

## 5-Day Bible Devotional: Empowered to Follow

### Day 1: Waiting for God's Promise

**Reading: Acts 1:1- 8 Devotional:** Jesus commanded His disciples to

wait—not because they lacked vision, but because they needed power. After three years of training, they still couldn't accomplish God's mission in their own strength. The waiting wasn't passive; it was preparation for transformation. God's timing is perfect. Just as the disciples needed the Holy Spirit before advancing, we often need seasons of waiting to receive what God has promised. Are you rushing ahead in your own strength, or are you willing to wait for God's empowerment? True spiritual effectiveness comes not from human ability but from divine power. Trust that what God promises, He will deliver. Your waiting is not wasted—it's preparation for greater purpose.

### Day 2: The Advocate Among Us **Reading: John 14:15-27**

**Devotional:** Jesus promised "another Advocate"—the Holy Spirit—who would be with us forever. Unlike Jesus' physical presence limited to one location, the Spirit dwells within every believer simultaneously. This isn't a lesser consolation prize; it's an upgrade to God's presence. The Spirit convicts, guides, teaches, and reminds us of Christ's words. He transforms us from the inside out. Consider this: you have constant access to divine wisdom, comfort, and power. The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead lives in you. Are you acknowledging His presence daily? Are you listening for His guidance? The Christian life isn't about trying harder—it's about surrendering more fully to the Spirit's work within you.

### Day 3: Better That He Left **Reading: John 16:5-15**

**Devotional:** Jesus made a startling statement: "It is for your benefit that I am going away." How could His departure be beneficial? Because His leaving meant the Spirit's coming. While Jesus walked the earth, His physical presence was limited. But the Spirit's presence is unlimited—available to all believers everywhere, always. The Spirit glorifies Christ by revealing truth, convicting of sin, and guiding us into righteousness. Jesus had to complete His atoning work, be glorified,

### Day 4: The Spirit's Ancient Work **Reading: Judges 6:33-40; 1 Samuel 16:1-13** **Devotional:** The

Holy Spirit's work didn't begin at Pentecost. Throughout Scripture, we see Him empowering judges, anointing kings, and enabling God's people for specific tasks. He came upon Gideon, Samson, and David for divine purposes. However, there's a crucial difference between the Old and New Covenants. In the Old Testament, the Spirit came upon select individuals temporarily for specific missions. Now, through Christ's finished work, the Spirit indwells every believer permanently. What was once reserved for prophets, priests, and kings is now your inheritance. You have been anointed for God's purposes. The same Spirit who empowered biblical heroes lives in you. What impossible task is God calling you to that requires His supernatural power?

### Day 5: Completion and Exaltation **Reading: Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15, 24-28**

**Devotional:** Christ's departure wasn't abandonment—it was the completion of redemption. Jesus had to enter the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood to secure eternal salvation. His ascension marked His exaltation and coronation. Now He sits at God's right hand, interceding for us continually. This is why the Spirit could come—the work was finished, the price was paid, and Christ was glorified. Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. This truth should transform how you live today. Your salvation is secure because Christ's work is complete. Your prayers are heard because Christ intercedes. Your mission is empowered because His Spirit indwells you. Live as one who has been fully redeemed and eternally empowered.