

5 Day Devotional Guide

Scattered With a Mission

Day 1: The Promise of Power | Scripture: Acts 1:1-8

Devotional: Before Jesus ascended, He gave His followers both a promise and a prophecy. The promise was power through the Holy Spirit; the prophecy was a mission that would spread from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Today, this same promise is available to you. The Holy Spirit is power in your life today. Before you face any challenge, before you step into your calling, you need God's power. Are you walking in the awareness of this gift, have you asked and received it yet? Take time today to acknowledge the Holy Spirit's presence within you, ask for Him to fill you anew! God desires to give you His divine power for every situation you'll face.

Day 2: Persecution Produces Purpose | Scripture: Acts 7:54-8:4

Devotional: Stephen's martyrdom wasn't the end of the gospel, rather it was the catalyst for its spread. What seemed like tragedy became the very thing that pushed the church into its prophetic destiny. The believers scattered throughout Judea and Samaria, fulfilling Jesus' words from Acts 1:8. Your struggles aren't stopping God's plan; they may be positioning you for it. When persecution came, the early church didn't scatter in fear but with a mission. They were prepared for hardship because they understood they would be treated how Jesus was treated. Persecution refines our faith and propels us forward. Don't let hardship silence your witness. Instead, allow it to strengthen your resolve and clarify your calling.

Day 3: Unity in the Body | Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Devotional: The early church's effectiveness came through God's image reflecting God's unity. Men and women were working together to share the gospel so powerful that Saul dragged both men and women to prison. The enemy fears a unified church where everyone operates in their calling. Jesus warned that a house divided against itself cannot stand. Today's church needs this same unity. Women, use your God-given tenacity for the kingdom honoring the men in your life. Men, lead boldly, courageously and honor the women in your life. We each have unique gifts, but we share one calling: to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. Are you building others up? Are you honoring the gifts of those around you? Unity isn't just a nice aspiration, it's fuel for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Day 4: Joy in the Midst of Trial | Scripture: Acts 8:5-8, Psalm 126:5-6

Devotional: Philip went to Samaria amid persecution and brought joy to the entire city. He didn't wait for circumstances to improve, or the heat to die down. He preached Jesus as the Christ, cast out demons, and healed the sick. Joy isn't the absence of hardship; it's the presence of Jesus in the midst of it. Joy came to the city because Philip brought Jesus to the city. When you access the Holy Spirit's power during difficulty, you demonstrate authentic faith that impacts everyone around you. What burden are you carrying today? Financial stress? Physical pain? Rejection? These very struggles can become your platform for ministry. Sow seeds, even in tears, but they will produce an eternal harvest.

Day 5: Prepared for the Cost | Scripture: Luke 14:25-33; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Devotional: The early church knew what following Jesus would cost. They watched Him crucified; they witnessed Stephen stoned. Yet they continued boldly because they understood the eternal reward. Preparation makes difficult things more bearable. When you know what to expect and count the cost beforehand, you can endure with purpose. We live in a time of relative freedom, but persecution is increasing globally and may intensify here. The question isn't if hardship will come, but will we be ready? Prepare now. Be ready. Be disciplined in your prayer life, in studying God's Word, practicing boldness when the stakes are low. You can't wait until persecution arrives to decide you'll stand firm. Build your spiritual foundation today. Spend time with Jesus. Let His Word become so deeply rooted in you that nothing can shake it loose. Surround yourself with believers who will strengthen your faith. The cost of following Jesus is real, but so is the reward. Are you counting the cost? More importantly, are you preparing to pay it?

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: Hardship might be just what you need to do everything God has called you to do. Unity in the family, unity in the body of Christ brings unity and great joy into the community.