

# A Tower to the Heavens

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9. Core Verse: Genesis 11:6

## Reflect

1. What “towers” am I building in my life—things I trust in more than God?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How is God calling me to lay down pride and trust His strength instead of my own?

## IMMERSE

3. Where do I see the desire to “make a name for myself” competing with my desire to honor God?

4. What would it look like for me to stop striving and begin trusting God with the outcome of my life?

5. How might surrendering my plans create space for God to do something greater than I could build on my own?

## **Prayer**

# A Journey to Faith

Scripture: Genesis 12:1–9. Core Verse: Genesis 12:2

## Reflect

1. Where am I tempted to “settle in Haran” instead of moving forward in obedience?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Has God been calling me to something that I’ve delayed, avoided, or resisted?

## IMMERSE

3. What comfort, security, or routine might be keeping me from fully trusting where God is leading?

4. How have I seen God remain faithful in my past, and how does that give me courage to obey Him now?

5. What is one specific step of obedience I sense God inviting me to take this week?

## **Prayer**

# The Smell of Lies

Scripture: Genesis 27:1-40. Core Verse: Genesis 27:36

## Reflect

1. When have I tried to control an outcome instead of trusting God with it?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is one messy or unfair situation in my life where I need to trust that God is still at work?

## IMMERSE

3. Where might I be striving to secure for myself something that only God can truly give?

4. How is God inviting me to trust His timing instead of forcing my own plan?

5. What would it look like for me to live with integrity and trust God with the results?

## **Prayer**

# The Merchant's Burden

Scripture: Genesis 37:12–36; Genesis 50:15–21

Core Verse: Genesis 50:20

## Reflect

1. What is one difficult or messy situation in my life where I need to trust God to be at work?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When have I seen God bring good out of a bad situation in my own life?

## IMMERSE

3. How can I trust God's purpose, even when I do not understand it?

4. Where might I be holding onto regret, guilt, or shame instead of trusting God's redemption?

5. How does Joseph's story encourage me to believe that God is still working for good in my life today?

## **Prayer**



4. How has God shown me mercy in ways I did not deserve?

5. How is God inviting me to respond to His mercy and trust Him more fully today?

## **Prayer**

# Cloud, Fire, and Sea

Scripture: Exodus 14:13–31 Core Verses: Exodus 14:19–20

## Reflect

1. When have I felt surrounded by fear or uncertainty, yet sensed God's presence with me
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What helps me trust God when the path ahead seems impossible?

## IMMERSE

3. Where might God be asking me to take a step of faith, even when I cannot see the outcome?

4. IMMERSE How has God guided or protected me in ways I did not fully recognize at the time?

5. IMMERSE How can I live today with greater confidence in God's presence and faithfulness?

## **Prayer**

# The Mountain of Fire

Scripture: Exodus 19:16-25. Core Verse: Exodus 19:16

## Reflect

1. What does it mean to me that God is holy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When have I experienced a sense of awe or reverence in God's presence?

## IMMERSE

3. In what ways do I sometimes take God's presence or grace for granted?

4. How is God inviting me to grow in obedience today?

5. What would it look like for me to live with a deeper awareness of God's holiness?

## **Prayer**

# The Gatekeeper's Eyes

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-21: Joshua 6:22-25

Core Verse: Joshua 2:11

## Reflect

1. Where is God asking me to trust Him, even though I cannot see the outcome?

2. What fears or risks make obedience difficult for me?

3. What "walls" or sources of security am I trusting more than God?

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4. How does Rahab's faith challenge me to trust God more fully?

5. What step of faith is God inviting me to take today?

## **Prayer**

# Cracked Jars and Shaking Hands

Scripture: Judges 7:1-22. Core Verse: Judges 7:22

## Reflect

1. What fear or weakness makes me feel unusable by God?
2. When have I seen God's strength show up in my weakness?
3. Where might God be asking me to trust Him instead of relying on my own strength?

## IMMERSE

4. How does Gideon's story encourage me to obey even when I feel afraid?

5. What step of obedience can I take today, trusting God to work through me?

## Prayer

# Under His Wings

Scripture: Ruth 2:1-23. Core Verse: Ruth 2:12

## Reflect

1. When have I seen God provide for me in unexpected ways?

2. Where is God inviting me to trust Him more fully today?

## IMMERSE

3. What does it mean for me to take refuge under God's wings?

4. How has God used others to show His care and protection in my life?

5. How can I live today with greater trust in God's provision and guidance?

## **Prayer**

# The Philistine Flop

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1-51. Core Verse: 1 Samuel 17:51

## Reflect

1. In what areas of my life do I rely on my own strength instead of trusting God?
2. What "giants" or challenges am I facing that feel overwhelming?
3. How is God inviting me to trust Him in the face of fear?

## **IMMERSE**

4. When have I seen God work in a situation that seemed impossible?

5. What step of faith can I take today, trusting God with the outcome?

## **Prayer**

# The King Who Danced

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:12-23. Core Verse: 2 Samuel 6:22

## Reflect

1. Am I holding back in my worship because I am concerned about what others might think?
2. What keeps me from expressing my love for God more freely?
3. How has my own pride affected my relationship with God?

## **IMMERSE**

4. What does wholehearted worship look like in my life right now?

5. How is God inviting me to worship him with greater freedom and humility?

6. What would it look like for me to worship with abandon... holding nothing back from Him?

## **Prayer**

# When Fire Fell

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:20–40. Core Verse: 1 Kings 18:39

## Reflect

1. Where am I wavering between God and something else?
2. What competes with God for my trust and devotion?
3. What “altars” or idols do I need to tear down in my life?

## **IMMERSE**

4. What would it look like for me to give God my whole heart today?

**Prayer**

# Nineveh's Reckoning

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-10. Core Verse: Jonah 3:9

## Reflect

1. Where have I ignored or resisted God's warnings in my life?

2. How have I experienced God's mercy when I deserved judgment?

3. What might God be asking me to turn away from today?

## **IMMERSE**

4. What would true repentance look like in my life right now?

5. How does this story change the way I see God's compassion?

## **Prayer**

# Prayer from the Pit

Scripture: Daniel 6:1–28. Core Verse: Daniel 6:22

## Reflect

1. When have I felt surrounded by fear or uncertainty?
2. How do I usually respond when my faith is tested?
3. Who has influenced my faith by their example?

## IMMERSE

4. What helps me trust God when I feel powerless?

5. How is God inviting me to trust Him more fully today?

**Prayer**



4. How has encountering Jesus changed my life?

5. How is God inviting me to respond to Him with greater faith and courage?

## **Prayer**

# Witnessing the Promise

Scripture: Luke 2:22-38. Core Verses: Luke 2:30-32

## Reflect

1. Where might God be working in the ordinary routines of my life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How attentive am I to God's presence in everyday moments?

## IMMERSE

3. When have I seen God reveal Himself in unexpected ways?

4. How can I remain faithful in the small things God has given me?

## **Prayer**

# The Lost Child

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52. Core Verse: Luke 2:49

## Reflect

1. Where in my life am I prioritizing other things over God
2. How do I respond when God's plans challenge by expectations?

## IMMERSE

3. What does it mean to be about my Father's business?

4. How can I seek God more intentionally throughout my day?

5. Where is God asking me to trust, even when I don't fully know the outcome?

## **Prayer**



4. When have I experienced God revealing Himself to me?

**Prayer**

# The First Miracle

Scripture: John 2:1-12. Core Verse: John 2:11

## Reflect

1. When has God worked in my life in ways I did not expect?

2. How have I seen Jesus transform something ordinary in my life?

## IMMERSE

3. What is Jesus asking me to do in obedience right now?

4. What would it look like for me to fully trust Jesus with my life?

## **Prayer**



4. Where might Jesus be calling me to show compassion instead of judgment?

## **Prayer**

# The Silence of the Sea

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41. Core Verse: Mark 4:39

## Reflect

1. What is one “storm” in my life that feels out of control?

2. Where do I usually place my trust when life feels overwhelming?

## IMMERSE

3. What would it look like for me to invite Jesus into the middle of my storm today?

4. When have I experienced God bringing calm or clarity in a difficult situation?

5. How can I grow in trusting Jesus when circumstances feel beyond my control?

## **Prayer**

# A Desperate Hope

Scripture: Mark 5:25–34. Core Verse: Mark 5:34

## Reflect

1. What is one “silent wound” in my life that I need to bring honestly before Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When have I experienced a moment of desperate hope where I needed God to intervene?

## IMMERSE

3. What would it look like for me to reach out to Jesus in faith today, even if I feel unworthy?

4. How does this story change the way I think about faith and persistence in prayer?

5. Where might Jesus be inviting me to trust Him more deeply with my pain or struggle?

## **Prayer**

# The Stone and the Voice

Scripture: John 11:1-44. Core Verse: John 11:43

## Reflect

1. What “tomb” in my life have I accepted as final, believing nothing can change it?

2. When have I experienced God working beyond what I thought was possible?

## IMMERSE

3. In what ways have I limited what God can do in my life?

4. In what ways have I limited what God can do in my life?

5. Where might Jesus be calling me to believe that new life is still possible?

## **Prayer**

# The Servant and a Traitor

Scripture: John 13:1-30. Core Verses: John 13:14-15

## Reflect

1. What emotions or thoughts arise in me when I consider Jesus washing the feet of His disciples—even Judas?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Where might pride be preventing me from serving others with humility?

## IMMERSE

3. Who in my life might God be asking me to serve with love this week?

4. What would it look like for me to follow Jesus' example of humble service in a practical way?

5. How can remembering Christ's humility reshape the way I treat others today?

## **Prayer**

# Night in the Olive Grove

Scripture: Matthew 26:36–46; Mark 14:32–42.

Core Verse: Matthew 26:41

## Reflect

1. Where in my life am I being asked to trust God before I fully understand His plan?

2. When have I experienced a moment where faith required obedience even in uncertainty?

## IMMERSE

3. How do I usually respond when fear or anxiety rises in my life?

4. What would it look like for me to follow Jesus' example of prayer and surrender in a difficult situation?

5. Where might God be inviting me to choose faithfulness over fear this week?

## **Prayer**

# Witness to the Cross - The Crucifixion

Scripture: Luke 23:26-43. Core Verse: Luke 23:33

## Reflect

1. What emotions or thoughts arise in me when I consider the reality of Jesus' suffering on the cross?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When have I encountered a moment where God's grace confronted me in an unexpected way?

## IMMERSE

3. How does reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice reshape the way I view my own struggles?

4. What does it mean for me personally that Jesus willingly bore the penalty for sin?

5. How can I live this week in a way that reflects gratitude for the grace Christ purchased on the cross?

## **Prayer**

# Witness to the Cross - The Death of Jesus

Scripture: Luke 23:44-49; Matthew 27:51

Core Verses: Luke 23:46

## Reflect

1. What thoughts or emotions rise in me when I reflect on the moment Jesus gave His life on the cross?

2. When have I witnessed something that deeply changed my understanding of God?

## IMMERSE

3. In what ways do I still live as though I must earn God's forgiveness or approval?

4. How does remembering Jesus' sacrifice reshape the way I see God's love for me?

5. What is one way I can live today in response to the grace Jesus purchased on the cross?

## **Prayer**

# The Smallest of Ways

Scripture: Luke 23:55–56. Core Verse: Luke 23:56

## Reflect

1. Where in my life do I feel powerless to change a difficult situation?

2. When have I seen faith expressed through simple acts of love?

## IMMERSE

3. What small act of faithfulness might God be inviting me to today?

4. How can I remain faithful to God even when I cannot yet see His plan?

5. Where might God be working quietly in my life right now?

## **Prayer**

# The Morning

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10. Core Verse: Matthew 28:9

## Reflect

1. Where in my life do I feel as though hope has been buried or sealed away?

2. When have I experienced God bringing life where I expected only loss?

## IMMERSE

3. What "stone" in my life do I believe God may be able to roll away?

4. How does the resurrection change the way I face fear or uncertainty?

5. What would it look like to live today as someone who believes Jesus is truly alive?

## **Prayer**

# The Innkeeper's Guest

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35. Core Verse: Luke 24:32

## Reflect

1. When have I looked back and realized God was working in a moment I didn't recognize at the time?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is one way I can look for God in my daily routine this week?

## IMMERSE

3. How can opening Scripture help me see God's work more clearly in my life?

4. What simple moment today might become sacred if I invite Jesus into it?

## **Prayer**

# Doubt and Devotion

Scripture: John 20:19–29. Core Verse: John 20:29

## Reflect

1. When have I struggled with doubt even while wanting to believe?

2. What fears or uncertainties make it difficult for me to trust God fully?

## IMMERSE

3. Where am I struggling to believe, and how can I bring that doubt to Jesus?

4. How does seeing Jesus' patience with Thomas change how I approach my own doubts?

## **Prayer**

# Beyond Sight

Scripture: Acts 1:4-11. Core Verse: Acts 1:8

## Reflect

1. How can I trust God's plan when I cannot see the full picture?

2. In what ways can I be a witness to God's work in my everyday life?

## IMMERSE

3. What promises of God give me hope when the future feels uncertain?

4. What would it look like for me to live today with the expectation that God is still at work?

## **Prayer**



4. Who in my life might feel far from God but needs to hear His message in a way they can understand?

5. How can I become more attentive to the Holy Spirit's voice in my daily life?

## **Prayer**

# A Leap of Faith

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10. Core Verses: Acts 3:6

## Reflect

1. Where in my life have I become accustomed to brokenness or limitation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When have I witnessed God change something that once seemed permanent?

## IMMERSE

3. What routines or expectations are keeping me from seeing God's work in my daily life?

4. When have I seen God do something in a way I never expected?

5. What is one practical way I can open my eyes to God's presence in my everyday life?

## **Prayer**

# Blinding Light

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19. Core Verse: Acts 9:17

## Reflect

1. When have I been certain I was right, only to discover I was wrong?

2. When has God interrupted my plans in a way that humbled me?

## IMMERSE

3. What path in my life might God be trying to redirect?

4. How has God used humbling experiences to open my eyes to truth?

5. What ambition or title might I need to surrender to follow Christ more faithfully?

## **Prayer**



4. What circumstance in my life sometimes makes hope feel out of reach?

5. How does this story challenge the way I think about freedom and faith?

## **Prayer**

# The Unknown God

Scripture: Acts 17:16-34. Core Verses: Acts 17:22-23

## Reflect

1. Where in my life might I be searching for God without truly knowing Him?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What beliefs or assumptions might be keeping me from seeing God clearly?

## IMMERSE

3. How am I trying to control God with my own ideas or expectations?

4. What belief or assumption might I need to lay down in order to truly know Him?

5. What is one practical step I can take this week to move from intellectual belief to a deeper relationship with Jesus?

## **Prayer**



4. How can I rely on God's guidance when life feels chaotic?

5. Who in my life reflects a faith that helps me trust God more?

## **Prayer**

## Your Story Isn't Finished

Throughout these pages you have walked beside shepherds, soldiers, servants, prisoners, philosophers, and ordinary people whose lives were changed by a moment with God.

Some witnessed miracles.  
Some wrestled with doubt.  
Some were surprised by grace.  
Others discovered hope in the darkest places.

Each of them had a story before they encountered God — and a different story afterward.

The same is true for you.

God is still writing stories. He still meets people in ordinary places, speaks in unexpected moments, and transforms hearts that are willing to listen. The stories in this book are not only about the past. They are reminders that the God who moved in their lives is still at work today.

Your story matters to Him.

If these reflections have encouraged you, I invite you to continue the journey. You can find additional devotionals, journals, and resources connected to the **IMMERSE** series at:

[www.immersestudio.org](http://www.immersestudio.org)

My prayer is that, just like the witnesses in these pages, you will discover how God is at work in your life — shaping your story for His glory.

— Jeff Ostema

*And one day, someone may tell the story of  
what God did in your life.*