

5 Day Devotional Guide

Greatly Disturbed, Greatly Perplexed

Day 1: When Your World Gets Shaken | Scripture: Acts 5:14-25

Devotional: The Sadducees faced a crisis: their theology couldn't explain the reality before them. Miracles, healings, and supernatural power contradicted everything they believed possible. Like them, we often construct a version of God that fits our comfort zone—manageable, predictable, normal. But God refuses to be confined by our preferences. When your worldview collides with God's reality, you have a choice: cling to what's familiar or surrender to Christ's transformative power. The apostles couldn't be contained by prison walls because God's purposes transcend human limitations. Today, ask yourself: What parts of God am I avoiding because they make me uncomfortable? True faith begins when we stop editing God to fit our story and start rewriting our story to fit His glory.

Day 2: The Theology of Preference | Scripture: Luke 9:22-26

Devotional: We've become experts at filtering Scripture through personal preference, asking "What does this mean to me?" instead of "What does this mean *for* me?" The difference is profound. One centers on our comfort; the other confronts us with truth. Jesus doesn't give self-help but true life. The Sadducees wanted religion without power, morality without transformation, authority without surrender. They gained positions of influence but lost eternal perspective. Bonhoeffer wrote, "When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die." This isn't morbid; it's liberation. What needs to die in you today? What comfortable theology must you release? Abundance isn't found in preserving the old life, but in Christ's new life.

Day 3: All the Words of THIS Life | Scripture: Acts 20:27; John 10:10; John 14:12

Devotional: The angel commanded the apostles to speak "*all* the words of this life." No filtered version, but the whole counsel of God. This life isn't merely improved; it's supernatural. It's healing today, freedom now, the Kingdom within you. Too often we settle for partial Christianity: accept Jesus for salvation but reject His power for transformation. We embrace forgiveness but ignore deliverance. We want heaven later but not radical obedience now. Paul declared the whole counsel because partial truth produces partial freedom. Jesus promised abundant life—overflowing, supernatural, miraculous life. Matthew 10:8 isn't symbolic; it's your commission. What parts of God's power have you relegated to "back then" or "someday"? The Spirit who raised Christ dwells in you now. Believe for all of God in all of your life.

Day 4: Greatly Disturbed, Greatly Perplexed | Scripture: Acts 4:1-3; Acts 5:21-24

Devotional: The Sadducees moved from "greatly disturbed" to "greatly perplexed", from irritation to crisis. They exhausted every logical explanation and found none. Locked doors, posted guards, yet empty cells. Their worldview couldn't contain God's reality. This is the enemy's strategy for you: imprison you in what's common, comfortable, and controllable. But men and women who cling to Christ cannot be bound by normal. *When God does what you can't believe, He's creating capacity for you to finally believe.* The Sadducees faced a choice at their moment of perplexity: humble themselves before the evidence or harden their hearts to protect their positions. You face the same choice when God's word confronts your preferences. Will you defend your comfort or surrender to His truth? Let perplexity become transformation.

Day 5: You Can't Have Both | Scripture: Romans 8:10-13; Acts 5:19-21

Devotional: "You can cling to normal, or you can cling to Christ, but you can't have both." This is the central tension of authentic Christianity. Normal says blend in, be moral, maintain respectability. Christ says stand out, be transformed, embrace the supernatural. The apostles could have stayed silent to avoid persecution. But they understood that the message of Jesus demands everything. If the Spirit who raised Jesus dwells in you, your mortal body receives resurrection life now. Not someday—today. This isn't about trying harder to be good; it's about dying to self-preservation and living by the Spirit. What "normal" are you protecting? What would full surrender look like in your relationships, workplace, or secret struggles? Today is the day to leave the old behind.

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.