

5 Day Devotional Guide

Don't Fight Against God

Day 1: The Mess We Cannot Clean | Scripture: Acts 5:29-32; Proverbs 14:12

Devotional: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but it leads to death in the end." How often do we exhaust ourselves trying to clean up our own mess, only to find ourselves deeper in struggle? The apostles understood this truth profoundly. They had witnessed firsthand that human effort, no matter how sincere, cannot accomplish what only God can do. The religious leaders were doing what "seemed right," yet they were fighting against God's very plan. Today, consider where you might be relying on your own strength rather than God's power. Are you trying to earn what Christ freely offers? Surrender your self-improvement projects to the One who provides "stronger stuff"—the transforming power of the cross and resurrection.

Day 2: From Teacher to King | Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 11:23

Devotional: The resurrection changed everything for the disciples. Jesus went from Rabbi to Lord, from Teacher to King. This wasn't just a title change, it was a complete reorientation of their lives. "He who is not with Me is against Me," Jesus declared. There is no neutral ground in following Christ. When we truly encounter the risen Jesus, we must answer the question: Is He my advisor or my King? Kings don't offer suggestions; they issue commands. The disciples stopped doing what seemed right in their own eyes and started obeying what Jesus declared as right. This Easter season, examine whether you've truly made Jesus Lord of every area of your life, or if you're still holding back certain territories for your own rule.

Day 3: The Power of Obedience | Scripture: John 14:15-24; Acts 5:32

Devotional: "If you love me, you will keep my commands." Obedience isn't legalism; it's the language of love. Notice what Acts 5:32 reveals: God gives His Holy Spirit to those who obey Him. Obedience unlocks divine power in our lives. The early church didn't rely on eloquence, strategy, or human wisdom, they relied on obedience! They obeyed, and God showed up with power. Gamaliel's wisdom rings true: what is merely human will fail, but what is of God cannot be overthrown. When we align ourselves with God's commands, we position ourselves in the flow of His unstoppable purposes. Today, identify one command of Christ you've been neglecting. Perhaps it's forgiveness, generosity, or sharing your faith. Step into obedience and watch God move. Which of Jesus' commands have you been treating as optional rather than essential?

Day 4: Love is a Command | Scripture: John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8; 1 John 4:20-21

Devotional: Jesus didn't suggest we love one another, He commanded it. Love isn't primarily an emotion we wait to feel; it's an action we choose to take. The radical nature of Christ's love command includes loving enemies, serving those who cannot repay us, and laying down our lives for others. This kind of love is impossible in human strength alone; it requires the supernatural empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The world will know we are His disciples not by our doctrine, programs, or buildings, but by our love for one another. Consider this: if you cannot love the brother or sister you can see, how can you claim to love the God you cannot see? Ask God today to fill you with His love for someone difficult in your life. Who in your life needs to experience Christ's love through your actions today?

Day 5: Go With Power | Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; Mark 16:15-18

Devotional: Jesus' final command wasn't a suggestion for the spiritually elite but a commission for all disciples. "Go therefore and make disciples." Notice Jesus didn't say, "Stay comfortable and wait for people to come to you." Making disciples involves going where lost people are, preaching the good news, baptizing believers, and teaching obedience to Christ's commands. But here's the promise that changes everything: "I am with you always." You don't go in your own strength. The same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead empowers you through His Holy Spirit. For 2,000 years, this movement hasn't fizzled out because it's not of human origin—it's of God. Today, ask God who He's calling you to reach, and step out in faith knowing He goes with you in power. Who is one person God is calling you to share the gospel with this week, and what's your first step?

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. You can cling to normal, or you can cling to Christ, but you can't have both. When God does what you can't believe, He's creating capacity for you to finally believe. You sin put Christ on the cross and into the grave, but it wasn't strong enough keep Him there. Obedience is a step of faith in God's promises. Trying to clean yourself up only makes the mess worse. You need stronger stuff. You fight for God by being obedient to God.