

St. James Family,

This month, we are focusing on one truth:

You are not powerless—you are positioned.

*Through Christ, God has given us identity, authority, strength, and victory.
But these are not just truths to know—they are realities to live.*

*My prayer is that as you walk through this devotional, you will grow
stronger in your faith, more confident in your identity, and more
consistent in your walk with God.*

*This is not the season to shrink back—
this is the season to **stand in power.***

Let's grow together.

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Pastor Jonathan Lowder



APRIL SPIRITUAL FOCUS

*If March taught us how to **walk wisely**,
April will teach us how to **stand firmly**.*

*Because wisdom guides your steps...
but **power sustains your stand**.*

“Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” — Ephesians 6:10

THE GOAL OF APRIL

This month will help you:

- *Understand the **spiritual authority** you possess*
 - *Stand firm in **spiritual battles***
 - *Walk in **confidence, not fear***
 - *Live in **victory, not survival***
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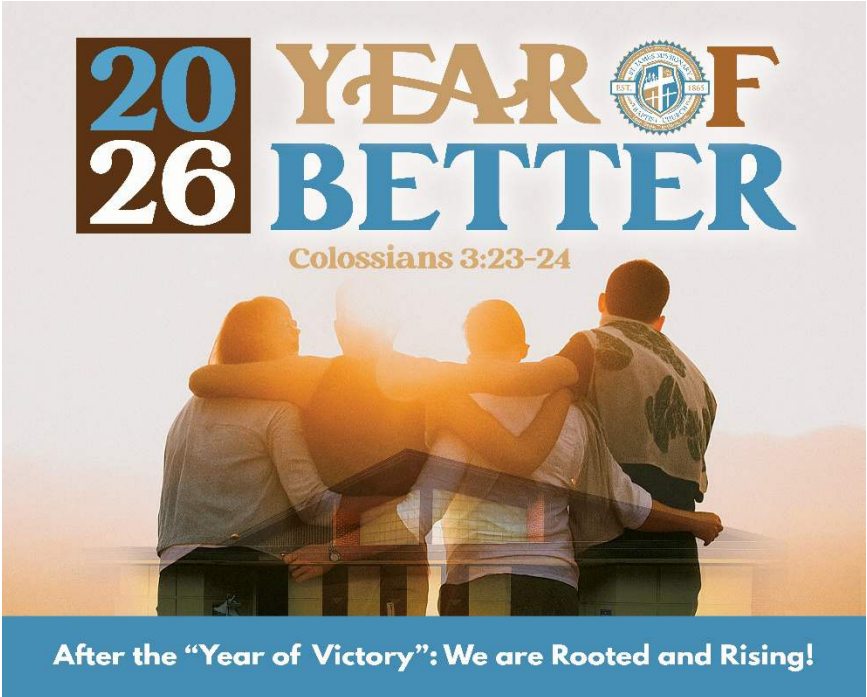


◆ **WEEK ONE (Days 1–7)**

POWER THROUGH IDENTITY

You can't stand strong if you don't know who you are.

- *Identity in Christ*
- *Authority as a believer*
- *Confidence over insecurity*
- *Covered, chosen, called*



20 YEAR OF VICTORY
26 BETTER
Colossians 3:23-24

After the “Year of Victory”: We are Rooted and Rising!

The graphic features the text '20 YEAR OF VICTORY' in blue and gold, with '26 BETTER' in blue and white. Below the text is a photograph of a group of people embracing each other, with a blue banner at the bottom containing the text 'After the “Year of Victory”: We are Rooted and Rising!'. A circular logo is visible in the top right corner of the graphic.



♦ ***WEEK TWO (Days 8–14)***

POWER IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are not fighting for victory—we fight from victory.

- *Armor of God*
- *Recognizing the enemy*
- *Standing against attack*
- *Prayer as a weapon*



♦ **WEEK THREE (Days 15–21)**

POWER IN ENDURANCE

Standing is not momentary—it's sustained.

- *Perseverance*

- *Strength in trials*

- *Faith under pressure*

- *Not giving up*



Lord, strengthen me to stand in Your power daily. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I rely on God's strength more?

Keep Standing in Power

St. James Family,

As we close this month, remember:

The power you've been walking in is not temporary—it's transformational.

You've been reminded of who you are, equipped for the battle, strengthened through endurance, and positioned in victory.

Now don't just reflect on it—walk in it daily.

Stand firm.

Stay consistent.

Trust God fully.

And remember:

Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

Keep standing in power.

Pastor Jonathan Lowder



Lord, help me live victoriously. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I walk in victory consistently?

DAY 30 – STANDING IN POWER

Formation Statement

I stand firm in God's power, authority, and victory.

Primary Scripture

 *Ephesians 6:10*

Biblical Context

Paul calls believers to be strong in the Lord—not in themselves.

Theological Truth

Strength comes from God, not self.

Pastoral Bridge

You are not barely surviving—you are standing in power.

Heart Examination

Am I depending on God's strength or my own?

Spiritual Practice

Surrender your weakness to God today.

Guided Prayer



◆ WEEK FOUR (Days 22–30)

POWER IN VICTORY & AUTHORITY

You are not powerless—you are positioned.

- *Victory mindset*
- *Authority in Christ*
- *Bold faith*
- *Living confidently*



WEEK ONE THEME

POWER THROUGH IDENTITY

You cannot stand in power if you are unsure of who you are.

◆ WEEK ONE

POWER THROUGH IDENTITY

Memory Verse

1 Peter 2:9

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Weekly Challenge: Identity Activation

This week, intentionally live from who God says you are.

Daily Focus:

- *Speak your identity out loud each morning*
- *Reject negative labels immediately*
- *Make decisions that reflect your calling*

Lord, help me finish well. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What strengthens my endurance?

DAY 29 – LIVING VICTORIOUSLY

Formation Statement

I live as an overcomer through Christ.

Primary Scripture

 1 John 5:4

Biblical Context

Faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

Theological Truth

Victory is sustained through faith.

Pastoral Bridge

Victory is not occasional—it is continual.

Heart Examination

Am I living like an overcomer?

Spiritual Practice

Declare your victory daily.

Guided Prayer



Lord, strengthen my faith. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I live by faith daily?

DAY 28 – FINISHING STRONG

Formation Statement

I remain faithful until the end.

Primary Scripture

 *2 Timothy 4:7*

Biblical Context

Paul reflects on finishing his assignment faithfully.

Theological Truth

Faithfulness honors God.

Pastoral Bridge

How you finish matters as much as how you start.

Heart Examination

Am I finishing strong or fading?

Spiritual Practice

Recommit to a spiritual discipline.

Guided Prayer



Reflection Question:

Am I living from my identity—or searching for it?

DAY 1 – KNOWING WHO I AM

Formation Statement

I stand confidently in who God has called me to be.

Primary Scripture

 *1 Peter 2:9*

Biblical Context

Peter writes to believers scattered under pressure, reminding them of their identity—not based on circumstance, but on divine selection.

Theological Truth

Identity in Christ is established, not earned.

Pastoral Bridge

The enemy often attacks identity before anything else. If he can confuse who you are, he can weaken how you stand.

Heart Examination

Do I define myself by God's Word or by my experiences?

Spiritual Practice

Speak your identity in Christ out loud today.



Guided Prayer

Lord, anchor me in who You say I am. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What truths about my identity must I remember daily?

DAY 2 – CHOSEN AND SET APART

Formation Statement

I live as one chosen and set apart by God.

Primary Scripture

 *1 Peter 1:15–16*

Biblical Context

Peter calls believers to holiness, reminding them that their lives should reflect the character of the God who called them.

Theological Truth

Identity in Christ produces distinct living.

Pastoral Bridge

You don't blend in—you stand out. Your identity calls you to live differently, not comfortably.

Heart Examination

Where am I blending in instead of standing out?

Spiritual Practice



Lord, strengthen my confidence in You. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I grow in confidence?

DAY 27 – WALKING BY FAITH

Formation Statement

I walk by faith, not by what I see.

Primary Scripture

 *2 Corinthians 5:7*

Biblical Context

Paul teaches believers to trust God beyond visible circumstances.

Theological Truth

Faith leads where sight cannot.

Pastoral Bridge

You don't need to see it to trust God with it.

Heart Examination

Where am I relying too much on what I see?

Spiritual Practice

Trust God in one uncertain area.

Guided Prayer



Lord, replace my fear with faith. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I overcome fear consistently?

DAY 26 – CONFIDENT IN GOD

Formation Statement

I live confidently in God's presence.

Primary Scripture

 *Psalm 27:1*

Biblical Context

David declares confidence in God despite opposition.

Theological Truth

Confidence comes from knowing who God is.

Pastoral Bridge

Confidence grows when fear is replaced with trust.

Heart Examination

Where does my confidence come from?

Spiritual Practice

Declare God's strength over your life.

Guided Prayer



Make one decision today that reflects your identity in Christ.

Guided Prayer

Lord, help my life reflect that I belong to You. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What does being set apart look like daily?

DAY 3 – COVERED BY GRACE

Formation Statement

I stand secure in God's grace.

Primary Scripture

 *Romans 5:2*

Biblical Context

Paul teaches that through Christ we have access into grace—a standing position, not a temporary experience.

Theological Truth

Grace is a position, not just a moment.

Pastoral Bridge

You are not standing on your performance—you are standing in grace.

Heart Examination

Am I trying to earn what God has already given?

Spiritual Practice



Rest in God's grace today instead of striving.

Guided Prayer

Lord, help me stand confidently in Your grace. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I live from grace instead of pressure?

DAY 4 – AUTHORITY IN CHRIST

Formation Statement

I walk in the authority given to me through Christ.

Primary Scripture

 *Luke 10:19*

Biblical Context

Jesus gives His disciples authority over spiritual opposition, showing that power flows from relationship with Him.

Theological Truth

Authority is delegated, not self-generated.

Pastoral Bridge

You are not powerless—you are positioned. Authority comes from being connected to Christ.

Heart Examination

Do I live like I have authority or like I am defeated?



Lord, help me live in victory. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I align my words with truth?

DAY 25 – OVERCOMING FEAR

Formation Statement

I reject fear and embrace God's power.

Primary Scripture

 *2 Timothy 1:7*

Biblical Context

Paul reminds Timothy that fear does not come from God.

Theological Truth

Fear contradicts faith.

Pastoral Bridge

Fear limits what faith releases.

Heart Examination

What fear do I need to confront?

Spiritual Practice

Take one step of faith today.

Guided Prayer



Lord, increase my boldness in faith. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What does bold faith look like daily?

DAY 24 – DECLARING VICTORY

Formation Statement

I declare victory through Christ.

Primary Scripture

 *2 Corinthians 2:14*

Biblical Context

Paul declares that God always leads believers in triumph.

Theological Truth

Victory is God's design for His people.

Pastoral Bridge

Your confession should match your position.

Heart Examination

Do my words reflect victory?

Spiritual Practice

Speak victory over your situation.

Guided Prayer



Spiritual Practice

Speak God's Word over a challenging situation.

Guided Prayer

Lord, teach me to walk in the authority You've given me. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What areas require me to stand in authority?

DAY 5 – NO LONGER DEFINED BY MY PAST

Formation Statement

I am not defined by my past, but by God's redemption.

Primary Scripture

 *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Biblical Context

Paul reminds believers that in Christ, they are made new—old identity no longer defines them.

Theological Truth

Redemption rewrites identity.

Pastoral Bridge

The enemy tries to remind you of who you were. God calls you by who you are becoming.

Heart Examination



What past label am I still carrying?

Spiritual Practice

Reject one negative label today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, help me walk in my new identity. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I embrace my new life fully?

DAY 6 – CONFIDENCE IN GOD

Formation Statement

My confidence comes from God, not circumstances.

Primary Scripture

 *Philippians 1:6*

Biblical Context

Paul expresses confidence that God will complete the work He began.

Theological Truth

God's work in you is ongoing and secure.

Pastoral Bridge

Confidence is not arrogance—it is trust in God's faithfulness.

Heart Examination



Lord, teach me to walk in Your authority. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What areas require bold spiritual authority?

DAY 23 – BOLD FAITH

Formation Statement

I approach God with bold confidence.

Primary Scripture

 *Hebrews 4:16*

Biblical Context

Believers are invited to approach God's throne boldly because of Christ.

Theological Truth

Confidence in God comes from access to God.

Pastoral Bridge

Bold faith is not arrogance—it is trust.

Heart Examination

Do I approach God boldly or hesitantly?

Spiritual Practice

Pray boldly about something specific.

Guided Prayer



Reflection Question:

Did I walk in authority—or shrink back?

DAY 22 – WALKING IN AUTHORITY

Formation Statement

I walk in the authority given to me by Christ.

Primary Scripture

 *Luke 10:19*

Biblical Context

Jesus gives His disciples authority over spiritual opposition, showing that believers operate from delegated power.

Theological Truth

Authority flows from relationship with Christ.

Pastoral Bridge

You don't have to beg for authority—you've been given it.

Heart Examination

Do I walk confidently in my authority?

Spiritual Practice

Speak God's Word over a situation today.

Guided Prayer



What causes my confidence to waver?

Spiritual Practice

Encourage yourself with God's promises today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, strengthen my confidence in You. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I remain confident in uncertain moments?

DAY 7 – STANDING FIRM

Formation Statement

I stand firm in my faith regardless of pressure.

Primary Scripture

 *1 Corinthians 16:13*

Biblical Context

Paul exhorts believers to be watchful, stand firm, and be strong.

Theological Truth

Spiritual strength requires intentional stability.

Pastoral Bridge

Standing firm means you don't move when pressure comes.

Heart Examination



What tends to shake my faith?

Spiritual Practice

Stand on one promise of God today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, strengthen me to stand firm. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What anchors my faith?

✠ WEEK TWO (Days 8–14)

POWER IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

We are not fighting for victory—we fight from victory.

✠ WEEK TWO

POWER IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

📖 Memory Verse

Ephesians 6:11

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

🔥 Weekly Challenge: Spiritual Readiness

This week, shift from reactive living to prepared living.

Daily Focus:



👑 WEEK FOUR (Days 22–30)

POWER IN AUTHORITY & VICTORY

You are not powerless—you are positioned.

👑 WEEK FOUR

POWER IN AUTHORITY & VICTORY

📖 Memory Verse

Luke 10:19

“Behold, I give you the authority... over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

🔥 Weekly Challenge: Walking in Authority

This week, intentionally live from your spiritual position.

Daily Focus:

- *Speak God’s Word over situations*
- *Walk with confidence, not hesitation*
- *Act in faith, not fear*



DAY 21 – BUILT TO STAND

Formation Statement

I am built on a foundation that cannot be shaken.

Primary Scripture

 *Matthew 7:24–25*

Biblical Context

Jesus teaches that those who hear and obey His Word build their lives on a solid foundation.

Theological Truth

Obedience creates stability.

Pastoral Bridge

Storms reveal foundations. What you build on determines how you stand.

Heart Examination

What is my life truly built on?

Spiritual Practice

Apply one Scripture to your actions today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, strengthen my foundation in You. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What habits build spiritual stability?

- *Begin each day with prayer*
- *Identify one area of spiritual resistance*
- *Respond spiritually before reacting emotionally*

Reflection Question:

Did I fight spiritually—or react naturally?

DAY 8 – KNOWING THE BATTLE

Formation Statement

I recognize that my battle is spiritual, not just natural.

Primary Scripture

 *Ephesians 6:12*

Biblical Context

Paul writes to believers in Ephesus, reminding them that their struggle is not against people but against spiritual forces. This reframes how conflict is understood.

Theological Truth



Spiritual battles require spiritual responses.

Pastoral Bridge

When you misidentify the battle, you misuse your energy. Wisdom and power begin with clarity.

Heart Examination

Am I reacting to people instead of addressing the spiritual root?

Spiritual Practice

Pause and pray before responding to conflict.

Guided Prayer

Lord, open my eyes to see beyond what is visible. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I respond spiritually instead of emotionally?

DAY 9 – PUTTING ON THE ARMOR

Formation Statement

I prepare myself daily with God's protection.

Primary Scripture

 *Ephesians 6:11*

Biblical Context

The armor of God represents spiritual readiness—truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and the Word.



DAY 20 – HOLDING ON TO HOPE

Formation Statement

I hold firmly to hope in every situation.

Primary Scripture

 *Romans 15:13*

Biblical Context

Paul reminds believers that God is the source of hope and fills them with joy and peace.

Theological Truth

Hope sustains endurance.

Pastoral Bridge

Hope keeps you moving when circumstances try to stop you.

Heart Examination

Where has my hope weakened?

Spiritual Practice

Declare hope over a difficult situation.

Guided Prayer

Lord, fill me with hope and peace. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I strengthen my hope daily?



DAY 19 – FAITH UNDER PRESSURE

Formation Statement

My faith remains strong under pressure.

Primary Scripture

 *1 Peter 1:7*

Biblical Context

Peter explains that trials refine faith like fire refines gold.

Theological Truth

Tested faith becomes stronger faith.

Pastoral Bridge

Pressure doesn't destroy real faith—it reveals it.

Heart Examination

How do I respond when pressure increases?

Spiritual Practice

Stand firm in one area where you feel pressure.

Guided Prayer

Lord, strengthen my faith in difficult moments. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I remain steady under pressure?



Theological Truth

Preparation prevents vulnerability.

Pastoral Bridge

You don't wait until battle to get dressed—you prepare before the day begins.

Heart Examination

Am I spiritually prepared or spiritually reactive?

Spiritual Practice

Pray through each piece of the armor today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, clothe me with everything I need to stand. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What daily habit strengthens my readiness?

DAY 10 – GUARDING THE MIND

Formation Statement

I protect my thoughts with God's truth.

Primary Scripture

 *2 Corinthians 10:5*

Biblical Context



Paul speaks about taking every thought captive and bringing it under obedience to Christ.

Theological Truth

Victory begins in the mind.

Pastoral Bridge

Unchecked thoughts become uncontrolled actions.

Heart Examination

What thoughts need to be brought under control?

Spiritual Practice

Replace one negative thought with Scripture.

Guided Prayer

Lord, renew my mind daily. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I guard my thought life?

DAY 11 – USING THE WORD

Formation Statement

I use God's Word as my weapon.

Primary Scripture

 *Hebrews 4:12*

Biblical Context



DAY 18 – PRESSING FORWARD

Formation Statement

I move forward without being held back by my past.

Primary Scripture

 *Philippians 3:13–14*

Biblical Context

Paul refuses to let his past define him and presses toward God's calling.

Theological Truth

Growth requires forward focus.

Pastoral Bridge

You cannot fully embrace what's ahead if you're still holding onto what's behind.

Heart Examination

What past experience am I holding onto?

Spiritual Practice

Release one past burden through prayer.

Guided Prayer

Lord, help me press forward with purpose. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What does forward focus look like daily?



DAY 17 – RENEWED STRENGTH

Formation Statement

My strength is renewed when I wait on God.

Primary Scripture

 *Isaiah 40:31*

Biblical Context

Isaiah reminds God's people that strength is not self-generated—it is renewed through dependence on God.

Theological Truth

Waiting on God produces spiritual strength.

Pastoral Bridge

Waiting is not wasting—it is strengthening.

Heart Examination

Do I rush ahead or wait on God?

Spiritual Practice

Spend intentional quiet time with God today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, renew my strength as I wait on You. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I build rhythms of waiting on God?

The Word of God is described as living and active—able to discern and divide truth from error.

Theological Truth

The Word confronts what emotions cannot.

Pastoral Bridge

You don't defeat spiritual attacks with feelings—you defeat them with truth.

Heart Examination

Am I equipped with Scripture in moments of challenge?

Spiritual Practice

Memorize one scripture today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, help me stand on Your Word. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I become more rooted in Scripture?

DAY 12 – PRAYER AS POWER

Formation Statement

I engage prayer as my strongest weapon.

Primary Scripture

 *James 5:16*



Biblical Context

James teaches that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Theological Truth

Prayer connects earthly need to divine power.

Pastoral Bridge

Prayer is not a last resort—it is your first response.

Heart Examination

Do I pray consistently or occasionally?

Spiritual Practice

Set a specific time for intentional prayer today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, increase my consistency in prayer. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I deepen my prayer life?

DAY 13 – RESISTING THE ENEMY

Formation Statement

I stand firm and resist every attack.

Primary Scripture



Formation Statement

I remain faithful and refuse to quit.

Primary Scripture

 *Galatians 6:9*

Biblical Context

Paul encourages believers to remain steadfast in doing good, reminding them that there is a harvest attached to consistency.

Theological Truth

Faithfulness over time produces results.

Pastoral Bridge

Quitting delays what consistency produces. Don't walk away from what God is growing.

Heart Examination

Where am I tempted to give up?

Spiritual Practice

Finish something you've been putting off.

Guided Prayer

Lord, strengthen my endurance and commitment. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What helps me remain consistent?



Primary Scripture

 *James 1:2–3*

Biblical Context

James writes to believers scattered under pressure, teaching them that trials are not interruptions but instruments used by God to produce endurance.

Theological Truth

God uses pressure to produce perseverance.

Pastoral Bridge

What feels like pressure is often preparation. God is strengthening what you will need for what's ahead.

Heart Examination

Do I view trials as punishment or preparation?

Spiritual Practice

Thank God in the middle of a challenge today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, help me grow through what I'm going through. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I shift my perspective during difficulty?

DAY 16 – NOT GIVING UP



Biblical Context

Submission to God and resistance to the enemy work together.

Theological Truth

Resistance flows from surrender.

Pastoral Bridge

You cannot resist what you are still entertaining.

Heart Examination

What am I tolerating that I should resist?

Spiritual Practice

Remove one unhealthy influence today.

Guided Prayer

Lord, strengthen my resistance. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

What helps me stay spiritually disciplined?

DAY 14 – STANDING IN VICTORY

Formation Statement

I stand in the victory Christ has already secured.

Primary Scripture

 *Romans 8:37*



Biblical Context

Paul declares believers are more than conquerors through Christ.

Theological Truth

Victory is your identity, not your outcome.

Pastoral Bridge

You don't fight hoping to win—you stand knowing you already have.

Heart Examination

Do I live from victory or for victory?

Spiritual Practice

Declare victory over a current challenge.

Guided Prayer

Lord, help me walk in the victory You've given me. Amen.

Rule of Life Prompt

How can I live confidently in Christ's victory?

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POWER IN ENDURANCE

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🔥 WEEK THREE

POWER IN ENDURANCE

📖 Memory Verse



Galatians 6:9

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

🔥 Weekly Challenge: Consistency Over Feelings

This week, commit to showing up regardless of how you feel.

Daily Focus:

- *Stay consistent in prayer and devotion*
- *Finish what you start*
- *Choose faithfulness over convenience*

Reflection Question:

Did I remain consistent—or did I let feelings lead?

DAY 15 – STRENGTH THROUGH TRIALS

Formation Statement

I grow stronger through every trial I face.

