

Being Established in The Truth

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Rooted Like a 200-Year-Old Oak

KEY VERSE:

Romans 16:25 -- "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ..."

REFLECTION:

I love the oak tree on the edge of our property. They tell me it's 200 years old. You cannot pick that thing up and move it. It's not going anywhere. That's exactly what God wants for each one of us -- to be so rooted in His Word that when the storms hit, when the devil comes with his lies and his bad reports, we simply don't move. We don't wobble. We don't crumble. We stand. Being established isn't something that happens overnight. It takes diligence, as 2 Peter 1:10 reminds us. It takes making the Word a genuine priority, not something we squeeze in when life slows down. And I'll be honest with you -- life rarely slows down. But I've learned that the deeper I go into His Word, the less the enemy can shake me. Let's get established together this week.

PRAYER:

Father, I want to be like that oak tree -- unmovable, deeply rooted in You and Your Word. Help me make time with You a real priority today, not just an afterthought. Establish me, Lord, in Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Find one "establishment scripture" -- like Romans 16:25 or Psalm 1:1-3 -- write it on a card, and place it somewhere you'll see it all day.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

You Have Authority -- Now Use It

KEY VERSE:

Luke 10:19 -- "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

REFLECTION:

I want you to hear this clearly today -- you have authority. Real authority. Not pretend authority, not borrowed authority, but authority given directly to you by Jesus Christ Himself. I think about that story of the man who prayed five years over his daughter's warts, and Jesus had to tell him more than once: they will go if you take authority over them. Not if you keep asking me nicely. Take authority. There's a difference between prayer and authority, and we need to understand both. Some things we bring before God in prayer. Other things He has already equipped us to deal with ourselves -- in His name. The devil counts on us not knowing the

difference. He counts on us being passive, tolerant, just putting up with whatever he sends our way. But I'm telling you today -- you don't have to tolerate it.

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank You for giving me real authority over the enemy's work in my life. Help me stop tolerating what You've already given me power to resist. I use Your name today against every attack, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one area where you've been passively tolerating the enemy's work -- fear, discouragement, lack -- and speak out loud against it today in Jesus' name.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

The Word Is God's Answer for Everything

KEY VERSE:

Psalm 107:20 -- "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

REFLECTION:

I love this verse so much. He sent His word and healed them. Not He sent a program. Not He sent a five-step plan. He sent His word. And here's what I want you to grasp today -- that applies not just to physical healing but to every area of your life. Your emotions. Your mind. Your finances. Your relationships. His Word is His answer for everything. That's not an accident. In the beginning was the Word, John tells us -- because the Word is God's very answer to human need. That's why the devil has fought this Book so hard throughout history. He had it chained to lecterns in the Middle Ages. He hunted down men like William Tyndale who tried to put it in people's hands. He knew the power inside these pages. And now you hold it freely. Don't let the enemy's new strategy -- making you too busy to open it -- succeed.

PRAYER:

Lord, forgive me for the times I've let busyness crowd out Your Word. I believe this Book is alive and full of power for my life today. Speak to me through it, in Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Set a specific time today -- even just fifteen minutes -- to open your Bible and read slowly, asking God to make it come alive in your spirit.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Rooted and Grounded in His Love

KEY VERSE:

1 John 4:16 -- "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him."

REFLECTION:

I want to be honest with you about something. The greatest shifts in my life haven't come from knowing more theology. They've come from those moments when God's love melted me. When His presence came over me so strongly that everything else stopped mattering -- the worries, the insecurities, the pressures -- and all I could feel was that I am accepted. I am approved. He loves me. I remember teaching on the love of God in Bible school and the love of God just showed up in the room. People were weeping. I ended up lying on the floor for half an hour unable to move, just receiving His love. That wasn't emotion for emotion's sake -- that was healing. That was freedom. Because perfect love really does cast out fear. And when you're rooted and grounded in His love, the enemy loses his greatest weapons against you.

PRAYER:

Father, I open my heart right now to receive Your love -- not just as a doctrine but as a real experience. Let Your love wash over me today and drive out every fear. I receive it in Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Before you leave home today, pause for two minutes and say out loud: "Father, I receive Your love right now. Let Your love flow through me to everyone I meet today."

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Get Back Up -- You're Still a Student

KEY VERSE:

1 Thessalonians 3:2 -- "...to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith."

REFLECTION:

I want to close this week by saying something I believe you need to hear. I've had faith failures in my walk with God. Plenty of them. There were times I prayed and nothing seemed to happen. Times I tried to take authority and wondered if it was working. Times I fell back into discouragement even though I knew better. But here's what I've learned -- you're a student. I'm a student. This doesn't all come overnight, and God is not disappointed in you for being in the process. What matters is that you don't throw in the towel. You get back up. You say, God, I'm still learning. I'm still growing. I'm not quitting. Because the Word does work. His love is real. His authority is yours. And I've watched God bring people from sitting in the back corner barely surviving to standing in front of nations carrying His glory. That can be your story too.

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You for Your patience with me as I grow. I'm not giving up -- I'm getting back up. Establish me this week in Your Word, Your love, and Your authority, in Jesus' name, amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one way you've genuinely grown in faith this year -- however small -- and thank God for it specifically. Let that testimony fuel your faith going into next week.