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## NOTES

**Introduction: My prayer is that as you read this 30 day devotional His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning you are inspired to live the life that Christ died for. Christ didn't die for us to worry, be sad, depressed, helpless, hopeless, distraught, suicidal or any other negative thoughts or emotions that God himself doesn't think or feel. We are God's children and he has chosen us for a wonderful purpose that is bigger than we can think, dream or imagine. Even though Christ has already won the victory, we must still go through growth, pain, love, discomfort, tears, joy, sadness and etc. The beauty in going through is knowing that God ordains it all and with him we are more than conquerors. He will keep us and make us strong in our weakest moments. With him, there is nothing we can't get through. I encourage His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning you to dig deep and find your mustard seed of faith, the seed that says, "My faith can move mountains." The seed that says, "I will press on." The seed that says, "If I can just carry my cross and make it through." So that God my Father will get all the glory out of my life. I encourage you today, please don't give up and don't give in for there is sheer joy and beauty on the other side. God is with you every step of the way, he will order your steps and make them straight, if His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning you let him in. Refuse to lose, don't take the no from humans as a final answer, and don't settle for less than what God promised you. God is NOT a God of mediocrity. Love those that love you and love those that hate you. I dare you to stand out, stand up and step out on faith. Your journey awaits you! I'M PRAYING FOR YOU!!!**

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**Love You Always,**

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## **Day 1: His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning Living on PURPOSE**

**Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, {then} He who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit, who dwells in you. (AMP)**

Ever been in a place in life where it seems you are just His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning existing and not living? You will find yourself His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning fighting at a road block between what is and what could be. In those moments God wants to remind us why we live. He wants us to remember that Christ died for us to have a NEW life and not just an ordinary life but an EXTRAORDINARY life. When we operate in the spirit we will never fail. The spirit of Christ His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning that remains in us will never leave us. It is important not to abuse the spirit by acting ungodly, we must daily make the choice that we will live to please God and not our fleshly/worldly desires. We must make the affirmation that we will enjoy life, we will laugh as long as we can, smile His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning until it hurts, love until we are empty and live as eternal beings. Christ died so that we can live. He paid a debt that we could not afford to pay. Without the ultimate sacrifice we would not be here at this moment. It is because Christ loved us just that much, he endured more of a painful death than we could ever imagine. In result of his sacrifice we His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning now offer ourselves as living sacrifices so that Christ will live through us while we live with PURPOSE! Most of the events and people in our lives don't make sense, because it did not happen the way we thought it should or with the people we think it should. There is still a refreshing peace that takes place the moment we surrender our lives to God and let him work. His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning His work does not His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning always make sense, and if we are not careful we will miss out on what he has for us by deterring and falling into the traps of the

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enemy. God is so sovereign and faithful that even when we deter, miss the mark, look over, walk out, skip, and ignore where he desires for us to be... He will send it all back around to prove to us that he has not changed his mind on what was already assigned to His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning our lives. Don't let the enemy distract you, stay in prayer and remain focused. GOD'S WILL SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED!

**Prayer: Father I thank you for life today! Your grace and your mercy saved my soul when Jesus died on the cross. I don't deserve your love, but you love me anyhow. I will never understand the extent of your love, how you sacrificed your only Son so that I may live. I know that my life is not my own, I belong to you for I was purchased at a large price. I will make the declaration to live a life pleasing to you so that when you look down upon me you will smile as you watch me live on purpose and with purpose. I promise to dedicate my life to you no matter the day, time, or circumstance. PLEASE dwell inside of me forevermore. Help me to see the YOU in all situations and if YOU are not there then give me the heart to discern your will so that I no longer stray away from your plan for my life. In Jesus name Amen.**

**Day 2: WHO HOLDS YOUR JOY?**

**Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my {impenetrable} Shield; my heart trusts in, relies on, and confidently leans on Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him. (AMP)**

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Often times in our lives we allow our joy to be found in jobs, people, cars, money, houses and many other things. The moment something happens to one of our “idols,” His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning we no longer feel the joy we once felt when it seemed like everything was “perfect.” What God needs His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning us to remember is that he is a jealous God, he will not stand for us placing anything or anyone above him. When we focus our minds to remember that the joy of the Lord is His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning our strength. Our joy is not found in anything man made. Our joy is found in our Savior Jesus Christ. All of our voids can be filled if we allow ourselves to be filled up with more of him. We give people and things His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning too His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning much credit and power in our lives. God is the one who sacrificed his ONLY SON so that we may have another chance at this thing called life. The problem is that we let people and events His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning steal our joy, something that they did not give. God promises us that he will forever be our joy but that His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning only comes when we stop letting other factors hinder and take that away. Let him fill you up today so that you can experience the joy that only he can give. No matter the situation or circumstance you can still have joy as long as your focus is on the one who gives everlasting joy. Declare that after this moment, people nor things will be able to get your mind warped out of wack His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning again, your mind will be renewed and your mind will remain focused on the TRUE giver of joy.

**Prayer: Lord, today I thank you for my life. I ask that you forgive me for giving temporary things the power and control to dictate my joy. I realize that the joy of the Lord is my strength. In my darkest hours you give me light. When I am weak, you make me strong. When I am sad or hurt, you comfort and heal me. Jesus you are all I need because you complete me in unimaginable ways. Lord thank you for your unspeakable joy and thank you for giving me the opportunity to**

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**experience your joy every day. In Jesus name Amen.**

### **Day 3: Trial, Error and Success**

**Romans 8:28 We are assured and know that {God His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning being a partner in their labor} all things work together and are {fitting into a plan} for good to and for those who love God and are called according to {His} His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning design and purpose. (AMP)**

A few years back a circumstance beyond my control happened. In the middle of the night a drunk driver spun into my apartment complex and hit several people's cars including mine. It was a nightmare especially once I found out I was responsible for the damages because the guy driving stole someone's car and the car was not insured. I remember asking God, "Why do His MASTERPIECE 30 Days of Devotion: It's Just The Beginning I have to pay for someone else's stupidity?" Have you ever been in a situation or circumstance when all you can do is ask God Why? It seems like things are falling apart right before your eyes and there is nothing you can do about it. Trust me you are in good company. I learned a very important lesson that day. **Trials** come to make us strong and increase our faith in God. Our faith can't operate at the same level forever. God is checking our attitude and behavior during the trial. Are we running around crazy, depressed, sad and worried, or are we resting, smiling, peaceful and content? Our **error** is when we choose not to trust God and we allow negative thoughts to consume us. God already saw how he was going to work out the trial long before it came. When

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we rest and let God work, it is in that moment that we can experience **success** at the end of the trial, not by our own might but because we rested while God worked.

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