



# Day 1: You Can't Surprise the Creator

**Rundown:** Ephesians 2:8-10 reminds us that we are saved by grace to walk in the good works God prepared for us beforehand. Before God even said "let there be light," He knew you. He doesn't know the future; He is already in the future, the present, and the past simultaneously.

**The Challenge:** We often project our own limitations onto God. We think our mistakes, our doubts, or our massive screw-ups catch Him off guard, prompting Him to scramble for a Plan B. But God is never sitting in heaven going, "Uh oh." He knew every struggle you would face—every temper flare, every failure—and He chose you anyway. Grace isn't about being perfect; it's about being deeply loved by a God who already knows the end from the beginning.

**Action Step:** Write down the one thing in your life right now that you feel makes you "unqualified" for God's love or calling. Pray over it, acknowledging that God knew about it before the foundations of the world, and accept His grace over that specific area today.



## Day 2: The Pre-Funded Escape

**Rundown:** In Matthew 2:13-15, an angel warns Joseph to flee to Egypt. It was a 200-mile journey for a blue-collar worker with no extra money. Yet, just before this, the Magi had shown up with gold, frankincense, and myrrh—valuable gifts that practically financed their survival.

**The Challenge:** God never gives a calling without making the provision. When He told Joseph to run, the travel expenses had already been delivered. Whatever massive, scary thing is looming in front of you—a health scare, a financial hurdle, a major life change—God is already at work moving people, resources, and circumstances to help you face it. You might only be aware of three out of the 10,000 things He is doing behind the scenes, but He is working.

**Action Step:** Look back at your life and pinpoint a moment where provision showed up exactly when you needed it (like an unexpected check in the mailbox). Thank God for that past faithfulness, and choose to trust Him with your current fear.



## Day 3: Escaping the Planning Phase

**Rundown:** We are called to be doers of the word, not just hearers. But often, we disguise our fear of stepping out in faith as "planning." We want all the details ironed out before we obey.

**The Challenge:** Just like a teenager who won't pick up the laundry because he's too busy strategizing about moving his desk, we get paralyzed by the details. Jesus gives us a vision—like seeking and saving the lost—and we sit around with pen and paper trying to script how it will happen. God is just asking us to put the clothes in the basket. Take the first step. Open your mouth. Jesus rarely gives us the full itinerary; He just says, "Follow me."

**Action Step:** Identify one area where God has told you to move, but you are stuck overthinking it. Stop planning and take the absolute smallest, most immediate step forward today.

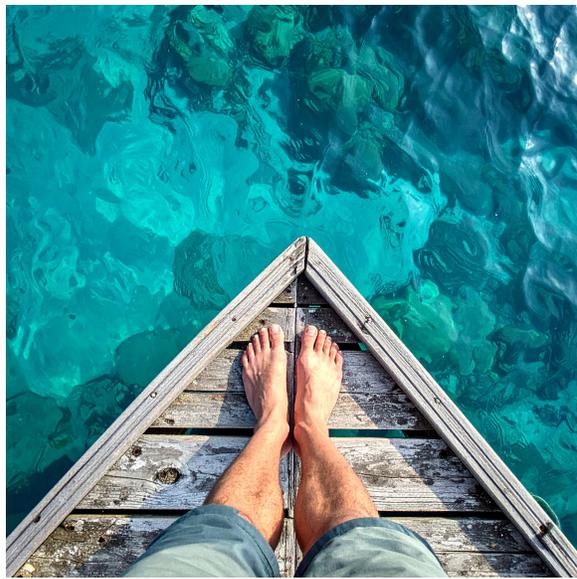
# Day 4: Staying in the Unknown



**Rundown:** When God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt, He adds a terrifying caveat: "...and remain there until I tell you." Similarly, God told Abram to leave everything comfortable and go to a land He would show him (Genesis 12:1).

**The Challenge:** We love the illusion of control. We want to know the destination before we start the car. But walking by faith, not by sight, means getting into the passenger seat and trusting the driver. Giving up control is terrifying, but the reality is, our entire lives can change with just one phone call. We are never truly in control anyway. True freedom is found when we stop leaning on our own understanding and trust that if we are with Jesus, we are safe.

**Action Step:** When you catch yourself getting anxious about an unknown outcome today, physically open your hands in front of you and say out loud, "God, I don't need to know the destination because I know You are leading."



# Day 5: Do One Thing That Scares You

**Rundown:** Fear is the opposite of faith. As children, we climbed 50-foot trees without a second thought. As adults, we see one barracuda and refuse to ever get back in the water. We learn to fear, and we stop living.

**The Challenge:** Jesus has already written your days (Psalm 139). If He is in control, how can His purposes for you fail? Don't settle for a boring, safe life where you merely survive. Learn to be courageous again. The more you step out and do the things that scare you, the more you will see God show up, and the less power fear will hold over you.

**Action Step:** Do one thing today that scares you. With the free community BBQ happening tomorrow, let this be your opportunity. Walk up to someone you don't know, have a real conversation, and invite them. Push past the fear of rejection and watch what God does with your boldness.