark, and follows us to our hiding places.

### WRITE IT DOWN

Praise doesn't fix our  
problems right away,  
but it gives us hope.



### START WITH SCRIPTURE

#### Psalm 56:8

You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

#### John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

#### James 4:8

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

#### Revelation 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes.

### LOOK AROUND

.This world is going to give you trouble sometimes. That's a guarantee straight from Jesus. But Jesus overcame all those troubles. That's also a guarantee.

It doesn't mean that all our troubles immediately disappear. But it does mean that even while in the midst of them, we have a peace that goes beyond our understanding and is more powerful than any problem.

It's with His peace that we can sit quietly like Mary, praise like David, and sing like Paul and Silas.

Suddenly the circumstances don't matter nearly as much. When the Comforter is close, we can feel His embrace and simply rest while we worship.

Where can you get cozy  
and rejoice today?



# SAVIOR

## who offers grace as a loving embrace

We are told in Psalm 23 that there is a Shepherd who cares for us. One who relentlessly pursues us with goodness and mercy.

If you've ever spent time in a church, you have probably been encouraged to memorize this passage. It was written by David. An imperfect man loved by a perfect God.

He understood grace.

If we're honest, though, grace is kind of hard to understand. We approach it cautiously, unsure of what it means or if it's even really something for us. It often seems too good to be true when we think of all the reasons we don't deserve this exceptional gift.

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He wants to find what is hidden, not so He can punish or banish, but so that He can offer grace.



### START WITH SCRIPTURE

#### Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

#### 1 Samuel 15:22

Do you think all God wants are sacrifices - empty rituals just for show? He wants you to listen to Him!

#### Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

#### Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### LOOK AROUND

You were never expected to be worthy of the grace Jesus offers. If that were the case, none of us would meet the requirements. But you have to understand that He considers you worth every moment of ridicule and pain He endured on the cross.

Even if you've really messed up.

The author of Hebrews tells us to come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. Promising that it is in His presence where we will receive His mercy and the grace to help us when we need it most.

So lock eyes with the Savior who loves you enough to wash your feet and cleanse your soul. Stop trying to be worth, and choose to simply live like you're worth it.

**What do you need to unpack from your bag so you have enough space to receive His grace being offered?**

