

5 Day Devotional Guide

Great Fear, Great Multitudes

Day 1: The Weight of a Name | Scripture: Acts 4:32-37

Devotional: Names carry meaning, but lives bear fruit. Barnabas earned his name, “Son of Encouragement”, through consistent, wholehearted devotion to God and His people. His generosity flowed from a heart captivated by God's grace, not from a desire for recognition. Today, consider what name your life is earning. Are your actions rooted in authentic love for God, or are they performed for human approval? The fruit of your life reveals the condition of your heart. God sees beyond the surface into the motivations that drive your generosity, service, and worship. Let your life become a testimony that points others to God's goodness, not your own greatness. True honor comes from living with integrity before a holy God.

Day 2: The Danger of Self-Centered Grace | Acts 5:1-6

Devotional: Ananias and Sapphira's tragic story warns against treating God's grace as a tool for self-promotion. It was performance, not praise. They wanted the reputation and disregarded reverence. Self-centered grace places us at the center of every blessing, twisting God's favor into a platform for personal glory. This subtle deception creeps into our serving, giving, and even our worship when we do things to be seen rather than to honor God. The Holy Spirit sees the hidden corners of our hearts where pride masquerades as piety. Today, ask God to reveal any areas where you're performing for people rather than living for Him. Authentic faith requires brutal honesty before a God who already knows everything.

Day 3: The Beauty of Holy Fear | Scripture: Acts 5:7-11; Proverbs 9:10

Devotional: The fear of the Lord is not terror but reverence; a profound awareness of God's holiness that transforms how we live. When great fear fell upon the church, it wasn't paralyzing dread but purifying awe. This holy fear repositioned God at the center of their worship, shifting focus from human approval to divine glory. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom because it establishes proper perspective: God is God, and we are not. This reverence produces humility, authenticity, and spiritual power. It eliminates pretense and exposes hypocrisy. When we truly grasp God's holiness, we cannot treat Him casually or use His name for personal gain. Today, cultivate holy fear by meditating on God's character—His justice, His mercy, His power, His love. Let reverence for God reshape your priorities and purify your motives.

Day 4: From Gathering to Going | Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 5:12-16

Devotional: The early church understood something we often forget: the gathering equips us for the going. They met together in Solomon's Porch with great unity and faith, but the multiplication happened in the streets. Believers took the power they experienced in worship directly to the multitudes who needed healing and hope. Church attendance, generous giving, and faithful serving are essential expressions of discipleship, but they're not the mission—they're the training ground. Your job isn't “go to church” but be the church everywhere you go. The greatest test of your fear of the Lord is not your “offering”, but your witnessing. When God's people live with holy fear, the multitudes hear because we carry His presence into their world. Who will hear about Jesus from your lips this week?

Day 5: Great Fear, Great Multitudes | Scripture: Acts 5:12-16; Luke 10:1-9

Devotional: There's a direct connection between the church's reverence for God and its impact on the world. When believers lived with great fear, it produced great faith, great unity, great reverence, and great multitudes. A church consumed with honoring God naturally attracts those searching for Him. The early believers didn't need marketing strategies or entertainment; they needed the manifest presence of a holy God. Their authenticity was magnetic. People were drawn not to a performance but to power, not to programs but to the living Christ. Today's challenge is simple yet profound: make God the center of everything. Let your life declare His greatness in every conversation, every transaction, every relationship. When we stop trying to be revered and start living to revere Him, the world takes notice. The multitudes are waiting for a church that truly fears the Lord.

Keep Moving Forward: Your Fresh Wind Commitment

As you complete this devotional journey, consider these practical steps to position yourself for God's fresh wind:

Weekly Commitments:

- *Attend Sunday worship consistently (aim for 3+ services monthly)*
- *Join Wednesday prayer gatherings to seek God corporately*
- *Participate in monthly Fresh Wind evening services*
- *Be part of a Discipleship Group*

Daily Practices:

- *Designate specific time for prayer and Scripture reading*
- *Remove one distraction that crowds out time with God*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh each morning*
- *Invite someone to join you in pursuing God's presence*

Remember: He is either Lord of all or not at all. When you have all of God, you have all you need. The greatest test of your fear of the Lord isn't your offering, but your witnessing. Christ's design for the church has never been "come and see" but "GO." When God's people live with the great fear, the multitudes will hear.