



DAY 30 | May 30, 2020

## Scripture

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.” — **JEREMIAH 17:7-8**

## Inspiration

The imagery of the Old Testament writers is a beautiful gift to us as we reflect on these ancient words. The connection between placing our trust and confidence in God (which is a choice we can make), leads to blessings. It's a simple concept, yet hard to always accomplish. But the passage goes on to say that those who put their trust and confidence in God will be like a tree near water, which will find nourishment, strength and growth by sending its roots deep into that soil. **God is that soil for us; He is that blessing.** When we put our trust and confidence in Him, the blessing is stability, nourishment and growth for us in ways that we often don't even recognize. Mostly, it's in the inner stability of peace in our hearts and minds; nourishment that leads to contentment; growth that allows us to use our gifts and talents to serve others. Once again, God blesses us for our benefit so that we may bless others.

## Prayer

**GRACIOUS GOD**, amazingly, you offer to bless us. All you expect in return is our trust and confidence. And you don't even demand that trust be perfect and our confidence unflinching. You bless our efforts; you bless our intentions. Most importantly, you bless us with your grace when we fall short. **Help us to be like that tree, planted near water that can draw a never-ending supply of peace, contentment and personal growth — so that we will be the best version of who you created us to be.** In doing so, we commit to serving your people in love, motivated by the love you pour into our lives. **AMEN.**