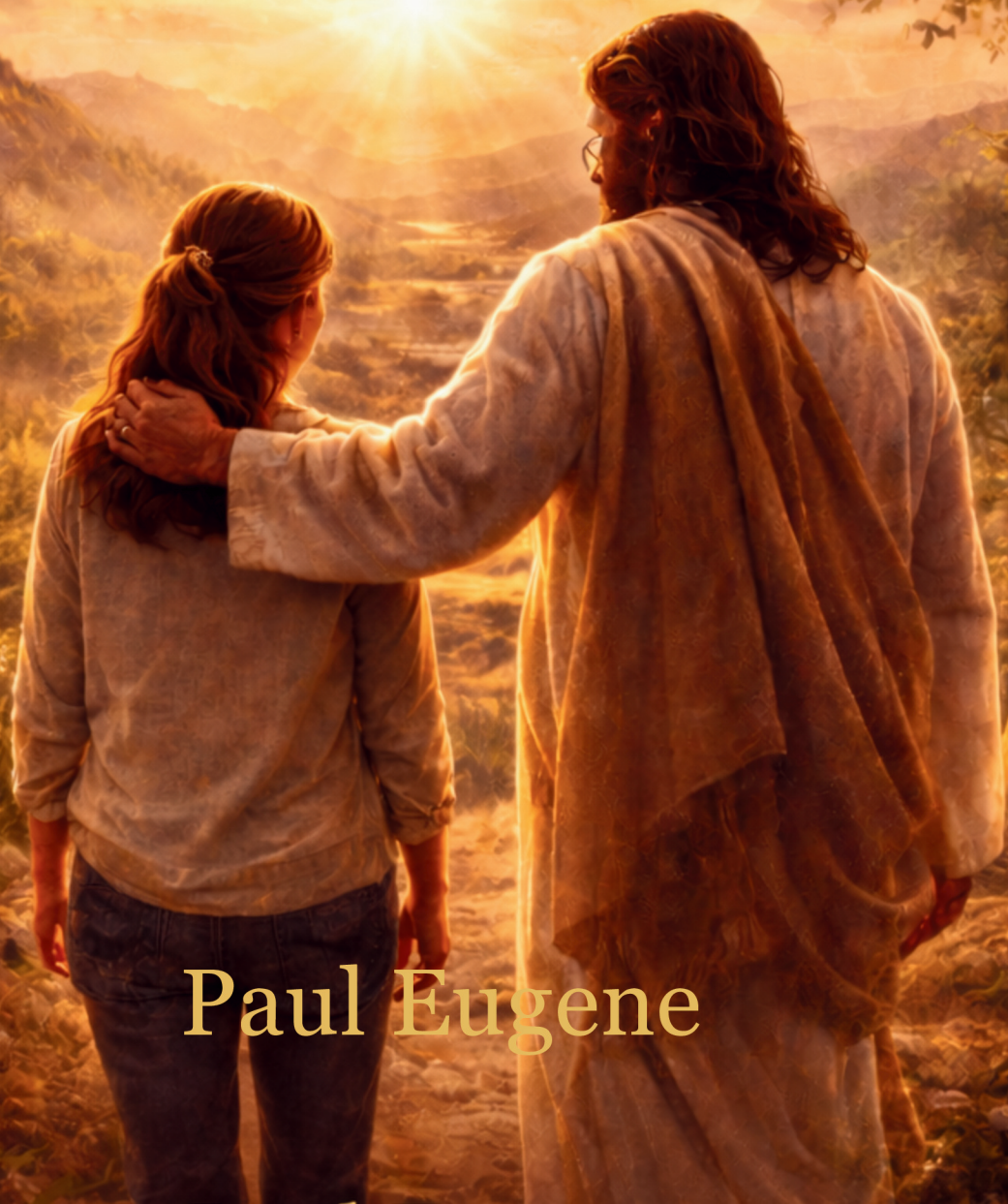


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7 Day Devotional



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“And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.”
— Matthew 28:20

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Dedication

This devotional is dedicated
to every heart that has wondered
if Jesus was still near.

To those who have walked through quiet seasons,
heavy questions, unseen tears, and unanswered prayers—
this is for you.

May these pages remind you
that even when you could not feel Him,
even when you could not hear Him,
He remains.

With gratitude and hope,
Paul Eugene

This Book Belongs To

Introduction

He Remains

There are seasons in life when God feels close—
and seasons when His presence feels distant.

Moments when faith feels strong and steady,
and moments when it feels fragile, quiet, or unsure.

This 7-day devotional was born from the simple but powerful truth
that Jesus does not leave when life becomes difficult.
He does not withdraw when we struggle.
He does not disappear when we feel weak.

He remains.

He Remains: Drawing Closer to Jesus is an invitation to slow down,
to breathe, and to gently reconnect with the steady presence of Christ.
Not through striving.
Not through perfection.
But through honest reflection, scripture, prayer, and quiet trust.

Each day of this devotional is designed to help you:

- Recognize Jesus' nearness in everyday moments
- Strengthen your awareness of His faithfulness
- Draw closer to Him through reflection and prayer
- Rest in the assurance that you are never walking alone

This is not a race.

It is a journey—taken one day, one step, one quiet moment at a time.
As you begin, come just as you are.
Jesus already knows the road you've walked.
And He is still walking with you.

How to Use This Devotional

This 7-day devotional is designed to be a gentle journey, not a task to complete or a goal to rush toward.

Each day offers a quiet space to slow down, reflect, and draw closer to Jesus— the One who remains with you through every season of life.

Daily Flow

For each day, you will find:

- A Scripture to ground your heart in truth
- A Reflection to help you connect the scripture to everyday life
- A Prayer to invite Jesus into your thoughts and emotions
- A Quiet Moment or Prompt to pause and listen

You may choose to:

- Read one day each morning as a spiritual anchor
- Reflect in the evening as a way to close your day
- Journal your thoughts, prayers, or questions alongside the reading

A Gentle Reminder

There is no right or wrong way to use this devotional.

Some days you may feel deeply moved.

Other days you may simply sit quietly in God's presence.

Both are enough.

If you miss a day, begin again without guilt.

Jesus remains—whether you are on Day One or Day Seven.

Let this devotional be a companion,

not a pressure. Take your time. Breathe.

And allow your heart to draw closer—one day at a time.

Day 1 — When I'm Weary

Verse of the Day:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
—Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

Last night, I hit a wall. I was doing everything I could—holding it all together, pushing through another long day, and trying not to let anyone see how tired I really was. My heart felt clenched, like my hands used to be when I tried to control everything. Maybe you've been there too exhausted but still trying to be strong.

Application:

This verse reminds me that Jesus isn't asking me to stay strong all the time. He's asking me to come. Not when I've figured it all out, not when I've fixed the mess—but when I'm weary. When I finally stop trying to “do it on my own,” that's when His arms are wide open, ready to hold me. That's when I start to rest in Him, not just physically—but deep in my soul.

Reflection

How does this speak to you?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for remaining even when I'm at my weakest. Help me to stop carrying this weight alone. I surrender my need to be strong, and I rest in Your love that never fails. Thank You for not giving up on me. Amen.

Day 2 — When I Feel Alone

Verse of the Day

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

—Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

There are days when the silence feels louder than the noise. When the phone doesn't ring, when the house feels too quiet, or when I'm surrounded by people but still feel unseen. It's the kind of loneliness that aches—not just in the heart, but deep in the soul.

Application:

This verse speaks directly into that loneliness. It doesn't promise we won't have dark valleys—but it promises He's there. Right in the middle of the silence, the sorrow, the questions—Jesus remains. He doesn't wait for us at the other end of the valley. He walks with us through it. His presence brings comfort, even when nothing around us changes. We are never truly alone.

Reflection

How does this speak to you?

Jesus, thank You for walking with me through my dark valleys. Thank You for remaining close, even when I can't feel You. Remind me that Your presence is not based on my feelings, but on Your faithfulness. Amen.

Day 3 — When I'm Trying to Fix Everything

Verse of the Day

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

—Proverbs 3:5–6 (NIV)

I've always been a fixer. When something goes wrong, I feel like it's my job to make it right—whether it's a broken schedule, a hurting friend, or something in me that feels off. But the more I try to fix everything, the more I realize how little control I really have. And that's a hard pill to swallow.

Application:

Today's verse is a gentle reminder that when we stop leaning on our own understanding—when we release our need to fix it all—God steps in and leads us down paths we couldn't see on our own.

Reflection

How does this speak to you?

Jesus, I'm tired of trying to hold it all together. I lay down my need to control, fix, and figure everything out. Teach me to trust You with all my heart—not just in the good moments, but in the confusion too. Guide my steps today.

He Remains

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you;
he will never leave you nor forsake you.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”
— Deuteronomy 31:8

Pause here.

Breathe.

He is still with you.

Day 4 — When Fear Creeps In

Verse of the Day

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

—Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

It's amazing how fear can sneak up on you—sometimes it's loud and obvious, and other times it's quiet, just sitting in the background of your thoughts. Fear about your future. About your health. About being forgotten. It doesn't take much to spiral

Application

But today's verse tells a different story. One where fear doesn't get the final say. God doesn't just say "don't be afraid"—He tells us why. Because He is with us. Because He will help us. Because He will uphold us. We don't have to fake bravery. We just need to lean into the One who's never failed us. When fear rises, His strength holds us steady.

Reflection

How does this speak to you?

Jesus, You know the fears I carry—some I say out loud, and some I keep buried deep. I don't want fear to control me. Help me remember You are holding me with Your strong, faithful hand. You remain, and that is enough. Amen.

Day 5 — When I've Made a Mess

Verse of the Day

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

—1 John 1:9 (NIV)

There are moments I look back on and cringe—not because of what others did to me, but because of what I did. Words I spoke too quickly. Decisions I made from pride or pain. Times I knew better, but still chose wrong. And when that shame sets in, it's easy to feel like I've ruined something God can't restore.

Application

But this verse reminds me of one beautiful truth: God's grace is bigger than my mess. He doesn't flinch at our failure. He invites us to bring it to Him, not to hide it. When we confess, He doesn't scold—He forgives. He purifies. He makes things new. Jesus doesn't walk away from our brokenness—He remains, right in the middle of it.

Reflection

How does this speak to you?

Jesus, I've made some mistakes I wish I could undo. But today, I come to You—not pretending, not hiding. I confess my wrongs and ask for Your mercy. Thank You for Your promise to forgive and purify. Amen.

Day 6 — When I'm Running on Empty

Verse of the Day

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

—2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

There are days I wake up and just don't feel like I have anything left to give. I'm tired—mentally, emotionally, spiritually. Even doing the "right things" feels heavy. It's like I'm pouring out, but there's nothing left in the cup.

Application

That's the exact place where grace shows up. Not when we're full of strength, but when we've got nothing left. God's power doesn't flow through our perfection—it flows through our weakness. When we finally admit we're empty, Jesus fills us with what only He can give: rest, strength, and grace that truly is enough. We don't have to pretend we're okay. He remains—even when we feel poured out.

Reflection

How does this speak to you?

Jesus, I'm empty today. I've run out of strength, ideas, patience—and I need You. Fill me with Your power where I'm weak. Thank You for staying close and never turning away from my emptiness, and that gives me hope. Amen.

Day 7 — When I Finally Let Go

Verse of the Day:

"Be still, and know that I am God."

—Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

After all the striving, after the long nights of trying to fix, prove, or carry it all—I finally hit a point where I just... let go. Not in defeat, but in surrender. It felt unfamiliar at first—quiet, still, almost like nothing was happening. But deep down, peace started to rise. Not because everything changed, but because I stopped trying to control it all.

Application

God invites us to be still. Not to quit, but to trust. Not to disappear, but to stop wrestling. It's in that stillness that we begin to remember who He is—not just in theory, but in experience. He is God. He is faithful. And He remained. When we release our grip, He takes hold. And there, we find rest—not in a solution, but in His presence

Reflection

How does this speak to you?

Jesus, thank You for staying through the storm, through my striving, through it all. Today, I rest in You. I choose stillness—not because I'm giving up, but because I'm giving it to You. I let go, and I trust that You remain. Amen.

A Final Prayer

Jesus,

Thank You for meeting me here in these 7 days. Thank You for staying when I wanted to run, for speaking when I had no words, and for holding me when I felt like letting go.

I don't want this to end—I want to keep walking closely with You. Help me remember that no matter what comes next, I don't walk alone. I'm held. I know. I am loved.

You remain.

Amen.

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He Remains

Some journeys change us not because the road was easy,
but because we were never alone while walking it.

As you close this devotional, may you carry this truth with you:

Jesus remains—
in your questions,
in your waiting,
in your joy,
and in your becoming.

You do not need to search for Him in the distance.

You do not need to earn His presence.

You do not need to have it all figured out.

He is near.

He is faithful.

He is still with you.

May you continue to walk forward with renewed peace,
quiet confidence, and a deeper awareness

that every step you take
is one you take with Him.

— Paul Eugene

The signature is a thick, blue, brush-stroke style mark that resembles a stylized 'P' or a series of connected loops, positioned above the name 'paleugene'.

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