

5 Day Devotional Guide

Declare His Greatness

Day 1: It's Not About You | Scripture: Acts 4:1-12

Devotional: Peter and John stood before the most powerful religious leaders of their day, yet they deflected all attention from themselves to Jesus. When asked by what power they healed the lame man, they immediately pointed to "the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." This is the heart of authentic Christianity, Jesus is the hero of the story. Your struggles with pride, your desire to be recognized, and your fear of being overlooked are all a testimony that can lead people to Jesus. Your wisdom, strength, talent and ability is not that important. God doesn't need your greatness; He invites you to declare His. Today, where are you trying to be the hero instead of pointing to the true Hero? Where are you letting it all rest on you, when it truly all rest on God?

Day 2: The Power of Being With Jesus | Mark 3:13-15; Acts 4:13

Devotional: The religious elite "realized that they had been with Jesus." This wasn't about education, eloquence, or expertise. Peter and John were uneducated fishermen who deeply loved Jesus. Being with Jesus transforms ordinary people into bold witnesses. It's not about how many Bible verses you've memorized or how perfectly you pray. It's about proximity to the presence of God. The Pharisees had all the religious training but missed the Messiah standing before them. Meanwhile, simple fishermen turned the world upside down because they spent time with Jesus. Your influence isn't measured by your credentials but by your connection to Christ. Have people been able to tell you've been with Jesus?

Day 3: Healed to Testify | Scripture: Acts 4:14-22; Isaiah 53:4-5

Devotional: The healed man stood beside Peter and John as living proof of God's power. His testimony was his transformed life, not a great speech. He had been lame for over forty years, and now he walked. The purpose of healing extends beyond personal comfort; it's about declaring God's glory. Isaiah prophesied that by Christ's wounds we are healed and he meant both spiritually and physically. When God touches your life, heals your body, restores your marriage, delivers you from addiction, or saves your soul, you carry a testimony that cannot be refuted. The religious leaders "could say nothing against it" because the evidence stood before them. Your healing is not just for you; it's for the world to see God's greatness. Who needs to hear your testimony today?

Day 4: Bold Obedience Over Comfortable Silence | Scripture: Acts 4:15-22; Acts 5:29

Devotional: "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Peter and John faced threats, imprisonment, and potential death, yet they refused to be silenced. They had encountered the risen Christ, and that experience demanded a response. Comfortable Christianity asks, "What's safe?" Bold faith asks, "What honors God?" The world will always pressure you to keep your faith private, to stop speaking about Jesus, to conform to cultural expectations. But when you've truly been with Jesus, silence becomes impossible. This isn't reckless defiance; it's reverent obedience. Peter said it plainly: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge." Who are you trying to please: people or God? Your boldness grows in proportion to your time with Jesus.

Day 5: Filled, Not Flashy | Scripture: Acts 4:8-14; Matthew 14:14

Devotional: Peter spoke "filled with the Holy Spirit." There's a profound difference between using spiritual authority and being filled with the Spirit. You can invoke Jesus' name without the humility that comes from His presence. Being Spirit-filled isn't about being flashy, loud, or impressive. Peter and John were ordinary, uneducated men who simply allowed God's compassion to flow through them. They called healing "an act of kindness." The miraculous flowed out of compassion, just as it did through Christ. . The Spirit's filling brings joy, peace, boldness, and humility simultaneously. It empowers you to decrease so Christ can increase. Don't be great, rather be available, humble, and filled. God doesn't need great people; He uses surrendered people who declare His greatness. Will you empty yourself today to be filled with Him?

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: Jesus is the healer. He is still healing today. He empowered His disciples to heal. He is still empowering His disciples to heal today. You have are fighting a spiritual battle, you have to use spiritual weapons. A little bit of faith goes a long way. You don't have to be great, you have a great God.