

THE SECOND ACT

COUNT WHAT REMAINS

A 30-day journey through loss, faith, family and second chances

A devotional companion inspired by the spiritual themes of The Second Act.

FAITH • FAMILY • FORGIVENESS • SECOND CHANCES

Prototype curriculum for church and small-group use. Scripture references and theological notes should receive pastoral/theological review before publication.

How to use this devotional

Each day has one Scripture reading, one short reflection, one honest question, one 'hand it over' prompt and one 'count what remains' practice. The goal is not to force gratitude over grief. It is to practice telling God the truth while noticing the grace and responsibilities that remain.

Day 1: Tell God the Truth

Read: Psalm 13

Faith does not require editing your grief before you pray. God already knows the sentence you are afraid to say.

Reflect

What is this Scripture inviting you to believe, release, repair or practice today?

Hand it over

God, today I am carrying: _____

Count what remains

Three gifts, people, responsibilities or evidences of grace still on the table:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Prayer

God, I will not call what hurt me good. I will ask You to be at work in it, keep me faithful today, and help me notice what remains. Amen.

Day 2: He Can Take It

Read: Psalm 62:8

Pouring out your heart is an act of trust because you choose God as the place where the truth goes.

Reflect

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Prayer

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Day 3: When the Answer Is No

Read: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Unanswered prayer can wound our expectations without ending God's presence.

Reflect

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Prayer

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Day 4: Presence Before Explanation

Read: Job 2:11-13

Sometimes the most faithful response to pain is to sit beside it before speaking.

Reflect

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