5-Day Devotional: Bridge: Stewarding What God Has Given You

Day 1: You Are a Bridge

Reading: Matthew 5:13–16

Devotional:
God does not save us and then leave us on the sidelines. He places us between heaven and earth, between his love and a world that has not yet experienced it. You are not an accident in your neighborhood, your workplace, or your family. You are positioned on purpose.

The light Jesus describes is not something you manufacture. It happens when you faithfully carry what God has given you into the spaces he has placed you in. Ask yourself today: where has God stationed me, and am I shining there? Your life is a bridge. Walk it with intention.

Reflection:
Name three specific places God has positioned you as a bridge right now.

Day 2: The Inventory of What God Has Given

Reading: Matthew 25:14–30

Devotional:
Before you can steward well, you must first see clearly. The master in Jesus's parable did not give identical portions because he understood each servant's unique capacity. God has done the same for you. Your gifts may include talents, relationships, experiences, pain, ideas, or influence.

None of these originated with you. They were entrusted to you. The servant who buried his talent was not evil in the obvious sense. He was afraid. Fear is a powerful force that convinces you your gift is too small to matter. But God does not measure the size of what you offer. He measures your faithfulness in offering it.

Reflection: What has God placed in your hands that fear has kept you from deploying?

Day 3: Faithful in Little, Trusted with Much

Reading: Luke 16:10–12

Devotional:
Jesus directly connects small faithfulness to greater responsibility. This is not a corporate ladder. It is a kingdom principle. God watches how you handle the small assignments before he expands your influence. The woman in the sermon who began simply by praying for names on a list eventually found herself laying hands on strangers and leading people to faith. She did not start there. She started with a list and a quiet prayer.

Do not despise where you are beginning. The God who sees in secret rewards openly. Small obedience is not lesser obedience. It is often where the most significant kingdom work begins.

Reflection:
What small act of faithfulness is God asking of you right now that you have been postponing?

Day 4: Trusting the One Who Made You

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11 and Romans 8:28

Devotional: The third servant's fatal error was not laziness alone. It was a distorted view of his master. He said, "I know you to be harsh." That false image of God drove a fear-based decision that cost him everything. How you see God directly shapes how you steward your life. If you believe he is harsh and demanding, you will bury what he has given you.

If you believe he is good and for you, you will take risks. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us that God's plans for us are grounded in hope, not harm. Romans 8:28 assures us he is working all things together for good. Trust the one who made you. He knows what he placed inside you better than you do.

Reflection:
Where has a distorted image of God caused you to hold back something he has called you to offer?

Day 5: The End of the Bridge Is Harvest

Reading: John 4:35–38 and Matthew 28:18–20

Devotional:
Every bridge leads somewhere. The bridge of your life, faithfully walked, leads to harvest. Jesus tells his disciples to lift their eyes and see fields already ripe. The harvest is not a future event you are waiting on. It is happening right now, all around you.

The Great Commission in Matthew 28 is not a suggestion reserved for missionaries. It is the charge given to every believer. And the promise attached to it is the most important part: "I am with you always." You do not go into the harvest alone. You go with the Lord of the harvest himself. Be faithful. Steward well. Enter the joy of your master.

Reflection:
Who in your life is God already drawing toward himself, and how can you be a bridge to them this week?