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NAMES OF GOD

A 21-DAY JOURNEY
INTO THE CHARACTER OF GOD

KNOW HIS NAME.
TRUST HIS CHARACTER.
WALK IN HIS PROMISES.

*“Those who know Your name trust in You,
for You, Lord, have never forsaken
those who seek You.”*

PSALM 9:10

ELOHIM

THE MIGHTY CREATOR

EL SHADDAI

GOD ALMIGHTY

JEHOVAH JIREH

THE LORD WHO PROVIDES

CONNECTION CHURCH

HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTIONAL

This devotional is not meant to be rushed. It's meant to be experienced. Each day includes four simple movements:

1. READ THE SCRIPTURE

Start with God's Word: not your thoughts, not your feelings. Slow down and read the passage carefully. If possible, read it more than once. Let it settle before you move on. Don't skim through it.

2. REFLECT ON THE TRUTH

The devotional thought is there to guide you but not replace what God wants to speak to you. Pay attention to what stands out. What convicts you. What challenges you. What encourages you. The goal is not information, it's transformation.

3. RESPOND HONESTLY

The reflection questions are not meant for surface-level answers. Be honest. Be specific. Be real. Growth happens when you stop giving the "right" answers and start giving the true ones. If you can, write your responses down. Putting it on paper helps move it from your head to your heart.

4. PRAY INTENTIONALLY

Don't rush the prayer. This is your moment to talk with God but also to listen. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead you. Sit in His presence for a moment. Let Him speak. This is where relationship is built.

A FEW PRACTICAL GUIDES

- Set a consistent time each day (morning is best if possible)
- Remove distractions (phone, noise, multitasking)
- Use a Paper Bible: look up the scripture, read it, chew on it
- Journal your thoughts and prayers
- If you miss a day, don't quit—just continue

Over the next 21 days, we are going to slow down and spend time exploring three of the names God uses to reveal Himself in Scripture: Elohim, El Shaddai and Jehovah Jireh. While these names may sound unfamiliar at first, they reveal something deeply important about who God is and how He works in our lives.

Psalm 9:10 says: *"Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You."*

In Scripture, a name was more than a title. A name revealed character. It revealed nature. It revealed identity. Every name God reveals about Himself tells us something about who He is and how He relates to His people.

My prayer is that this devotional becomes more than a study of ancient names. I pray it becomes a deeper encounter with the God behind those names. As you read the Scriptures, reflect on the truths and spend time in prayer, I believe you will begin to see God more clearly and trust Him more fully.

There will be days when a passage encourages you. There may be days when it challenges you. Some days God may reveal something new, and other days He may simply remind you of something you already know but need to hear again. Stay with it. Don't rush through it. Let God's Word settle into your heart.

Most importantly, remember that this devotional is not about gaining more information. It is about growing in relationship. God has not revealed His names so we can win Bible trivia. He has revealed His names so we can know Him.

As you begin this journey, my prayer is simple: that you would know His name, trust His character and walk confidently in His promises.

Pastor Ronnie

DAY 1: IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

Scripture: Genesis 1:1 - *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*

Devotional Thought

The Bible begins by introducing us to God before it introduces us to anything else. Before there was light, creation or humanity, there was God. The name Elohim reminds us that He is the eternal Creator, existing before all things and ruling over all things. Genesis doesn't attempt to explain God; it simply declares that He is.

Elohim emphasizes God's power and authority. Everything we see exists because He spoke it into being. The stars, oceans, mountains and every living thing point back to the Creator who designed them. Nothing is outside His control, and nothing exists apart from His sustaining power.

This truth becomes deeply personal when we remember that the Creator of the universe is involved in our lives today. It is easy to become consumed by our circumstances, but Genesis 1:1 invites us to begin somewhere different. Before there was a problem, there was God. Before there was uncertainty, there was God. The One who created all things is still at work in your life.

As you begin this journey, take a moment to lift your eyes above your circumstances and focus on the Creator. Elohim is not distant. He is present, powerful and still working today.

Reflection

- Where have I been focusing more on my circumstances than on God?
- What does God's power as Creator reveal about my current situation?
- How can I begin this week with a greater awareness of Elohim?

Prayer

Elohim, thank You for being the Creator and Sustainer of all things. Help me to trust Your power more than I trust my own understanding. Lift my eyes above my circumstances and remind me that nothing is beyond Your control. Amen.

DAY 2: THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Scripture: Genesis 1:3 - *"And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."*

Devotional Thought

One of the first things we learn about Elohim is that He speaks. Creation did not begin with effort, struggle or uncertainty. It began with the voice of God. When Elohim spoke, light pierced darkness, order emerged from chaos and life began to flourish. His Word carried authority because His Word reflected His nature.

This pattern is seen throughout Scripture. God speaks to Abraham, Moses, the prophets and ultimately through His Son, Jesus Christ. He is not a distant God who remains silent. He is a God who reveals Himself, guides His people and speaks truth into situations that seem hopeless.

Many of us spend our lives listening to competing voices. Fear speaks. Culture speaks. Our past speaks. Our failures speak. Our desires speak. Yet none of those voices carry the authority of the Creator. The voice that spoke creation into existence is still the voice that brings wisdom, direction and life today.

When God speaks, things change. As you spend time in His Word this week, remember that you are not simply reading words on a page. You are hearing from the God who still speaks.

Reflection

- What voices have been shaping my thinking lately?
- Am I spending enough time listening to God's voice through His Word?
- What might God be trying to say to me right now?

Prayer

Elohim, thank You that You are a God who speaks. Help me silence the voices that distract me and become more attentive to Your truth. Give me ears to hear and a heart that responds to Your voice. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 3: ORDER FROM CHAOS

Scripture: Genesis 1:2 - *"Now the earth was formless and empty..."*

Devotional Thought

Before creation was formed, Scripture describes the earth as formless, empty and covered in darkness. Yet what appears chaotic to us was not intimidating to Elohim. God did not panic. He did not abandon the process. He simply began creating order where there had once been disorder.

Many people find themselves in seasons that feel much like Genesis 1:2. Relationships become strained. Plans fall apart. Direction feels unclear. What once seemed stable suddenly feels uncertain. In those moments, it can be easy to assume God is absent because life feels messy.

The creation account reminds us of something important: God often does His work in the middle of chaos. He is not discouraged by brokenness, confusion or uncertainty. In fact, some of His greatest work begins where human strength and understanding end.

If there is an area of your life that feels formless or unfinished today, don't lose heart. The same God who brought order to creation is still working. What feels chaotic to you is not beyond the reach of Elohim.

Reflection

- What area of my life feels chaotic right now?
- Have I mistaken God's silence for His absence?
- How can I trust God in the middle of uncertainty?

Prayer

Elohim, thank You that You are not intimidated by chaos. Help me trust You in the areas of my life that feel uncertain and unfinished. Bring Your peace, wisdom and order where I need it most. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 4: CREATED IN HIS IMAGE

Scripture: Genesis 1:27 - *"So God created mankind in his own image..."*

Devotional Thought

Of everything God created, humanity was given a unique distinction. We were created in His image. This does not mean we are divine, but it does mean we were created to reflect His character, represent His purposes and live in relationship with Him.

The world constantly tries to define our worth by appearance, achievement, success or failure. When those things become our foundation, our identity rises and falls with our circumstances. God's Word points us to something deeper. Our value is rooted in the fact that we were created by Him and for Him.

Understanding this truth changes the way we see ourselves and others. Every person bears the mark of the Creator. Every life has value. Every person matters to God. That includes you. Your worth is not determined by what you accomplish but by whose image you bear.

When Elohim created you, He did not make a mistake. He formed you intentionally, lovingly and purposefully. Rest in that truth today.

Reflection

- What has been shaping my identity lately?
- Do I see myself through God's perspective or the world's?
- How would my life change if I fully embraced my God-given value?

Prayer

Elohim, thank You for creating me in Your image. Help me find my identity in You rather than in achievements, opinions or circumstances. Teach me to see myself and others through Your eyes. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 5: CRAFTED WITH PURPOSE

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10 - *"For we are God's handiwork..."*

Devotional Thought

One of the greatest lies people believe is that their life has no real purpose. When life becomes difficult or ordinary, it is easy to wonder whether what we do truly matters. Scripture answers that question clearly. You are God's handiwork, created for good works that He prepared in advance for you to do.

Elohim is not a random creator. Everything He makes carries intention. Throughout creation we see design, order and purpose. The same is true of your life. God has uniquely gifted you, shaped you and positioned you for His purposes. Before anyone knew your name, before you accomplished anything and before you took your first breath, God already knew the works He was preparing for you to walk in.

Purpose is often misunderstood. Many people think purpose is one big assignment they are trying to discover. More often, purpose is revealed through daily faithfulness. It is found in serving others, loving well, honoring God and walking in obedience one step at a time. God's purpose is not primarily about what you achieve; it is about who you become as you follow Him. The Creator is not simply preparing you for a task; He is forming you into the person He created you to be.

You may not see the full picture today, but you can trust the One who designed it. The Creator who formed you also knows exactly why He created you.

Reflection

- Where have I been questioning my purpose?
- Where is God asking me to be faithful today?
- What gifts or opportunities has God already placed in my life?

Prayer

Elohim, thank You for creating me with purpose. Help me stop comparing my journey to others and faithfully walk in the assignments You have placed before me. Give me confidence in Your design for my life. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 6: A NEW CREATION

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17 - *"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come..."*

Devotional Thought

When most people think about creation, they think about Genesis. Yet God's creative work did not end there. Through Jesus Christ, Elohim continues creating new life today. The God who formed the world now transforms hearts, restores lives and makes all things new.

Many people carry labels from their past. Mistakes, failures, regrets and broken experiences become the lens through which they see themselves. Over time, those labels begin to feel permanent. But the gospel tells a different story. In Christ, your identity is no longer rooted in who you were but in who God is making you become.

Transformation rarely happens overnight. God often works through a process of growth, healing and renewal. Yet every step forward is evidence that the Creator is still at work. He has not abandoned His project, and He has not abandoned you.

No matter what your past contains, Elohim specializes in new beginnings. He is still creating, still restoring and still making lives new.

Reflection

- What labels from my past am I still carrying?
- Where have I seen God bringing change in my life?
- What area needs to be surrendered to His transforming work?

Prayer

Elohim, thank You for making me a new creation through Christ. Help me stop defining myself by my past and start embracing the work You are doing in me today. Continue shaping my life into what You created it to be. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 7: THE POTTER'S HANDS

Scripture: Isaiah 64:8 - *"We are the clay, You are the potter..."*

Devotional Thought

One of the most powerful images in Scripture is God as the potter and His people as the clay. Isaiah reminds us that the God who created the universe is also personally involved in shaping our lives. Elohim did not simply create you and walk away. He continues forming, refining and developing what He designed you to become.

The image of the potter reveals both God's authority and His care. Clay in the potter's hands is molded intentionally. Every pressure, adjustment and refinement serves a purpose. From the clay's perspective, the process may feel uncomfortable or confusing. From the potter's perspective, every movement is shaping the finished product.

That truth becomes especially important when life doesn't unfold the way we expected. There are seasons when God seems to be delaying, removing or reshaping things we would rather keep. Yet the Creator sees what we cannot see. He understands the purpose behind the process. What feels like disruption may actually be preparation. What feels like loss may be part of God's greater design.

As we conclude this week, remember that Elohim is not only the Creator of the heavens and the earth; He is the Creator who is still at work in you. The question is not whether He is shaping your life. The question is whether you will trust His hands while He does it.

Reflection

- What area of my life am I struggling to surrender?
- Where am I trying to control the outcome instead of trusting God?
- How can I rest more fully in the Creator's hands?

Prayer

Elohim, thank You for patiently shaping my life. Help me surrender what I have been trying to control and trust Your design. Teach me to rest in Your hands and follow Your leading. Amen.

DAY 8: WHEN GOD SEEMS LATE

Scripture: Genesis 17:1 - *"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.'"*

Devotional Thought

By the time God revealed Himself to Abram as El Shaddai, God Almighty, nearly twenty-five years had passed since the original promise was given. Abram was now ninety-nine years old. Sarah was well beyond childbearing years. Humanly speaking, the opportunity had passed. What God promised seemed more impossible than ever.

It is often in moments like these that faith is tested. We do not struggle to trust God when everything is happening according to our timeline. We struggle when prayers seem unanswered, circumstances remain unchanged and God appears silent. The longer the wait, the easier it becomes to wonder if God has forgotten what He said.

When God declared Himself to be El Shaddai, He was reminding Abram that the promise depended on God's power, not Abram's ability. What seemed impossible to Abram was never impossible to God. The delay was not evidence of God's absence but another opportunity to trust His faithfulness.

Perhaps there is an area of your life where God seems late. A prayer you have prayed. A promise you are holding onto. A situation that feels stuck. Remember that God's delays are not God's denials. El Shaddai is still working even when you cannot see it, and His timing is always anchored in His wisdom and faithfulness.

Reflection

- Where have I become discouraged because God's timing feels slow?
- Am I trusting God's faithfulness or relying on my own timeline?
- What promise or prayer do I need to place back into God's hands today?

Prayer

El Shaddai, thank You that Your faithfulness is not limited by time or circumstances. Help me trust You when the answers seem delayed and the future feels uncertain. Strengthen my faith and remind me that You are always working, even when I cannot see it. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 9: GOD MEETS US IN WEAKNESS

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9 - *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

Devotional Thought

Most people spend their lives trying to hide their weaknesses. We work hard to appear strong, capable and self-sufficient. Yet throughout Scripture, God often does His greatest work through people who have come to the end of their own ability. That was certainly true for Abraham. By the time God revealed Himself as El Shaddai, there was no human explanation for how the promise could be fulfilled.

Weakness has a way of exposing where our trust truly rests. As long as we believe we can handle things ourselves, it is easy to rely on our own strength. But when we encounter situations beyond our ability, we are forced to decide whether we will depend on ourselves or on God. What feels like a limitation can actually become an invitation to deeper faith.

Paul learned this lesson firsthand. Rather than removing every struggle, God reminded him that His grace was sufficient and His power was made perfect in weakness. God's strength is not revealed when we have everything under control. It is revealed when we recognize how much we need Him.

Perhaps there is an area of your life where you feel inadequate, overwhelmed or incapable. Instead of seeing that weakness as a problem, consider that it may be the very place where El Shaddai wants to reveal His power. What you cannot do on your own becomes an opportunity to experience what only God can do.

Reflection

- What weakness or limitation am I trying to overcome in my own strength?
- Where is God inviting me to depend on Him more fully?
- How might God use my weakness to reveal His strength?

Prayer

El Shaddai, thank You that Your strength is greater than my weakness. Forgive me for the times I have depended on myself instead of You. Teach me to trust Your grace, rely on Your power and rest in Your sufficiency. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 10: NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Scripture: Romans 4:20–21 - *"Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised."*

Devotional Thought

When God promised Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, the circumstances seemed to argue against it. As the years passed, the promise appeared less realistic, not more. Abraham's age, Sarah's barrenness and the passing of time all pointed to the same conclusion: this was impossible.

Faith does not ignore reality, but it refuses to make circumstances the final authority. Abraham understood the obstacles standing before him. He knew the limitations. Yet instead of focusing on what he could not do, he chose to focus on what God could do. His confidence was not rooted in favorable circumstances but in the character of the One who made the promise.

This is what El Shaddai teaches us. God's power is not limited by what limits us. What seems impossible from a human perspective remains completely possible with Him. Faith grows when we stop measuring our circumstances against ourselves and start measuring them against God.

There may be something in your life that feels impossible today. Remember that El Shaddai is still God Almighty. What is impossible for man is never impossible for Him.

Reflection

- What situation in my life feels impossible right now?
- Am I focusing more on the obstacle or on God's power?
- How would my faith grow if I truly believed God can do what He has promised?

Prayer

El Shaddai, thank You that nothing is beyond Your power. Help me see my circumstances through the lens of Your greatness rather than viewing You through the lens of my limitations. Strengthen my faith and remind me that You are able to do what You have promised. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 11: THE COVENANT KEEPER

Scripture: Hebrews 10:23 - *"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."*

Devotional Thought

One of the greatest sources of confidence in the Christian life is not the strength of our faith, but the faithfulness of our God. When God established His covenant with Abraham, the promise rested on God's character, not Abraham's performance. Abraham would have moments of doubt, fear and failure, but God's commitment to His promise never changed.

That truth is important because our confidence often rises and falls with our circumstances. When things are going well, faith feels easy. When challenges come, we can begin to question whether God is still working. Yet God's faithfulness is not determined by what we see happening around us. His promises remain secure because His character remains unchanged.

El Shaddai reminds us that God is a covenant-keeping God. He does not abandon what He begins, forget what He promises or walk away from His people. What He speaks, He is able to accomplish. What He promises, He is faithful to fulfill.

Perhaps today you need to stop focusing on the uncertainty of your circumstances and start focusing on the certainty of God's character. The strength of your hope is found in the faithfulness of the One who made the promise.

Reflection

- What promise of God do I need to hold onto today?
- Have I allowed my circumstances to shape my confidence in God?
- How does God's faithfulness strengthen my faith?

Prayer

El Shaddai, thank You for Your faithfulness. When my circumstances are uncertain, help me remember that Your character never changes. Teach me to trust Your promises and rest in the confidence that You always keep Your word. Amen.

DAY 12: GOD CANNOT LIE

Scripture: Numbers 23:19 - *"God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"*

Devotional Thought

People break promises. Circumstances change. Good intentions sometimes give way to disappointment. Because we live in a world where trust is often broken, it can be easy to project those experiences onto God. Yet Scripture reminds us that God is fundamentally different. He does not lie, change His mind or fail to do what He has said.

This truth was essential for Abraham to understand. God's promise of a son seemed increasingly unlikely with every passing year. If Abraham's confidence had been based on circumstances, he would have given up hope. Instead, he learned to anchor his faith in the character of God rather than the conditions around him.

El Shaddai reminds us that God's promises are only as strong as His character, and His character is flawless. What God says can be trusted because He is completely faithful, completely truthful and completely dependable. His Word does not shift with culture, emotions or circumstances.

There may be promises of God that feel distant or difficult to believe today. When doubt begins to rise, remember this simple truth: God cannot lie. What He has spoken remains true, and what He has promised remains secure.

Reflection

- What promise of God am I struggling to believe right now?
- Am I placing more confidence in my circumstances or in God's character?
- How would my faith change if I fully trusted God's Word?

Prayer

El Shaddai, thank You that Your Word is trustworthy and Your character is unchanging. Help me build my faith on what You have said rather than on what I see around me. Strengthen my confidence in Your promises and teach me to trust You completely. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 13: WALKING BY FAITH

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:7 - *"For we live by faith, not by sight."*

Devotional Thought

One of the hardest parts of following God is that He rarely shows us the entire picture. We naturally want clarity, details and certainty before we move forward. Yet throughout Scripture, God often calls His people to take a step of faith before they can see where the path will lead. That was certainly true for Abraham.

When God called Abraham, there was no detailed roadmap. There were promises, but there were also unanswered questions. Abraham had to learn that faith is not trusting when everything makes sense. Faith is trusting when God's character is the only thing you can clearly see.

This is why El Shaddai is so important. If faith depended on our ability to understand everything, we would never move forward. Instead, faith rests in the confidence that God is who He says He is. We may not know how He will work, when He will work or what the outcome will look like, but we can trust the One who is leading us.

Perhaps there is a step of faith God is asking you to take today. You may not have all the answers, but you do know the character of the God who is calling you. Faith begins when we stop demanding certainty and start trusting El Shaddai.

Reflection

- Where is God asking me to trust Him right now?
- What unanswered questions are making it difficult to move forward?
- Am I waiting for certainty when God is calling me to faith?

Prayer

El Shaddai, help me trust You even when I cannot see the whole picture. Give me the courage to follow Your leading and the confidence to rest in Your character. Teach me to walk by faith and not by sight. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 14: EL SHADDAI IS ENOUGH

Scripture: Philippians 4:19 - *"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."*

Devotional Thought

One of the greatest temptations in life is believing that we need something more than God. More resources. More security. More certainty. More control. While none of those things are inherently wrong, they can quietly become the source of our confidence. When they do, our trust begins to shift from God to the things we believe will sustain us.

Abraham faced that temptation throughout his journey. God's promise seemed impossible, and there were moments when he looked for solutions apart from God's plan. Yet over time, Abraham learned that what he truly needed was not a better strategy or a different circumstance. He needed God. El Shaddai was sufficient even when everything else seemed lacking.

This is the heart of the name El Shaddai. God Almighty is not simply the God who gives strength; He is the God who is enough. His presence is enough. His grace is enough. His power is enough. Whatever He calls us to face, He provides the strength to endure and the faith to continue. The greatest gift God gives us is not always a changed circumstance. Often, it is a deeper awareness that He is sufficient in the middle of the circumstance.

There will always be something more to pursue, but lasting peace is found when we realize that our greatest need is met in Him. When everything else feels uncertain, God's character remains constant. His resources never run dry, His promises never fail and His presence never leaves. El Shaddai is still more than enough.

Reflection

- What am I relying on for security besides God?
- Where have I been looking for satisfaction apart from Him?
- Do I truly believe that God is enough for this season of my life?

Prayer

El Shaddai, forgive me for the times I have placed my confidence in things other than You. Help me trust Your sufficiency and rest in Your provision. Teach me to find my security, strength and peace in You alone. Amen.

DAY 15: JEHOVAH JIREH - THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

Scripture: Genesis 22:14 - *"So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, 'On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.'"*

Devotional Thought

The name Jehovah Jireh first appears after one of the most significant moments in Abraham's life. Having witnessed God's provision on Mount Moriah, Abraham named that place "The Lord Will Provide." Yet the meaning of this name goes deeper than simply meeting a need. The Hebrew word *jireh* comes from a word meaning "to see." Jehovah Jireh is the God who sees ahead and provides accordingly.

This truth reveals something powerful about God's character. God does not react to our needs the way we do. He is never surprised, caught off guard or forced to come up with a solution. Long before Abraham arrived on the mountain, God already knew what would be needed. Before the problem appeared, God had already prepared the provision.

That same truth applies to our lives today. We often become anxious because we can only see what is directly in front of us. God sees what is ahead. He sees tomorrow's challenges, next month's needs and the situations we have not yet encountered. What feels uncertain to us is already fully known by Him.

As you begin this week, remember that Jehovah Jireh is not simply the God who provides. He is the God who sees. Because He sees perfectly, He provides faithfully. You can trust Him with the needs you know about and the ones you do not yet see.

Reflection

- What need am I trusting God to provide for right now?
- How does knowing God sees ahead strengthen my faith?
- Where do I need to trust God's provision instead of my own understanding?

Prayer

Jehovah Jireh, thank You for seeing what I cannot see. Help me trust that You are already at work in the situations that concern me. Remind me that nothing catches You by surprise and that Your provision is always rooted in Your perfect wisdom and faithfulness. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 16: OBEDIENCE BEFORE UNDERSTANDING

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-3 - *"Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey..."*

Devotional Thought

One of the most remarkable details in the story of Abraham is how quickly he responded to God. After receiving an instruction he could not possibly understand, Abraham rose early the next morning and began the journey. There is no record of argument, delay or negotiation. He obeyed even though he did not have all the answers.

Most of us prefer the opposite approach. We want understanding before obedience. We want God to explain His plan, reveal the outcome and show us how everything will work together. Yet faith rarely operates that way. God often calls us to take the next step before He reveals what comes after it. Obedience is not built on complete understanding; it is built on trust.

Abraham's journey up Mount Moriah reminds us that Jehovah Jireh's provision is often discovered along the path of obedience. Had Abraham refused to take the first step, he would never have experienced God's provision on the mountain. The miracle was not found in standing still. It was found in faithfully following where God was leading.

Perhaps God is asking you to take a step of obedience today. You may not know how everything will unfold, but you can trust the One who is leading you. Jehovah Jireh sees what is ahead, and His provision is often waiting on the other side of your obedience.

Reflection

- Is there an area where God is calling me to obey before I fully understand?
- What fears or questions are keeping me from taking the next step?
- How can I trust God's leadership more fully today?

Prayer

Jehovah Jireh, help me trust You enough to obey even when I do not understand everything You are doing. Give me the courage to take the next step and the faith to believe that Your provision will be there when I need it. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 17: GOD IS ALREADY THERE

Scripture: Genesis 22:8 - *"Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.'"*

Devotional Thought

As Abraham and Isaac made their way up the mountain, Isaac asked a question that must have pierced Abraham's heart: "Where is the lamb?" From Abraham's perspective, he did not yet know how God would provide. He did not see the ram in the thicket. He did not know how the story would end. Yet he responded with confidence: "God himself will provide."

That statement reveals an important truth about Jehovah Jireh. God's provision is often at work long before we recognize it. While Abraham was walking up one side of the mountain, God was already preparing provision on the other side. Abraham could not see it, but God could. What felt uncertain to Abraham was already settled in the mind of God.

We often live with a limited perspective. We see today's need, today's challenge and today's uncertainty. God sees the entire journey. He sees what is around the corner, what is ahead on the path and what will be needed when we arrive there. Nothing catches Him by surprise, and nothing forces Him to scramble for a solution.

Whatever you are facing today, remember that God is already there. Before you arrive at tomorrow's challenge, He is already present. Before the need appears, He already knows how He will provide. Jehovah Jireh sees ahead because He is already ahead.

Reflection

- What future concern has been weighing on my mind?
- How does knowing God is already there change my perspective?
- Where do I need to trust God's foresight instead of my own understanding?

Prayer

Jehovah Jireh, thank You for seeing what I cannot see and knowing what is ahead before I arrive there. Help me trust Your wisdom and rest in the confidence that You are already working on my behalf. Teach me to walk forward in faith instead of fear. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 18: THE RAM IN THE THICKET

Scripture: Genesis 22:13 - *"Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son."*

Devotional Thought

At the very moment Abraham needed God to intervene, he looked up and saw the ram. What had been hidden from his view was suddenly revealed. The provision had been there all along, prepared by God and waiting for the exact moment it was needed. Jehovah Jireh had once again proven faithful.

One of the most difficult aspects of faith is that God's provision rarely arrives according to our preferred schedule. We often want answers early, solutions immediately and certainty before we move forward. Yet God frequently waits until the moment of need to reveal what He has already prepared. In doing so, He teaches us to trust His timing rather than our own.

The ram in the thicket reminds us that God's provision is not accidental. It is intentional. God did not discover Abraham's need at the last minute. He had already seen it, planned for it and prepared for it. What appeared to Abraham as a sudden answer was actually the result of God's perfect foresight.

There may be areas of your life where you are still waiting to see God's provision. Don't mistake the waiting for God's absence. Jehovah Jireh knows exactly what you need and exactly when you need it. His provision may not always be early, but it is always on time.

Reflection

- Where am I struggling to trust God's timing?
- Have I mistaken waiting for abandonment?
- How has God provided for me in the past when I least expected it?

Prayer

Jehovah Jireh, thank You for Your perfect timing and faithful provision. Help me trust You while I wait and remind me that You are never late. Give me confidence that You see my needs and are working according to Your perfect plan. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 19: THE GREATER PROVISION

Scripture: Romans 8:32 - *"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"*

Devotional Thought

The story of Abraham and Isaac ultimately points beyond Mount Moriah to a greater provision that God would one day make. At the last moment, Isaac was spared and a ram was provided in his place. It was a powerful picture of substitution, but it was also a foreshadowing of what was to come.

Centuries later, God would once again provide a sacrifice. This time, however, there would be no substitute. The Father would willingly give His own Son so that we could be forgiven, redeemed and restored. The greatest provision God has ever given was not financial, physical or material. It was Jesus Christ.

When we think of Jehovah Jireh, it is easy to focus only on the needs we want God to meet today. Yet the cross reminds us that our deepest need was never temporary. We needed salvation. We needed reconciliation with God. We needed a Savior. Before we ever recognized that need, God had already provided the answer through Jesus.

If God was willing to give His own Son for you, you can trust His heart in every other area of life. The cross stands as a permanent reminder that Jehovah Jireh sees, cares and provides. His greatest provision has already been given.

Reflection

- How does the cross reveal God's provision for my life?
- Have I been more focused on temporary needs than my deepest spiritual need?
- How does God's gift of Jesus strengthen my trust in Him today?

Prayer

Jehovah Jireh, thank You for providing what I could never provide for myself. Thank You for the gift of Jesus and the salvation found through Him. Help me never lose sight of the cross and remind me daily of Your incredible love and faithfulness. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 20: LIVING WITH OPEN HANDS

Scripture: Matthew 6:33 - *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Devotional Thought

One of the greatest lessons Abraham learned on Mount Moriah was that true trust requires open hands. Isaac was the fulfillment of God's promise, yet Abraham was willing to place even that promise back into God's hands. His confidence was not ultimately in the gift God had given, but in the God who gave it.

Many of us struggle with that kind of surrender. We hold tightly to our plans, our resources, our relationships and our sense of security. We want God's blessings, but we also want control. Yet the tighter we grip the things of this world, the harder it becomes to trust God with them.

Jehovah Jireh calls us to live differently. He invites us to trust that He is our source, not the things He provides. The gifts may change. Circumstances may shift. Seasons may come and go. But God remains faithful through them all. When our confidence is rooted in Him, we can hold everything else with open hands.

Surrender is not about losing something valuable. It is about trusting the One who is infinitely more valuable. The more we trust Jehovah Jireh, the less we feel the need to control what belongs in His hands.

Reflection

- What am I holding too tightly today?
- Is my trust in God's gifts or in God Himself?
- What would it look like to live with greater surrender and trust?

Prayer

Jehovah Jireh, help me release the things I have been trying to control. Teach me to trust You more than I trust Your gifts. Give me the faith to live with open hands, confident that You are faithful and that You will always provide what I truly need. In Jesus Name, Amen.

DAY 21: PROVISION FOLLOWS OBEDIENCE

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5–6 - *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."*

Devotional Thought

As we conclude this week, one truth stands out from the story of Abraham and Jehovah Jireh: God's provision was discovered on the path of obedience. Abraham did not experience the ram in the thicket while standing at home. He encountered God's provision while faithfully following where God had led him. The provision was waiting on the mountain of obedience.

This does not mean obedience earns God's favor or forces His hand. Rather, obedience positions us to experience what God has already prepared. Abraham trusted God enough to take the next step, even when he did not understand the destination. Along the journey, he discovered that God was faithful every step of the way.

The same principle applies to our lives. Sometimes we ask God for provision while resisting His direction. We want Him to reveal the outcome before we are willing to trust Him with the process. Yet faith grows when we choose obedience before certainty. God's guidance and God's provision are often experienced together.

Over the past week, we have seen that Jehovah Jireh is the God who sees ahead, prepares ahead and provides ahead. Whatever lies before you, you can move forward with confidence. The God who provided for Abraham, provided His Son and has faithfully sustained you, will continue to be faithful in the days ahead.

Reflection

- Is there an area where God is calling me to greater obedience?
- Have I been waiting for certainty instead of taking the next step of faith?
- What has this week taught me about God's provision?

Prayer

Jehovah Jireh, thank You for Your faithful provision in every season of life. Help me trust You enough to obey even when I cannot see the whole picture. Teach me to walk by faith, follow Your leading and rest in the confidence that You will always provide exactly what I need. In Jesus Name, Amen.

A Final Encouragement

Over the past 21 days, we have spent time exploring three powerful names of God: Elohim, El Shaddai and Jehovah Jireh. While each name reveals a different aspect of God's character, they all point us to the same truth: God is trustworthy.

Elohim reminded us that God is the Creator who speaks life, purpose and order into chaos. El Shaddai showed us that God Almighty is greater than our limitations, weaknesses and impossibilities. Jehovah Jireh revealed that God sees ahead, prepares ahead and faithfully provides for His people. Together, these names remind us that our confidence is never found in our circumstances but in the character of God.

Psalms 9:10 has served as our foundation throughout this journey: *"Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You."*

The goal of this devotional was never simply to learn new names. It was to know God more deeply. The more we understand who He is, the more we learn to trust Him. Trust is built when we see His faithfulness, remember His promises and recognize His character at work in our lives.

My encouragement to you is simple: don't let this journey end here. Continue spending time in God's Word. Continue growing in your understanding of who He is. Continue trusting Him in every season of life. The same God who created, sustained and provided in Scripture is still at work today.

I am excited to let you know that our next 21-day devotional is ready. Together we will continue exploring three more names of God: Jehovah Rapha, The Lord Who Heals; Jehovah Nissi, The Lord Our Banner; and Jehovah Shalom, The Lord Our Peace. Each name reveals another beautiful aspect of God's character and another reason we can trust Him fully.

Keep seeking Him. Keep trusting Him. Keep walking with Him.

I am praying for you.

Pastor Ronnie

