

Good Morning and Happy Thankful Thursday,

Rising Thought:



This morning, I would like you to take a moment to think about the following quote: ***"What defines my life--and what controls my future--is not the ugly blemish on my past but the precious Faith I embraced when I chose to follow Him."*** (J. Lee Grady)

As we run the last laps of our 30-Day journey, I would like to encourage you to examine yourself to insure that stuff from your past is not hindering you from *Being and/or Becoming you Best Self*. In other words, don't let your past, define your future. In Philippians 3:13, the Apostle Paul encourages us to ***"Forget those things that lie behind, and to press toward the Mark that is ahead."*** The Prophet Isaiah tells us in Chapter 54, verse 4a: ***"Do not Fear, for you shall not be ashamed nor be humiliated; for you shall not be put to shame, for you shall forget the shame of your past."***

Yes, you might have made poor decisions in the past, or things may have happened in your life that were not in your control; but that does not define or control your future and/or who you are. You are a ***"New Creature in Christ Jesus."*** Allow nothing from your past to hinder you.

Attached, please find Reflection #27 and take a moment to enjoy the animated video.



Pray for me, as I pray for you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5DBY3Bo_NA

Thirty Day Journey

Day 27

Verse of the Day:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of Faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1 NLT)

Reflection:

As I sit reflecting upon Hebrews 12:1, I can actually see us turning the corner; and beginning to run our last lap of the 30-Day FAST Journey. As we are running, I gaze into the stands and I see Jesus, the Angelic Host, and everyone that has run the race before us, shouting and cheering us on. I can hear them saying: “*You got this, you can do this!*” Can you see it? Can you see yourself finishing the race?

As we continue the race, it is important that we lay aside any weight that attempts to slow us down; especially any *known* sin. You might even consider asking the Father to reveal any *unknown* sin. The Word of God teaches us, that if we confess and repent of our sins, God is Faithful and will *forgive us* of *all* sin. How reassuring is that?

Remember, we want to complete this FAST Journey with a clean heart. See yourself stripping everything off that hinders you. As you do, you are becoming freer with each step that you take. Continue to run with endurance. *I can see the finish line. How about you?*

Prayer:

Lord, we thank you for the race; and the heavenly witnesses that are cheering us on. We also continue to cheer one another on. Though we can see the finish line of our 30-Day FAST Journey, we realize we must continue the race of our spiritual lives. Help us to run with endurance. Help us to pace ourselves, because we know that the race isn’t given to the swift, but to those that endure until the end. *By Faith, we run in victory!* In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

