



# **21 Day Challenge**

# **Devotional Guide**

**21 Days**  
**Of**  
***Mission***  
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## 21 Days of Mission

### Introduction:

In November we will be pondering the question from Larry Moyer, “Is it possible to get close to the Master’s heart without getting close to the Master’s Mission?” In the next 21 days we will be presented with scripture and challenges regarding ***living a Life on Mission***, *consider how we can be prepared for and involved in missions, and have a chance to pray for missionaries and mission / ministry organizations that Emmanuel is partnering with.*

## Day 1

**Question:** Are we *totally* committed to Jesus? Do we repent of sin, accept His sacrifice, and believe and trust in Him completely?

**Scripture:** Mark 8:34-38, *“And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.””*

**Challenge:** The motorcycle ministry, Servants for Christ, wear “PFJC” on their vests. In Israel some “Christians” have a bad reputation for not acting like Christ, so Servants for Christ have PFJC on their cut to remind themselves and the world that they are committed to being different – “Passionate Followers of Jesus Christ!” To be a Passionate Follower of Jesus may be inconvenient, may cost you your preferences, or even your life! Prepare your heart to be willing to engage in sacrifice.

**Pray:** Lord, help me to surrender completely to You in all aspects of my life!

**Pray for a Missionary:** Hispanic Church Planters Obed and Karla Aguirre - Billings

## Day 2

**Question:** Is it possible to get close to the Master’s heart without getting close to the Master’s mission?

**Scripture:** Luke 4:18, *“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the captives and recovery of sight for the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

1 Timothy 1:15, *“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”*

John 3:17, *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.”*

Matthew 20:28, *“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

1 John 3:5, *“You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.”*

Mark 2:17, *“And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.””*

**Challenge:** Open your heart and mind to the Master’s Mission!

**Pray for a Missionary:** Church Planters Jim and Brandi Taber – Gracepoint Church, Billings

## Day 3

**Question:** Can we have passion for the Master & His mission without having a passion for people?

**Scripture:** Matthew 9:35-38, *“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When He saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.””*

Romans 9

Exodus 32

**Challenge:** Show the love of God to someone today.

**Pray:** Lord, give me YOUR love for those around me: my family, my church family, my workplace and neighborhood. For people I encounter today.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Church Planters and State Leaders Lee and Christie Merck – The Church at Four Corners, Bozeman, MT.

## Day 4

**Question:** Are we loving our “enemies?” If we were able to genuinely love our “enemies” (or those who really annoy us), how would that change our world?

**Scripture:** Luke 6:35, *“But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.”*

**Challenge:** Show an act of love and kindness to someone today who is difficult for you to love.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to be committed to You – so much that I will love even my enemies, just like You love me.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Church Planters John and Jessica Finley – Refuge Church, Joliet, MT

## Day 5

**Question:** Do we feel what Jesus felt?

**Scripture:** Matthew 9:35-38, *“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When He saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.””*

**Challenge:** Consider how you might practice compassion, not judgement.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to care for people, have compassion on them, and show Your love to them.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Jeremy and April Langley – IMB Missionaries in Toronto, Ontario

## Day 6

**Question:** Do we walk in unity with other believers?

**Scripture:** John 17:20-26, *“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.””*

**Challenge:** May we be *unified with other Christians* so we'll be a witness to the world.

**Prayer:** Give me wisdom and humility to encourage and bless other Christians, thus being a witness to the world around me.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Josh & Katrina Charette – Great Plains Gathering, Billings

## Day 7

**Question:** Are we united in prayer?

**Scripture:** Acts 1:7-8, *“He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.””*

Acts 1:12-14, *“Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.”*

**Challenge:** Pray to receive power, wisdom, and discernment from God so that you may be usable in His Kingdom’s work.

**Prayer:** May I pray without ceasing to be empowered to live for You.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Armstrong Family - Missionaries in Guerrero, Mexico

## Day 8

**Question:** Do our finances reflect our love for God and others?

**Scripture:** Acts 4:31-3,5” *And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness...Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and bought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”*

**Challenge:** This week give in a way that you do not normally give. Help someone you know who is in need, give to a mission effort or a Christian organization, etc.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to give sacrificially out of my commitment and love for You.

**Pray for a Ministry Organization:** Montana Rescue Mission

## Day 9

**Question:** Do we live knowing Christ lives in us and we have His glory?

**Scripture:** John 17:22-23, *“The glory that You have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.”*

**Challenge:** Commit to live out the truth that Christ and His glory live in me!

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to **know and live out** who I am in You!

**Pray for a Missionary:** Vlad K. & Family – Church Planter in Ukraine

## Day 10

**Question:** Do we live under Jesus’ authority and follow His direction?

**Scripture:** Matthew 28:18-20, *“And Jesus said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

**Challenge:** If you are not already teaching a class, consider co-teaching (at least short-term) or subbing for a Bible teacher.

**Prayer:** May I be successful at making disciples as You have commanded.

**Pray for a Ministry:** Pray for Montana’s ministry partnership with Missouri.

**Action:** Do something kind for a “crazy” person you know.



## Day 11

**Question:** Are we committed to serve and disciple others?

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:28, *“Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

**Challenge:** Commit to serve in a Christian ministry this month.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me invest my time and finances to serve others, thus pointing them to You and helping them grow in You.

**Pray for a Ministry:** Prolific Church Planting Network based out of Emmanuel.

## Day 12

**Question:** Do we teach others to observe everything He’s commanded?

**Scripture:** Romans 9:1-5, *“I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen*

**Challenge:** Go share Jesus’ love with those God gives you a passion for.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me have a deep compassion and love for the lost around me.

**Pray for a Church Planting Church:** Pastor Curtis Crow & The Bridge Church who partner with Prolific and has started 3 near churches in the area of Belgrade / Manhattan / Gallatin Gateway.

## Day 13

**Question:** Do we love our neighbors as ourselves?

**Scripture:** Matthew 22:37-40, *“And He said to them, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all our soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.””*

**Challenge:** Show an act of love / kindness to a “neighbor” today. Purchase them a cup of coffee or a cold drink. Mow their lawn. Let someone go before you in line, etc.

**Prayer:** Lord, I want to be Your humble servant. Help me to love others more than I love myself.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Josh & Liz Yelton - Interim Campus Pastor, Gillette, WY

## Day 14

**Question:** Do we see people like Jesus does?

**Scripture:** Matthew 9:35-38, *“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When He saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labors are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labors into His harvest.””*

**Challenge:** Consider where God may have you serve. Look around and be open to opportunities to serve within the church – nursery or childcare, volunteer to be a greeter, serve coffee, help with First Impressions, etc.

**Prayer:** Lord, where would You have me serve in my local church? Please show me where I can show love to others in my church.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Donnie Zier – Co-pastor of Racers Set Free Church – a young church on the North Side of downtown Billings.

## Day 15

**Question:** Do we act like Jesus acted – caring for and giving His life for the sheep?

**Scripture:** Matthew 9:35-38, *“And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When He saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.””*

**Challenge:** Show you care for people by involving yourself in their lives.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me care for people by giving myself to God and people.

**Pray for a Missionary:** “John and Jane Doe” & family serving as Bible Translators in Asia.

## Day 16

**Question:** How do we relate to others?

**Scripture:** Titus 3:2, *“To speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.”*

**Challenge:** Don’t slander, gossip, or talk poorly about anyone. Avoid fighting, arguing, or putting anyone down. Be kind. Show gentleness....to **all**.

**Prayer:** Lord help me to show Your love to all people.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Jeff and Anna Glessner – Missionary Pilot with Ethnos360

## Day 17

**Question:** Do we love?

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 13, *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

**Challenge:** Love completely! If you have treated someone poorly or acted out of envy, pride, rudeness, arrogance, selfishness or irritability then ask for forgiveness of them and ask the Father to empower you to love with patience and kindness.

**Prayer:** Father, I pray you teach and train me to love like You describe in I Corinthians 13.

**Pray for a Ministry Organization:** Clydehurst Christian Ranch

## Day 18

**Question:** Are we prepared to share the reason for our hope in Jesus?

**Scripture:** I Peter 3:15-16, *"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame."*

**Challenge:** Be ready at all times to give a defense of the Hope that is in you. If you struggle in this area ask a pastor or teacher for help and/or enroll in a class on how to share your faith.

**Prayer:** Lord, prepare me with Your word and Spirit to be a witness for you!

**Pray for a Ministry Organization:** Love INC

## Day 19

**Question:** Do we desire that ALL be saved?

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 3:9, *"The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."*

**Challenge:** Live out the gospel in word and action with someone today.

**Prayer:** Lord, may I intercede for and be a positive witness to all people.

**Pray for a Missionary:** Missionary work in Nepal

## Day 20

**Question:** Will we endure, love, and be a witness?

**Scripture:** Matthew 24:9-14, *"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."*

**Challenge:** To love the unlovely like Jesus loves me.

**Prayer:** Empower me with Your Spirit so I will finish well and be a faithful witness to the end.

**Pray for a Ministry:** Pray for Montana's Ministry Partnership with Alberta, Canada

## Day 21

**Question:** What does it look like to live a life on mission? Are we willing to show God's love outside of our church, city, and / or state?

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 9:19-27, *"For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings."*

**Challenge:** Commit to go on a short-term mission trip in 2022.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me to be moved with compassion for those who are different than me, even to the point of going to serve them in some way.

**Pray for a Ministry:** Pastor J.T. Coughlan & Set Free Ministries in Montana

## 21-Day Devotions

To participate in the 21-day devotions throughout 2021,  
do one of the following:

**Option 1:** Scan the QR where the devotions will post each  
day and save it as a shortcut on your phone.



**Option 2:** Sign up to receive text reminders which includes  
a link to the daily devotion.

- Text **devo21** to 94000.
- Enter your name and email. You will receive a “successfully subscribed” message. To see the devotion each day, simply click the link in the text.
- **Note:** there is a 7-day break between each set of 21-day devotions. There will be no texts sent during that week.