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Day 1: The Gospel We
Must Remember

Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul begins by reminding the Corinthians of the gospel—not because they had forgotten it entirely, but because we all suffer from "gospel amnesia." In our daily lives, we drift from the truth that anchors our souls: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose on the third day. This isn't merely historical information; it's the foundation of everything we believe. The resurrection had over 500 eyewitnesses—people who could testify to its reality. Today, ask yourself: Have I lost sight of the gospel's power? Am I living out of my identity in Christ, or have I forgotten who I am because of what He's done? Return to this good news. Let it reshape how you see yourself, your struggles, and your purpose.

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Day 2: Jesus, the
Resurrection and the
Life

Reading:
John 11:1-44

When Lazarus died, Jesus intentionally delayed—not out of indifference, but to demonstrate His power over death itself. To grieving Martha, He declared, "I am the resurrection and the life." Not "I will be" but "I am"—present tense, personal, powerful. Before raising Lazarus, Jesus wept, entering fully into human sorrow. He understands your pain, your losses, your fears about mortality. Yet He asks the same question He asked Martha: "Do you believe this?" Your answer determines everything. Jesus didn't just teach about resurrection; He embodied it, foreshadowing His own victory over the grave. Whatever death you're facing today—of dreams, relationships, or hope—bring it to the One who is resurrection itself.

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Day 3: The Evidence That Demands a Verdict

Reading: Acts 2:22-36

The resurrection isn't wishful thinking or religious mythology—it's the most investigated event in history. Jesus predicted His death and resurrection plainly. He appeared to women first, which was culturally illogical if fabricating a story, yet this detail confirms authenticity. The disciples, who fled in fear at His crucifixion, later died proclaiming His resurrection. People don't die for what they know is a lie. Peter boldly declared to thousands that God raised Jesus from the dead, and the empty tomb stood as irrefutable evidence. Today, your faith isn't blind—it's grounded in historical reality. When doubts arise, remember: the resurrection can withstand scrutiny. Investigate, ask questions, think deeply. The evidence points to one conclusion: He is risen indeed.

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Day 4: Victory Over Sin
and Death

Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your sting?" These aren't empty words but the triumphant declaration of those clothed in Christ's righteousness. Our perishable bodies will put on imperishability; our mortal nature will be transformed into immortality. This isn't about self-improvement or moral achievement—only perfect people enter heaven, and we become perfect only through Jesus. When you trust Him like a child, His perfection covers your imperfection. Death, humanity's greatest enemy, has been defeated. The sting is removed. This changes everything about how you face tomorrow, how you endure suffering, how you view eternity. Because Jesus rose, death doesn't win. Stand firm in this victory. Let it fuel your perseverance and steady your hope.

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Day 5: Living as
Resurrection People

Reading:
Romans 6:1-14

The resurrection isn't just about the future—it transforms how you live today. Paul writes that we've been buried with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life. You're not the same person you were. The old self, enslaved to sin, has died. You've been made alive to God. This means Monday morning matters. Your conversations, your work, your relationships—all are opportunities to live as a resurrection person. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Who is your "Journey"—that person God has placed in your life to hear the good news? Don't give up. Keep sharing. Keep living on mission. Because Jesus conquered death, you can face any difficulty with hope. Today is the day of salvation—for you to remember, and for others to hear.

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