A photograph of a bed with white linens and a red journal. The bed has a white headboard and two large white pillows. A red journal with a white cover is lying on the bed. The text is overlaid on the image.

{A 5-DAY PROPHETIC JOURNAL}

HEARING GOD
In The Middle

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I have a *secret*

I've recently discovered that waiting is my least favorite thing to do- ever. When we are waiting, in the middle of a promise spoken and a promise fulfilled there is a space of time that isn't talked about too much. Quite frankly it's probably because it isn't glamorous. In this "sacred middle" I've cried off more eyelash clusters than I know what to do with. I've fasted bc I've felt hopeless & I've ate my feelings because I ran out of words to articulate them. The middle *squeezes* you.

It's hearing God here that changes everything
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New revelation from God that's only found in this "middle".

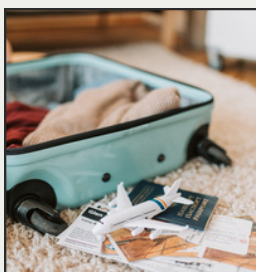
So, let's do this.

Five days of fresh insight begins...now.

HEARING GOD IN THE MIDDLE

Day One

“...Go.”



Uncomfortable Obedience

I'd imagine many of us reading this devotional have *something* we feel that God has asked us to do. Maybe it's volunteer at church, pour intentionally into your children, pray with the people who cross your path, write the book, start the podcast, write the sermons, start the business – there is something we know to do. And whether we are failing to start, or we are feeling defeated in the mundane we can glean from Abraham. He isn't called the Father of Faith because he sat on His hands. He is called the Father of Faith because he trusted the voice of God and *went*. The Lord told him “go to a place that I WILL show you..” He didn't give him turn by turn directions, in fact he didn't even give him a timeline. He simply said “go”. And if you read the word God is speaking He says go from your Fathers House into a place that I have prepared for you. AKA - Leave comfortability, leave the place where everyone knows you, leave predictability and trust my voice leading you ahead.

The kicker is once we start walking on that word from the Lord we start to fret. What if God doesn't do what He says? What if I was making up the call forward and now I will be stranded? What if I'm not good enough? The enemy has no new tricks, and I hear these same lies - BUT we can outsmart the enemy by focusing on the voice of God. What is he speaking? It will likely be uncomfortable. And in the middle, when you are walking in obedience there will be a temptation to turn back to what is familiar but you must remember that God didn't bring you this far, just to bring you this far. There is purpose in your stretching. God is with you in the middle, but he is lovingly calling you deeper. And that my friend, is an uncomfortable surrender.



Prayer Starter

Lord,
I recognize your voice leading me into the unknown. Help me to cling to your voice and to push back the noise and distraction. Lord help me refuse to shrink back into what is familiar, I will not take unnecessary laps around the mountain. Tune my ears to the frequency of heaven. Speak to me clearly and help me to grasp on to every word you speak. You have my "yes". I yield to whatever you want to do in my life. I will go, and I will walk in faith, even when the obedience is uncomfortable.

Declaration

I will do all that God has for me,
I will leave nothing undone.

I realize my strength is found in Jesus alone. When I am weak, I will call on the Lord.

My life will leave a legacy of faith, even when faith is uncomfortable

When I stand before God I will give an account for my life so here and now I surrender all.

Day Two

Consult the blueprint

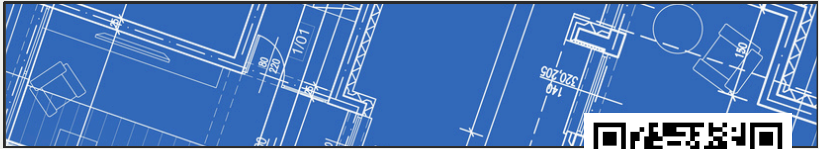


I Noah Guy...

Did you know that Noah built the ark for over 100 years? I can only imagine how many times, if i were Noah, I would have needed to ask God "Are you sure it's going to rain from the sky and we really need this boat?" Maybe even "Lord are you sure I am the right person to build this ark?" Let's not even talk about how my ADD would have been bouncing all over the place - that is a long time to work at one command. But here is the wild thing – **Noah's obedience provided an ark of safety for an entire generation. And so will yours.**

When chaos is swirling and people are accusing you of being crazy by following what God has placed in your heart, and you feel you are going a little crazy in the middle of walking out your purpose you need to know that it isn't just about you. The ripple effect of your obedience cannot be measured. Noah had to consult the blueprints that God gave him

for the build, and you must do the same. What did God already tell you? What is outlined in the Word of God? Put it before you daily and remind yourself of the purpose, what is the big picture? You aren't just taking up space and renting oxygen - oh no - you were bought with a price and God wastes nothing. I need you to swing your hammer and begin to prophetically build whatever God has placed in your heart.



Prayer Starter

Lord,
I trust you. I trust your plan and your purpose, even when it includes me. I know that you don't make mistakes so I am asking you to open my eyes and help me to see the big picture. Open my spiritual eyes, help me to pray without limit and pluck unbelief out of me. I rebuke unbelief and I command my spirit to line up with your word. If there is anything out of alignment within me that would interfere with me building for you reveal it so that I can repent and move forward. Lord help me to be about your business only. Pull desires from my heart that are from me and not from you. Do not let me labor in vain. I trust your leading, I am all in.

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Declaration

God partners with people to accomplish His will on the Earth, and I am one of those people.

My purpose has people attached to it.. I do not labor in vain.

Even in the middle of building, when you are quiet, I will look at the blueprints and remember the big picture.

My God never leaves me or forsakes me. He is closer to me than my skin. I lack nothing.

my good shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack.

² He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.

³ He refreshes and restores my life (my self); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake.

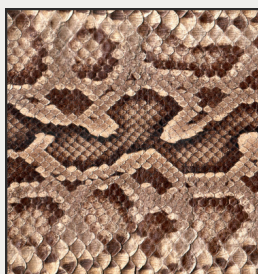
⁴ Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with ^aoil; my [brimming] cup runs over.

⁶ Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place.

Day Three

Storms, Shipwrecks & Snakes



Our pets heads are falling off

Okay, if you got the 90's movie reference from the above line make sure you are using anti-aging moisturizer. But for real - when you are flowing in the lane God has asked you to flow in it seems that resistance can become the norm. And well meaning people will say things like "Well, if it's God everything will fall into place.." implying ease in relationship with obedience. Meanwhile the only thing falling is your high hopes as there seems to be a snake lurking behind every corner. But - we are in good company. The word of God shows us over and over again that when we are doing the work of the Lord, there will be resistance. We must not take the resistance as a sign to shrink back, but rather a seal of approval from heaven that if we are being attacked then we must be advancing into enemy territory. Now I do need to take a moment and say that the Glory of God (this oil that flows from obedience) doesn't compare to the grief the enemy throws our way.

But I do think it is important to talk about. Paul tells us that a great effectual door was opened for him and because of it he experienced much resistance. Nevertheless he continues forward. Following the voice of God, through uncomfortable obedience, consulting the blueprints and understanding that adversity = advancement in the kingdom. And if the enemy was successful at getting you to tuck tail and run with a certain attack, he will try it again and again hoping you quit. But when we refuse to back down we will see the Glory of God. We will see the salvation of many. We will see revival.

Of course we don't want to claim that our ministry life is a dumpster fire, but we must realize that we aren't alone when it seems all hell is breaking loose as you unleash heaven on the Earth. Weapons are formed - but they do not prosper. Shipwrecks come, but God protects us in the storm. And even more than that, He allows those around us to see the manifestation of God in the middle of chaos. We can keep our peace no matter what hell throws our way. We are fighting **from victory**. And when we are living in alignment, we are positioned under the spout where the glory comes out. Don't be surprised when people begin to glean off your abundance of oil because you are willing to stay in alignment, even when the pressing is hard in the middle.



Prayer Starter

Lord. Help me to plant my feet upon your solid rock. Program my spirit to recognize that adversity equals advancement. Help me to discern the difference in your voice of warning and wisdom versus the enemy's threatening voice of destruction. Even when I feel arrows forming against me help me to come to you quickly. Help me to stand stoing and be bold for you.

Declaration

My strength comes from the Lord

When effectual doors open in my life I will not be discouraged by the advertisy at bay. I will remember the voice of God leading me and I will march on

I was bought with a price and I will not shrink back in fear

I do not have a spirit of fear. I have power, love and a sound mind

Day Four

Marching orders



Hey Joshua, the faith is in your feet

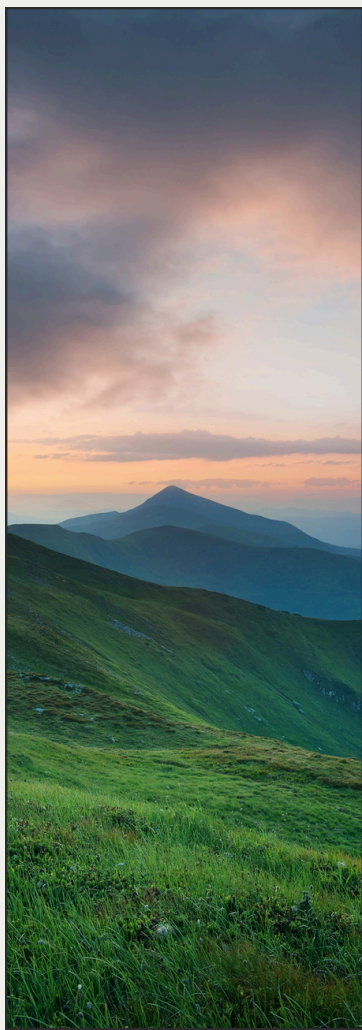
Often times in the {middle} we wonder Lord am I supposed to be fighting for this or do I just rest and believe? Now every thing you be taken to the Lord in prayer, but I think sharing with you what the Lord recently showed me may totally set you free. I was pondering the same question while mopping my floors and the lord invaded my thoughts with a vision and began to speak. In the vision I saw Joshua leading the people around the walls of Jericho, and then I saw my family in place of Joshua and the army. The Lord spoke to me and he said "you walk and praise - I war."

I suddenly remembered that spiritual battles are not won by what I can do - they are won by the hand of God. When God promises us something - we can take it to the bank. When he speaks, things happen. Mountains move, Chains are loosed and land is given. So in knowing that we praise Him for who He is, and we thank him on credit for doing exactly what he said he would do. But - we do this WHILE we are walking in faith.

Remove the
limits off your
prayers.

you serve a
limitless
God

Joshua didn't thank God for the promised land and sit on his hands believing that God would drive out the enemy while he sat motionless. Nope. He praised God AND walked forward. Why could Joshua walk forward into a place that looked like an impossible destination? Because he knew the voice of God and he trusted that when God said it - he meant it. God said he would drive the enemy out as they went, and that's exactly what he did. I wonder how many places in your life the Lord has promised you victory over and you are failing to walk forward? Listen friend, faith is proved in action. If God has given you a word, walk on it. Praise Him in your walking and watch God make a way where there seems to be no way.



Prayer Starter

Lord, today my prayer is simple - put your fire in my feet and a praise on my lips that I may take you at your word and walk forward, refusing to settle for anything less than a full and abundant life.

Declaration

God has not given me a spirit of fear, I rebuke fear and instead I walk in the peace and joy of heaven

I can take God at His word, I can trust Him

I will not settle for less than the promises of God. I will leave nothing undone.

Day Five

Ground Warfare & Spiritual Elevation



Come Up Higher

Noise in the middle is ...loud. Meaning that the chatter tends to drown out the voice of the Holy Spirit. If we aren't careful the words of the enemy will become a soundtrack in our mind and we will begin to believe that truth rather than the Word of God.

What does He say about your situation? What does He say about you? Demons love chaos. In fact in the Word it says that the devil will attempt to wear out the saints of God.

Did you know that "wear out" in that context means a mental wearing down? You see, if the enemy can't get you to bail on heaven and salvation he will distract and discourage you. The only way we can make it (and keep our peace..) is to come up higher in seasons where warfare is the norm. Even if you aren't experiencing spiritual warfare but you are worn out with the duties and demands of your every day life I still challenge you to come up higher. The enemy's tactics are no different for a world traveling preacher versus a stay at home mom.

He wars in the mind, and we win in the Spirit.

When I say come up higher I need you to imagine a mountain. The enemy fights us on ground levels and wears us down. But the Lord, is calling us up to the top of the mountain, and the way to ascend is through prayer. But we will never make it up the mountain when we continue to look down to the ground and respond to the taunts of the enemy. We must remain focused on the Words of God, and His invitation to ascend in the Spirit realm. The enemy cannot ascend to the mountain, so his goal is to prohibit you from making it up there.

On the ground, the enemy looks big – but from the mountain top he is so small its almost laughable. As you go to the mountain and talk with the Lord ask Him to refine your vision and to help you quickly recognize the enemy so that you can rebuke him, submit to God and enjoy the abundant life that he has promised you - even when you feel like you are stuck in the middle.

How to ascend

This is not the only way, but it is the way that works for me.

Find a quiet place to pray. One free of distractions. Bring your notebook and pen so that you can scribe the words God gives you, (you didn't expect Him to be silent, did you?) and bring your Bible so that you can eat the bread of life. Bonus points when the Bible is not on your phone. And while we are on that subject here is a pro tip- set a 40 minute timer on your phone and place it face down away from your place of prayer. Refuse to touch it or leave this place with God until the timer goes off.



keep your prayer time journal handy throughout the day. Sometimes God will speak when you least expect it. And pther times you will need to encourage yourself by reminding yourself the words God already spoke to you.

Ask me how I know ;-)

Meet the CK behind CKM



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XO - Crystal

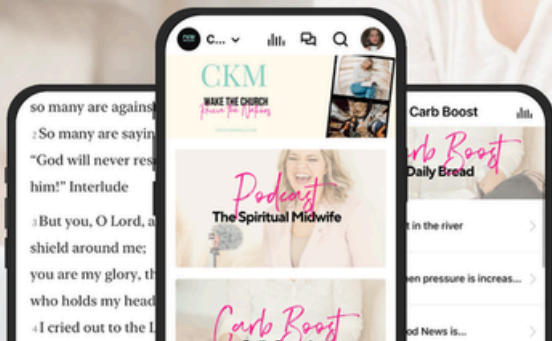
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