

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 81 – 4/16/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**Jesus Humbled Himself**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

***Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.***

***And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.***

***PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8, NKJV***

**RENEWING THOUGHT:**

Truly following in Jesus' footsteps means taking up the same frame of mind He had. His remarkable humility and heart to serve others becomes all the more astounding when we contemplate who He really was. Prior to His incarnation, God the Son, was equal with God in heaven. He was the *Logos*—"the Word"—worshipped and resplendent in unspeakable glory and power. And yet He did not consider this position of privilege and prestige a thing to be clung to. Rather, He emptied Himself of all this power to become one of us. More than that, He came to serve.

In humility, He chose the Father's will above His own. Jesus modeled servanthood in a practical way at the Last Supper. As the evening meal was in progress, Jesus got up, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. Then He poured water the into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet. The task of feet washing was customarily done by the lowest status servant in the household.

The Bible encourages you to emulate that example and approach life the same way Jesus did. That means not demanding your rights and due privileges. It means rejecting the values of our status-conscious creature. Most of all, it means putting the Father's will above your own. This is the way of purpose and blessing. Let this mind be in you.

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 81 – 4/16/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**Jesus Humbled Himself**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8, NKJV**

**RENEWING INSPIRATION:**

*It's important to understand that our Father does not want us to be humiliated or have a poor self-image. He wants us to think highly of ourselves-because we are His creation. Yet, at the same time, He wants us to be humble in the sense of giving ourselves...to Him and to others.*

*-James Robison*

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 82 – 4/17/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**I Have the Mind of Christ**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

***“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”  
But we have the mind of Christ.***

***1 CORINTHIANS 2:16, ESV***

**RENEWING THOUGHT:**

It is a simple, unambiguous declaration too preposterous to be true, yet there it is, written in black and white in your Bible: God has given you the mind of Christ.

God created your mind with the capacity for brilliance. He made you in His image. And when you were born again by the Holy Spirit, you became as capable of hearing and understanding the will of God as Jesus.

Your mind does not belong to the enemy. It belongs to God and God alone. He has richly blessed you with the mind of Christ. His mind is full of wisdom and knowledge, and the Word of God. With the mind of Christ, you can remain at peace and rest.

The mind of Christ is a mind that is full of the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When you live in the Spirit, you bear the fruit of the Spirit.

With the mind of Christ, you can hear God’s voice, understand His will, and discern right from wrong; you can walk in wisdom, understanding, and discretion. Receive the mind of Christ and you will make godly decisions, hear His voice, and walk in truth.

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 82 – 4/17/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**I Have the Mind of Christ**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

***“For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”  
But we have the mind of Christ.***

***1 CORINTHIANS 2:16, ESV***

**RENEWING INSPIRATION:**

*If you will commit to set your mind on God’s Word, renewing your mind with truth and getting stinkin’ thinkin’ out of your way, then you will experience the fullness of new life that we can all have in Christ. All it takes is a little more progress one day at a time.*

*-Joyce Meyer*

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 83 – 4/18/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

**God is The Creator**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

***“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”***

***PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8, NKJV***

**RENEWING THOUGHT:**

God is the Creator of all things. He created the sun, moon, and stars. He created the universe and the world. God laid the foundation of the earth. He determined its measurement and He laid the cornerstone. He is the One who comprehended the breadth and scope of the whole earth. He alone is the Great Creator. He shut in the sea and fixed the limit for the waves. He commands the morning and He causes the dawn to know its place. Every day, He directs the rain, thunder, and lightning in the heavens.

Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. He made the earth, and He created man. His hands stretched out the heavens and He commands their host. God is the utmost, highest, and supreme Creator of all things.

He is Lord and there is no other. He formed light and created darkness. He makes both peace and calamity. He can do all things and no purpose of His can be thwarted. He is the One who created you, gave you breath, and sustains your life. He is worthy to receive all glory, praise, and honor forever.

**RENEWING INSPIRATION:**

*There is no other one than the King of kings and the Lord of lords. His name is Jesus!*

*-John Hagee*

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 84 – 4/18/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

**I am Wonderfully Made**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

*I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.*

**PSALM 139:14, NKJV**

**RENEWING THOUGHT:**

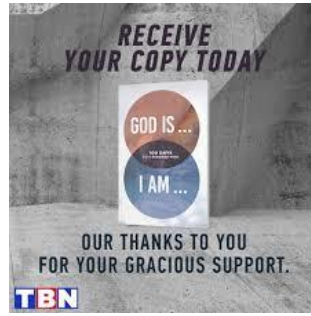
You were created by God. You are neither an accident or a product of random chance. He created you a three-part being-body, soul, and spirit. And He crafted you with intentionality and purpose.

In fact, God envisioned you before the creation of the world, and in accordance with His eternal plan. He is the One who skillfully knit you together in your mother's womb. He conceived of you, designed you, and He alone brought you forth into life. God made you in His image.

Yes, you are wonderfully made, awesomely formed, expertly fashioned. Indeed, God formed you as a master craftsman forms clay. He created you according to His perfect specifications. God makes no mistakes. Should the vessel on the potter's wheel ask, "*Why did you make me this way (see Isaiah 45:9)?*" You are an earthen vessel made to contain spiritual treasure **(see 2 Corinthians 4:7)**.

These truths fill your life with significance and meaning. In God, all things are created, both visible and invisible. In Him all things hold together, and in Him, we live and move and have our being. This included you. Today, remember that God made you and you belong to Him.

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 84 – 4/18/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**I am Wonderfully Made**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

*I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.*

**PSALM 139:14, NKJV**

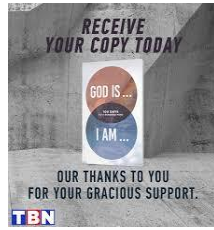
**RENEWING INSPIRATION:**

*Speak good things about yourself. Declare what God's Word says about you. For example, say to yourself, I am the righteousness of God in Christ. I am made acceptable in the Beloved. God formed me with His own hand, He loves me, and God doesn't make mistakes.*

*-Joyce Meyer*



## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 85 – 4/20/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**God's Word Does Not Return Void**

### **RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

***“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”***

***ISAIAH 55:11, NKJV***

### **RENEWING THOUGHT:**

Sometimes cars fail to start. Cakes occasionally refuse to rise. Mobile phone calls don't always go through or stay connected when they do. Even the best of friends doesn't always come through in the critical moment. The fact is, there are very few things in this world that you can count on all the time. But there is one thing that never fails. God's Word always has an effect. It is always working, always bringing about change. Living and active and sharp, His Word never returns to Him void and it never fails to bear fruit. His Word always accomplishes His purposes and returns to Him with a profit.

God's Word is so full of life that it always accomplishes something. God's Word creates. It brings hope. It causes life. It brings joy, peace, and goodness. God's Word is wisdom and knowledge. It is understanding and discretion. His Word is alive. When you read the Bible, the words of God work and accomplish God's purposes in you. It has a living, active affect in your heart and mind, ever drawing you closer to God and making you more like Jesus. New seeds of life grow in you and brings forth His fruit when the Word of God takes root in your heart. The Word of God can conform you to the image of Jesus. Lean into the Word and receive all it says about you. Read and believe His Word. As you meditate on His Word, it will not return void. It will accomplish His good work in you.

### **RENEWING INSPIRATION:**

*You can change your life by letting the Word of God change your mind.*

*-Joyce Meyer*



## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 86 – 4/21/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Reap Life When I Sow to the Spirit

### RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

***Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.***

**GALATIANS 6:7-8, NIV**

### RENEWING THOUGHT:

You reap what you sow. And you reap more than you sow. This is an immutable, infallible, inescapable principle-woven by God into the very fabric of the universe. Of course, the principle clearly applies to natural seeds. If you sow corn, you will reap corn. Sow barley...reap barley. Things reproduce after their own kind; even a child knows this. What many people don't know is that each day they can sow different types of seed: physical, spiritual, relational, and even financial. And in each case, like produces like. Whether you sow to the flesh or sow to the Spirit, a corresponding harvest will result.

You sow to the Spirit when you give love, share encouragement, offer hope, declare the Word, or bless others from your material resources in the Name of Jesus. And as you do so, you can be confident that you will reap an abundant harvest of the same: It would make a mockery of this principle if you didn't.

Sow to the Spirit with joyful abandon. Scatter seeds everywhere you go. You will reap life-now and in eternity.

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 86 – 4/21/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Reap Life When I Sow to the Spirit

### RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

***Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.***

**GALATIANS 6:7-8, NIV**

### RENEWING INSPIRATION:

*You always get more when you sow God's way, but it's up to us to take the first step. That starts with being faithful in planting the first seed. It may be difficult to take the first step, but once you do, you'll be rewarded with much more than you ever expected.*

*-Robert Morris*

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 87 – 4/22/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

**God is Rich in Mercy**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved.*

**EPHESIANS 2:4-5, NIV**

**RENEWING THOUGHT:**

God is merciful. He is compassionate, gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love (see Exodus 34:6). **What wonderful, comforting news to discover that He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. "...As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:11-14).**

Yes, God is merciful toward you. And His mercy is inexhaustible. In fact, however much of His mercy you require today, that reservoir will still be there for you tomorrow, for His mercies are made new every morning (see Lamentations 3:23).

According to His great mercy He caused you to be born again-to a living hope-through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (see 1 Peter 1:3). It was His kindness that led you to repentance (see Romans 2:4). His love is steadfast. His faithfulness is great.

Renew your mind to this fundamental truth about your heavenly Father: The God you serve is always a merciful God. He will not forsake, reject, or forget His covenant love for you. You can trust and rest fully in Him.

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 87 – 4/22/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**God is Rich in Mercy**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

*But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved.*

**EPHESIANS 2:4-5, NIV**

**RENEWING INSPIRATION:**

*Goodness and mercy follow the child of God each and every day. Think of the days ahead. He will walk you through. He will take your hand. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me-not some, not most, but all the days of my life. Release your doubts. You are no candidate for insecurity. You can trust God...all the days of your life!*

*-Max Lucado*

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 88 – 4/23/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

**I Am Merciful Because I Have Received Mercy**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

**LUKE 6:36, NIV**

**RENEWING THOUGHT:**

We are never more like our heavenly Father than when we are extending mercy to others. Compassion, patience, forgiveness, and kindness are at the heart of His character. This is simply who He is.

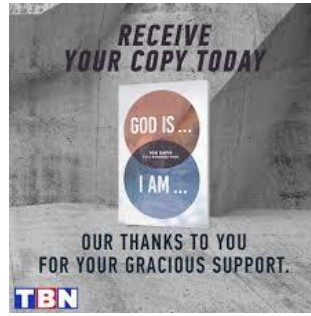
This is why the Word of God exhorts you to be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful. The more we are transformed into His image, the less we judge and condemn. Jesus urges us, in the strongest possible terms, to be merciful because we have been the underserving recipients of His extravagant mercy.

Freely you have received, so freely give! Remember, you reap what you sow. Show mercy to others when you can. You never know when you might need someone else's mercy down the road. We all have been shown much mercy so we should show much mercy!

**As the prophet Micah reminds us: "...what does the LORD require of you? But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micha 6:8, NKJV).** May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you today. May goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life, and may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

You are free to give grace because much grace has been extended to you.

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



**Day 88 – 4/23/19: RENEWING TRUTH:**

**I Am Merciful Because I Have Received Mercy**

**RENEWING SCRIPTURE:**

*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

**LUKE 6:36, NIV**

**RENEWING INSPIRATION:**

*Authentic Christian living has its own order of priority in our lives: God first, others second, self third.*

*-Billy Graham*

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 89 – 4/24/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

### God Loves Israel

#### RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

*“At the same time,” says the LORD, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.” Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness-Israel, when I went to give him rest.” The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love...”*

**JEREMIAH 31:1-3, NKJV**

#### RENEWING THOUGHT:

God loves Israel. To this day, His love for Israel remains. Israel is special to God. He chose Israel to receive the covenants, the Law, the temple worship, the promises, the patriarchs of the faith, and even the physical blood line to birth the Savior of the world.

The Bible is full of reference to God’s love for Israel. In **Jeremiah 31** God declared that only if the sun, moon, and stars vanish will Israel cease to be a nation before Him. In **Exodus 4**, God proclaims Israel as His son, His firstborn. In **Deuteronomy 7**, God calls Israel His chosen, holy people; a treasured possession.

God uses the language of betrothal when talking about Israel. In **Isaiah 54**, He refers to Israel as His “bride.” He says He Himself is her Maker and Husband. God loves Israel as a husband loves his bride.

Yes, throughout the Bible, God refers to His covenantal love for Israel, His promise to preserve the nation, and His longing for her to be restored to Him. They are the “apple of His eye.” To this day, God blesses those who bless Israel.



## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 89 – 4/24/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

God Loves Israel

### RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

***“At the same time,” says the LORD, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.” Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness-Israel, when I went to give him rest.” The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love...”***

***JEREMIAH 31:1-3, NKJV***

### RENEWING INSPIRATION:

*...once your eyes are opened to God’s deep love and concern for Israel, you will see it throughout Scripture and understand how closely it is tied to what God is doing in the world.*

*-Robert Morris*

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 90 – 4/25/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Am Grafted Into Israel

RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

*But if some of the branches were broken off and you---being a wild olive---were grafted in among them and became a partaker of the root of the olive tree with its richness, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you who support the root but the root supports you.*

**ROMANS 11:17-18, TLV**

RENEWING THOUGHT:

God made a covenant with Israel that dates back to Abraham. It is called the Abrahamic Covenant. God renewed the covenant with Abraham's son, Isaac, and again with Isaac's son, Jacob. God then renamed Jacob to Israel and promised He would always be the God of Israel. Throughout history, satan has tried to destroy Israel many times. However, God has kept His covenant to preserve Israel. She exists a modern nation today, proving that God's covenant is irrevocable, and His Word is true.

The old covenant was based on law. God promised a new covenant based on grace. Jesus fulfilled the old and established a new covenant with His death and resurrection. When anyone believes in Jesus, they are grafted into Israel (**see Romans 11:11-31**). That's right! As a Believer, you have been grafted into Israel. You have become an heir of the blessings of faithful Abraham (**see Galatians 3:14**).

The original branches of Israel and the grafted-in branches of the Church share in God's blessing together. By faith in Jesus you are adopted into the family of God and eligible for all the spiritual blessings and benefits that comes with it. You are now grafted in!

## God Is...I Am... Devotional



Day 90 – 4/25/19: RENEWING TRUTH:

I Am Grafted Into Israel

### RENEWING SCRIPTURE:

*But if some of the branches were broken off and you---being a wild olive---were grafted in among them and became a partaker of the root of the olive tree with its richness, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you who support the root but the root supports you.*

**ROMANS 11:17-18, TLV**

### RENEWING INSPIRATION:

*The promise of eternal forgiveness was first made to the Children of Israel. Gentiles, then, when they accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, are “grafted in” to the promises God made to the Jewish People. They are adopted into God’s family and may partake of the promises the Prophet Jeremiah first delivered to the Israelites.*

-Jonathan Bernis