

USING SCRIPTURE

The Word of God is one of the most valuable tools we have to build a dynamic daily prayer life. It brings power, truth, and encouragement to our prayer time.

Let's begin with King David's Psalm 23. Take a moment to read it and ask God to speak:

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PSALM 23

Write down or pray asking these 4 questions of the passage:

- Who is God?
- What has God done (which reveals who God is)?
- Who am I in light of God's work?
- How should I live?

Example: *God, You are my Provider, and I know You will take care of me. Thank You for guiding me to places of rest. You are my source of energy and passion. You keep me going and lead me toward a life of purpose and freedom. I know that even when I experience my darkest seasons of difficulty and challenge, I have nothing to be afraid of because You are with me. Your presence and power are a constant comfort to me. I know that You are preparing the way for me and that my enemies cannot touch me because You are taking care of me. I know that You have blessed me, and I thank You for choosing me and anointing me with purpose. Your blessings are so much more than I could ask for. I know that You are good, God, and that You are with me all the days of my life. You have chosen me, and I have chosen You,*

and that means I will be with You, in Your presence, forever. Help me today to live in the light this truth when it feels like everything is out of control.

Use some of the following Scriptures, asking yourself the 4 questions. You can make this as personal as you like. You will find the most benefit when you pray the Scriptures that God is showing you in His Word and that are connecting with you personally in your current season of life.

JAMES 4:8 - *God and He will come near to you.*

PSALM 139:23-24 - *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

MATTHEW 6:33 - *But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 - *For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*

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.*

PSALM 62:8 - *Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.*

DEUTERONOMY 28:12 - *The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands.*

ROMANS 8:38-39 - *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*