

Good morning and Happy Thursday,

**Morning Thought:**



Dr. Tony Evans, author of *Pathways: From Providence to Purpose*, said: ***"God can take the flour of your failures, the sugar of your success, the cream of your circumstances, and mix them all together in His sovereign blender to achieve His purpose through His providence."*** He defines providence as God's governance over events, which means by exclusion there is really no such thing as luck, chance, or happenstance. His words clearly echo Romans 8:28, ***"all things work together for the good to them who are called according to His purpose."*** Did you know that this is why a major city in Rhode Island is known as *Providence*. The pilgrims believed that God had overseen the events of their travel and caused them to arrive safely, as well as provided the necessary provisions. Hence, the colony was named *Providence*.

Isn't it fantastic to know that God is working out all of the details of our lives? think about it for a moment. He is working out everything, not just watching it happen. He can take our circumstances and cause whatever He desires to cause. And He does at all for our good. How awesome is that? We know that God does everything for His Glory, and that we might give praise to His Glory. It is not an accident or happenstance that we are connected and taking this 30-Day Journey together. God will be glorified! Continue moving forward, and keep looking up.

**Attached, please find Reflection # 13**



Pray for me, as I pray for you.

## Thirty Day Journey

### Day 13

#### Verse of the Day:

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your Faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, *perseverance*...”

(2Peter 1:5-7 NIV)

#### Reflection:

A Christian characteristic that we must all develop is perseverance. To *persevere* means to not give up, even in the face of difficulty. It is persistence and tenacity, the effort required to *do* something and keep doing it till the end, even if it's hard. *Perseverance* originally comes from the Latin *perseverantia* and means to abide by something strictly. ([www.vocabulary.com](http://www.vocabulary.com))

We as children of God must *persevere* in Faith in all that we do. This 30-Day FAST Journey is no exception. We cannot lose hope, “No matter what!” *Perseverance* shows that we are serious and expecting God to do a good and Great work in us. *Perseverance* also builds character and a closer relationship with our God.

Let's *persevere* and stick to our commitment to run this race and complete this 30-Day Journey. If we continue with *perseverance*, the Almighty God of the Universe, will crown our efforts with success. In the words of Charles Spurgeon, “*By Perseverance, the snail reached the ark.*”

#### Prayer:

Father, help us to *persevere* today in all that we attempt to do, and throughout this 30-Day Journey. We are expecting You to do a Good and Great work in us. We have high hopes and high expectancy. We are truly serious and sincere. Work on our character. Cause the fruit of Your Holy Spirit to flow forth from us; Love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness. Let our light so shine before others that they might see our good works, and glorify You, who are in Heaven. Crown our efforts with success. In Jesus' Name. Amen!

