

# 5 Day Devotional Guide

## *Designated Spaces*

### **Day 1: The Power of Waiting** | Scripture: Acts 1:1-8

Devotional: Waiting feels unnatural in our instant-gratification culture, yet Jesus commanded His disciples to wait. This wasn't passive waiting but expectant, obedient positioning. The disciples didn't know exactly when the Holy Spirit would come, only that He would. Their waiting required trust that God's timing was perfect. What are you waiting for God to do in your life? Instead of allowing frustration to breed doubt, let waiting cultivate anticipation. Jesus promised power would come—not for personal gain, but to be His witnesses. True waiting positions us in the right place at the right time to receive what God has promised. Don't give up in the waiting; the blessing is coming.

### **Day 2: From Striving to Resting** | Acts 1:12-15; Acts 2:1-4

Devotional: Over 500 people saw the risen Christ, yet only 120 gathered in the upper room when the Holy Spirit fell at Pentecost. The difference? They showed up to the designated space. God doesn't hide His blessings, but He does honor obedience. Those who remained in Jerusalem, uncomfortable and uncertain, witnessed tongues of fire and received power that transformed the world. Missing God's move isn't always about rebellion—sometimes it's about distraction, discouragement, or discomfort. God is still designating spaces for fresh encounters: corporate worship, prayer gatherings, fasting seasons. The question isn't whether God will move, but whether you'll be present when He does. Proximity matters in the Kingdom.

### **Day 3: Overcoming Obstacles to Blessing** | Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Devotional: Four obstacles kept people from the upper room: discouragement ("this isn't for me"), distraction (pressing matters), discomfort (crowded, hot conditions), and disillusionment (doubt). These same barriers keep us from experiencing God's fresh wind today. We convince ourselves that spiritual power is for "super Christians," or we prioritize good things over God things. We avoid uncomfortable spiritual stretching, or we question whether God still moves powerfully. Yet Scripture is clear: the Holy Spirit's empowerment is for all believers—you, your children, and all who are far off. Don't disqualify yourself from what God wants to give. The blessing isn't reserved for the elite; it's available to the obedient.

### **Day 4: Fasting: Creating Space for God** | Scripture: Joel 2:12-13, 28-29; Matthew 6:16-18

Devotional: Fasting isn't a diet or a religious performance—it's designating something you'll say no to so you can say yes to God. When we fast, we trade physical satisfaction for spiritual hunger, creating space for God to fill us afresh. The discomfort of fasting reminds us that we're not self-sufficient; we desperately need the Comforter. Joel prophesied that God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh, and Jesus taught that fasting should be done with expectation, not obligation. What consumes your time and attention? Social media? Entertainment? Even good things can crowd out God things. Fasting removes distractions and positions your heart to receive. It's uncomfortable by design—stretching creates capacity for more of God.

### **Day 5: Fresh Wind, New Beginnings** | Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-22

Devotional: God specializes in breathing life into dead places. Ezekiel witnessed dry bones become a mighty army when God's Spirit breathed upon them. The disciples, locked in fear, received courage when Jesus breathed on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." God's fresh wind brings new beginnings—transformation where there was stagnation, hope where there was despair, power where there was weakness. You may feel spiritually dry, stuck in patterns that seem unchangeable, but God's Spirit can revive what feels dead. This isn't about trying harder; it's about positioning yourself to receive God's breath. Fresh wind requires fresh surrender. Open your hands, your heart, your schedule. Let God breathe new life into every area you've given up on.

# 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*
- *Engage in the 21-day corporate fast with intentionality*

## 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: To catch God's fresh wind, show up to the places He's in. Don't let discouragement, distraction, discomfort, or disillusionment cause you to miss what God wants to do. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you, so position yourself to experience His power!

Prayer: Holy Spirit, breathe fresh wind into my life. Remove every obstacle that keeps me from Your fullness. Give me a holy burden to never miss what You're doing. I position myself in the designated spaces You've ordained, expectant and ready to receive all You have for me. Amen.