

Devotional—Tour Week 6

"Day by Day by Day by Day..."

Week 6 – Well, you're definitely over the hump now...and well on the way to the end. By now, you're probably getting used to living "day by day," never knowing what to expect at the next stop...but just in case you might need a little more help, let's review a little more....

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults
Which Thou has borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.
Amen

Luke 9:23-24 (New Living Translation)

23 Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross **daily**, and follow me. **24** If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NIV)

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed **day by day**. **17** For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. **18** So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

1 Timothy 4:6-10 (The Message)

6 You've been raised on the Message of the faith and have followed sound teaching. Now pass on this counsel to the Christians there, and you'll be a good servant of Jesus. **7** Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. Exercise **daily** in God--no spiritual flabbiness, please! **8** Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever. **9** You can count on this. Take it to heart. **10** This is why we've thrown ourselves into this venture so totally. We're banking on the living God, Savior of all men and women, especially believers.

Hebrews 3:12-13 (NIV)

12 Brothers and sisters, make sure that none of you has a sinful heart. Do not let an unbelieving heart turn you away from the living God. **13** But build one another up **every day**. Do it as long as there is still time. Then none of you will become stubborn. You won't be fooled by sin's tricks.

Time for personal reflection (Tour Week 6):

How has being immersed in the gospel day in and day out for almost 2 months affected me? Or has it? If it hasn't, why not? Should it be?

Am I relying on God daily? Or am I relying too much on myself & my cast & crew instead? What do I need to do to rely more on God instead of other people each day?

In what ways has God allowed me to see Him more clearly through this tour?

What is God teaching me about loving Him and loving others everyday? How has my love for others been tested?

How well am I handling the "day-to-day" pressure of touring? What do I need to work on to make the last few weeks of this tour God-pleasing and joyful?