

# 5-Day Devotional: I've Been Through Something

## Day 1: God's Presence in the Waters

**Reading:** Isaiah 43:1-7

**Devotional:** When God promises "when you pass through the waters, I will be with you," He doesn't say "if" but "when." This isn't a promise of avoidance but of accompaniment. Your trials are not signs of God's absence but opportunities to experience His faithfulness. Like Noah in the ark and Israel at the Red Sea, you will face overwhelming circumstances. But notice the promise: the waters will not overflow you. God doesn't remove every challenge, but He ensures they won't consume you. Your past testimonies aren't just memories—they're proof of God's pattern in your life. What waters are you facing today? Remember, you're not going under; you're going through.

**Reflection:** List three past situations where God brought you through. Let these become your confidence for today's challenge.

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## Day 2: The Power of Obedience

**Reading:** Exodus 14:10-22

**Devotional:** Israel stood at the Red Sea with the Egyptian army behind them and impossible waters before them. God's instruction seemed absurd: "Go forward." Yet the sea didn't part until Moses obeyed and lifted his staff. Your breakthrough is often connected to your obedience in what seems like a dead-end moment. God has already given you everything you need—the question is whether you'll use it. The Israelites went into the sea as slaves but emerged as covenant people. Obedience doesn't just bring deliverance; it transforms your identity. What God is asking of you may not make sense, but obedience grants access to the way He's made, the covering He's provided, and the promise He's given.

**Reflection:** What "staff" has God already placed in your hand? What step of obedience is He asking you to take today?

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## Day 3: Washed and Transformed

**Reading:** Ezekiel 36:25-27

**Devotional:** God promises more than behavioral adjustment—He offers complete transformation. "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities." This isn't about outward washing but inward renewal. The blood of Jesus doesn't just cover your sin; it changes your nature. But here's the key: the blood must be applied. Just as the Old Testament priests applied blood to the altar, you must apply the blood to every area of your life—your mind, your marriage, your struggles, your family. The sacrifice has been made, but application is your responsibility. Where the blood is applied, the enemy has no access.

**Reflection:** What area of your life needs the blood applied today? Speak it over that situation: "The blood covers my \_\_\_\_."

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## Day 4: Baptized Into New Identity

**Reading:** Romans 6:1-11

**Devotional:** When Jesus was baptized, He didn't need salvation—He needed confirmation of His identity and mission. Your baptism marks the same: a public declaration that there's been a change. You're not the same person who went under the water. The old you died there; the new you emerged. This is why you can't go back to who you were—not because you're restricted, but because you've been transformed. Your desires have shifted. What once satisfied you now leaves you empty. You've tasted the goodness of God, and nothing else compares. Don't look for others to validate your transformation. Look in the mirror and encourage yourself: God has made a change in me.

**Reflection:** What old desires has God removed? What new desires has He planted in you?

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## Day 5: Qualified By What You've Been Through

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

**Devotional:** You didn't go through your trials just for yourself. Every test you've passed qualifies you to testify. Every battle you've won equips you to encourage someone else. Paul says God comforts us so we can comfort others with the same comfort we've received. Your history with God isn't just personal—it's purposeful. When you've been through something, your praise isn't performance; it's rooted in proven faithfulness. Your testimony carries weight because it's not

theoretical—it's experiential. Out of your belly flows rivers of living water. You're not just a survivor; you're a source. Someone needs to know that the same God who brought you through will bring them through too.

**Reflection:** Who needs to hear your testimony today? Share with someone what God has brought you through and watch how it encourages their faith.

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**Closing Prayer:** Father, thank You that every trial I've faced has been a transition, not a termination. You've been with me through every flood, every fire, every impossible moment. I declare that I am not defined by what I've been through but by who brought me through. Let my life be a testimony of Your faithfulness. In Jesus' name, Amen.