

Thank you, Friend, for joining me on this Journey to the Cross. This devotion booklet was written with you in mind. We will celebrate Easter on April 1 as we gather with all of creation to rejoice that Christ is victorious over sin and death. As you read the Bible passages and devotions for each day, you will see how God declared the coming victory beginning in Genesis and how Jesus finished the work through the cross. Our desire is to grow to be like Jesus, allowing His work on the cross to change our lives.

Growing in Christ does not happen automatically. It requires dependence on the work of God in your life coupled with a commitment from you to seek the Lord with an obedient and humble heart.

Beginning March 1, a devotion has been written for each weekday – a total of twenty-two devotions – for you to study each day. Your commitment to spend time every day in reading God’s Word, listening to God’s voice, seeking God’s wisdom, and obeying God’s instructions will reap great reward.

Here is a suggested pattern for using this guide for the next thirty-one days. Each Monday through Friday, read that day’s Bible passage and related devotional thoughts. Read the verse printed in the devotion guide several times, thinking carefully about what God is saying to you. Write your impressions in the margin or in a separate journal. Ask God to give you insight and spend time quietly listening to Him in prayer. Act when God tells you to act. Commit to being obedient to Him.

On Saturday, read your Sunday School lesson and be ready to learn from others and to share what God has taught you. On Sunday, participate in Sunday School and worship. Encourage other Christians to grow in Christ and share with them what God is doing in your life.

Above all else, spend time with God and ask Him to work in your life. Broaden your understanding of the work of Jesus on the cross; deepen your relationship with the One who went to the cross for you.

*Douglas Falkner*