



WEEK ONE • DAY ONE

▲ REACH UP

"It comes the very moment you wake up each morning. All your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists simply in shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in."

— C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. — Psalm 1:1-3

▶ REACH IN

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17) ... However, in order for one piece of iron to sharpen another, the two must be close enough to rub. And it is precisely here that we often break off our mission before we begin it – through our failure to get close enough to other persons so we can 'sharpen them.' 'Without closeness, there can be no relationship and ... no discipleship."

— Scott Morton, *Down to Earth Discippling*

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. — Acts 2:44-46

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"While we must always remember that it is our responsibility to proclaim salvation, we must never forget that it is God who saves. It is God who brings men and women under the sound of the gospel, and it is God who brings them to faith in Christ. Our evangelistic work is the instrument that He uses for this purpose, but the power that saves is not in the instrument: It is in the hand of the One who uses the instrument."

— J. I. Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, p. 27

I planted the seed, Apollous watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. — 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

My Prayer Today...

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The Shape of Faith is a 12 week daily devotional guide built around three relationships:

Reaching Up, Reaching In and Reaching Out.

Together these define **The Shape of Faith.**

Each day of the 12 weeks contains a ...

- ✓ Reaching Up quotation from a thoughtful author.
Reaching Up scripture.
- ✓ Reaching In quotation from a thoughtful author.
Reaching In scripture.
- ✓ Reaching Out quotation from a thoughtful author
Reaching Out scripture.
- ✓ There is also a place to write a prayer for the day.

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