

# Daily Scripture Images & Devotions



## WEEK 2

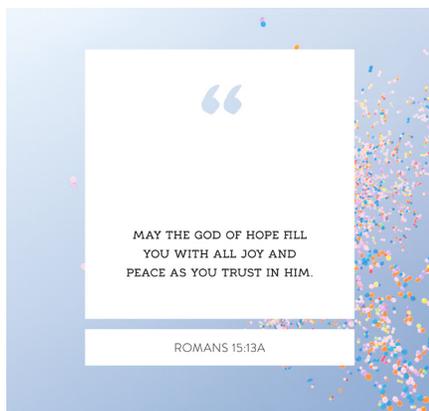
### DAY 1:



It can be easy to give thanks to God when things are going well. When you're on vacation or when you were on your honeymoon, it probably wasn't hard to lean back and think, "God is good." But things aren't always as peachy as a honeymoon. Work can be difficult, kids can be stressful, and marriage itself can be really challenging. So, how should we act during those more difficult moments? Well, according to this verse in Colossians, we are to continue to do everything for God with a grateful heart. Sounds nice, but is it really that easy? While it may not always be easy, it's always possible. Having a relationship with God allows us to see past our good or bad circumstances and understand that God is unchanging.

God is good, faithful, and loving all the time, and that's a reason to be grateful no matter what we're facing or experiencing. Today, regardless of what circumstances and situations you find yourself in, take a moment to pause and thank God for being who He is.

### DAY 2:



Hope, joy, and peace can feel elusive. While we all would say we want more hope, joy, and peace in our lives, put simply, life just doesn't always make that easy. Thankfully though, in this verse Paul tells us that as we learn to trust God, we will experience hope, joy, and peace that come from Him. And it makes sense when you think about it! God gives us a reason to hope because He promises He will one day take us to heaven with Him. God gives us a reason for joy because we have been saved through His sacrificial love. And God gives us a reason for peace because His grace is new every morning, and nothing in this world will ever change that. The more we learn to trust God, the more this

hope, joy, and peace that comes from Him will become real parts of our lives. Today, spend a few minutes thinking about other ways trusting God can bring you hope, joy, and peace. As you go through your day, look for moments here and there to pause and recall the truth in this verse.

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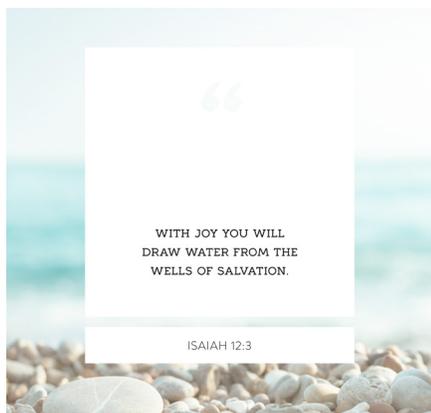
### DAY 3:



At first glance, this verse seems to be telling us that if we delight in God then He will give us whatever we want. But that's not exactly right. What this verse is actually saying is that when we delight in the Lord, we already have the desires of our heart. Now, you may be thinking to yourself, "I'm delighting in God right now, but I still don't see a new car in the driveway." Of course, that's not quite how it works. Delighting in God means looking to Him—not the world or any possessions it offers—to satisfy the desires of our hearts. This might sound like a churchy answer, but it's really the truth. When we delight in the Lord, over time we'll realize we already have everything we could ever need in Him—that

our desires are fulfilled in Him. God gives us grace to live each day, and our relationship with Him means we'll experience eternity in heaven one day. Is there something—a car, a house, a phone, or something else—you're hoping will fulfill your desires? Today, ask God to help you replace that fleeting desire with delight for Him.

### DAY 4:



Pulling a heavy bucket of water up from beneath the ground sounds like quite a chore. It's hard to imagine anyone doing this physical labor with a bright smile on his or her face. And though few of us have probably ever drawn water from a well, we can imagine that it's not the most joy-filled task. By contrast, this verse tells us that entering into salvation with God is a joyful experience. And more than that, as we continue to draw life from the well of salvation, we can do that with joy, too. In other words, through God, every experience can be one filled with joy. Why? Because we've been saved by God. Think about a task or chore you have to do today that you're not looking forward to. Or think about a conflict you've had to navigate recently. How can viewing those things through the lens of salvation change your perspective? How might it even bring you joy in the midst of it all?

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### DAY 5:



“Love is a verb.” We’ve probably all heard that cliché before. But just because it’s a cliché doesn’t make it any less true. Saying you love something or someone is really only meaningful if your actions follow suit. Imagine someone saying they love baseball, but then they never watch any games, can’t name any teams, and don’t even know how the game is played. If they didn’t act in a way that showed their love for baseball, you’d begin to question if it was really true, right? The same is true for the way we love one another. You can tell your spouse you love them as much as you want, but that love has to propel you to action for it to be authenticated. Even God didn’t just say He loved us—He proved it by sending Jesus to save us. And that’s the model He calls us to follow. How can you intentionally show love to your spouse through your actions today?