



EMBRACING *Change*

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Part 2

Navigating The Waters of Change

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DAY 1

The Road Already Exists

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV)

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DEVOTIONAL

You feel behind. Like everyone else got a map for this next season and you're still standing at the trailhead wondering which way to go. That feeling is normal. It is also not the whole story.

Before God created the fish, He created the water. Before the cow, He created the grass. Before you, He created what you'd need before you ever knew to look for it. That's not coincidence — that's how He works. He doesn't send you into a season without already having built the road. What feels sudden to us was never sudden to Him. He didn't start working on your breakthrough the day you noticed the need. He went to the end and worked His way back to the beginning.

So the change in front of you — the one you can't map out yet — isn't evidence He's behind. It's evidence He's already ahead, laying rivers in a desert you haven't crossed yet.

REFLECTION

1. What change in your life right now feels sudden — like it caught you off guard?
2. What would shift in you if you believed the provision for it already exists, even though you can't see it?

PRAYER

Father, I confess I've been anxious trying to map out what You've already mapped. You are not surprised by what surprises me. Thank You for making a way before I ever knew I'd need one. I trust the road exists, even in the wilderness I'm standing in. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TODAY'S STEP

Write down the change you're facing. Underneath it, write: "Already Provided For." Carry that with you today — pull it out anytime the anxiety rises.

DAY 2

Living Room, Not Emergency Room

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SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33:11 (NKJV)

"So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle."

DEVOTIONAL

I got annoyed this week over a piece of land. A listing I'd been planning to go see that day had gone "pending," and I didn't find out until I was already checking my schedule to make the trip. My attitude went sideways fast. My wife noticed before I did. It took me sitting still the next morning to realize the real issue wasn't the listing — it was that I hadn't been living from His presence. I'd been visiting it.

Most of us treat God's presence like an emergency room — we run there when the crisis hits, then go back to life as usual. Joshua didn't. Moses would meet with God, then leave to go work. Joshua stayed. He lingered in the tent long after everyone else walked out, because he'd rather be near God's presence than anywhere else.

Here's what I've found: it's impossible to be anxious in His presence. Impossible to hold a bad mood there. Not because the presence is a magic trick — because it's where we were made to live, not just visit.

REFLECTION

1. Do you tend to run to God's presence only in a crisis, or live there day to day?
2. What mood or emotion have you been carrying this week that His presence would dissolve if you let it?

PRAYER

Lord, forgive me for treating Your presence like an emergency exit instead of my home. I don't want to just visit You when things go wrong. I want to live from You — today, in the ordinary moments, not just the hard ones. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TODAY'S STEP

Set aside ten minutes today — not during a crisis, not to ask for anything — just to sit in His presence. Practice living there, not visiting.

DAY 3

You Were Built to Hear Him

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:19 (AMPC)

"Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it?"

DEVOTIONAL

Some of us were taught — maybe nobody said it directly, but we absorbed it anyway — that God stopped speaking once the last page of Scripture was written. That His voice was a thing of the past, reserved for prophets and apostles, not for us.

But look at how God phrases it to an Old Covenant people: shall you not perceive it? Shall you not give heed to it? He's asking the question in a way that assumes they should have already known. If a people without the indwelling Spirit had the capacity to discern His hand, how much more do we — New Covenant believers, carrying His presence inside us? It was never a question of whether He's speaking. It's a question of whether we're tuned to the frequency.

And here's the piece we miss: fear isn't the absence of faith. Fear is faith — aimed at the wrong thing. Faith in what you see. Faith in circumstances. Faith in yourself. The real question isn't "can I hear God." It's "what have I been putting my faith in instead?"

REFLECTION

1. Have you quietly believed, even without saying it out loud, that God doesn't speak to ordinary people the way He used to?
2. Where might you currently be placing faith in what you see rather than in what He's said?

PRAYER

Father, I was made to hear Your voice — not just read about it. Forgive me for the fear I've dressed up as realism. Today I choose to tune my heart to You above every other frequency competing for my attention. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TODAY'S STEP

Ask God one specific question today. Write down whatever comes to mind — even if it feels small. Practice believing He speaks.

DAY 4

Wet Feet on Dry Words

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SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:15-16 (NKJV)

"...and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water... that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap."

DEVOTIONAL

The hardest part of Israel's crossing was never the river. It was the step. The Jordan didn't part while the priests stood safely on the bank, waiting for proof. It parted after their feet were already wet — after they'd stepped into water that, as far as they could tell, was still rising.

We want it the other way around. We want the job offer before we give notice. We want the relationship repaired before we're willing to forgive. We want to feel ready before we obey. But God rarely negotiates that way. He asks for the step first — the wet feet on dry words — before there's a single visible reason to believe the ground will hold.

Here's what they didn't know standing in that current: the water had already stopped flowing twenty miles upstream, the moment their feet touched the edge. Their breakthrough was already happening, out of sight, before it ever reached them. Obedience wasn't the reward for their faith. It was the faith.

REFLECTION

1. What is God asking you to step toward before you've seen any evidence it will work?
2. What has been your "I'll move once it's safe" excuse for staying on the bank?

PRAYER

Lord, I've wanted proof before I move. Today I choose to step in — even with the water still rising as far as I can tell. I believe You're already working upstream, out of my sight. Give me the courage to get my feet wet. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TODAY'S STEP

Take one obedient action today toward something you've been waiting to feel ready for — even a small one. Don't wait for the water to look calm.

DAY 5

Prepared, Not Perfected

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SCRIPTURE

Joshua 3:5 (NKJV)

"And Joshua said to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.'"

DEVOTIONAL

Notice what Joshua didn't tell the people to do. He didn't send them to gather supplies or build rafts. He gave them one instruction: sanctify yourselves. Set yourselves apart. Rest, and get ready to watch.

We tend to think preparing for change means doing more — working harder, striving longer, figuring it out faster. But the preparation God asked for here was internal, not external. Before He altered their geography, He asked them to realign their hearts. Consecration was never about earning the wonder. It was about positioning themselves to notice it when it came.

That's grace, not striving. You don't have to have this next season figured out before God moves in it. You don't have to build the breakthrough — you just have to be ready to see it. Whatever wonder He's preparing to do in your life this week, rest is your first act of faith, not your last resort.

REFLECTION

1. What would it look like this week to rest instead of striving your way into readiness?
2. What "wonder" might you be missing because you're too busy trying to make something happen?

PRAYER

Father, I don't have to earn what You're already preparing to do. Teach me to rest instead of striving, to watch instead of manufacturing. I set myself apart for You today — not by doing more, but by trusting more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TODAY'S STEP

Instead of adding a task this weekend, remove one. Spend that time simply being still before Him.

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Study Guide

Navigating The Waters of Change

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SECTION 1

The Foundation

Change is not the exception in the Christian life. It is the constant. The only thing that never changes is that change never stops. And because of that, navigating transition is not an optional skill for the mature few — it is something every believer must learn to walk in the fullness of what the Father has for them.

Here is the problem it solves: our instinct in change is to strategize. To figure it out. To build something with our hands so we feel less exposed. But there was no human strategy for crossing a flood-stage Jordan. Some crossings are not engineered — they are entered. Successfully navigating a season of major transition was never about having the right plan. It was about having a life anchored in, and led by, the presence of God.

KEY INSIGHT

"What is sudden to us is settled with God."

SECTION 2

Defining the Terms

Living From vs. Visiting

- **What it is:** Visiting treats God's presence as a resource for emergencies. Living from treats His presence as home.
- **What it produces:** Visiting produces a faith that spikes in crisis and fades in routine. Living from produces stability that doesn't depend on circumstance.
- **How it shows up:** Most of Israel approached God only when a need arose. Joshua stayed in the tent long after Moses left — not because he needed something, but because he wanted to be near Him.

Position vs. Posture

- **What it is:** Position is where you stand. Posture is how you stand there.
- **What it produces:** Position without posture is just proximity. Posture — eyes on the presence, not the problem — is what actually moves you forward.
- **How it shows up:** Joshua positioned the people at the river's edge, then told them to posture themselves toward the Ark, not the water. Getting close to your breakthrough isn't the same as being postured to receive it.

Fear vs. Faith

- **What it is:** Fear and faith are not opposites in nature — they're the same substance aimed at different objects.
- **What it produces:** Faith in what you see produces fear. Faith in who God is produces forward motion.
- **How it shows up:** Fear is faith in circumstances. Faith is faith in the One who's already been to the other side of your circumstance.

SECTION 3

The Crossing: Four Movements of Faith in Transition

Joshua 3:3–4 (NKJV) “When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.”

1. Pause Before You Move

- Joshua moved the camp to the river's edge — then waited three days before crossing.
- Our flesh wants to react immediately in change. Build a raft. Make a plan. Do something.
- True spiritual maturity pauses to hear what God is saying before it acts on what it already knows.

2. Eyes on the Ark, Not the Impossibility

- The people were told to watch for the Ark's movement, not measure the river's danger.
- If your eyes are on the impossibility, you'll be paralyzed. If your eyes are on the presence, you'll be positioned to move.

3. Clear Vision Through Distance

- The 2,000-cubit gap wasn't about reverence alone — it was about visibility.
- You've never walked this stretch of road before. The space isn't distance from God. It's room for Him to lead where you can actually see Him doing it.

4. Consecration Before the Crossing

- Joshua's instruction wasn't to build — it was to sanctify, to set apart, to raise expectation.
- Internal preparation always precedes external transition. God alters the heart before He alters the geography.

The So What: We don't cross our Jordans by working harder at the crossing. We cross them by living so close to His presence that when it moves, we're already watching.

SECTION 4

The Mechanism

How the crossing actually works — the sequence God laid out for Israel, and for us:

1. **Position yourself at the edge.** Don't run from the obstacle change presents — move toward it, and stop there.
2. **Wait for the presence to move first.** The people didn't move until the Ark moved. Movement follows presence; it doesn't lead it.
3. **Watch, don't measure.** Keep your attention on what God is doing, not on how impossible the water looks.
4. **Take the first step before the water parts.** The Jordan didn't stop for the priests standing safely on the bank. It stopped once their feet were already in it.

SECTION 5

The Declaration

Every New Covenant believer carries the capacity to perceive, know, and follow what God is doing — not because we're especially spiritual, but because His Spirit lives in us. The question was never whether He's speaking. The question is whether we've expected Him to.

Declare these over your week:

- I hear Your voice.
- I see what You are doing.
- I move when You move, and I stay when You stay.
- I will not be gripped by the fear of missing You.
- I am good ground, and every seed of Your word deposited in me will bring forth fruit.

SECTION 6

Before and During the Crossing**Before You Cross: Consecrate, Not Complicate**

- Set aside time this week to sit in stillness, not strategy — let your expectation rise before your circumstances change.
- Recall the testimonies of what God has already done for you. Let them stir faith rather than dictate the method He'll use this time.
- Resist the urge to “figure it out.” Preparation for what's coming is spiritual, not logistical.

As You Cross: Watch the Ark, Not the Water

- When the moment to act arrives, fix your attention on His presence, not the size of the obstacle.
- Take the step of obedience even before you see any visible change — the breakthrough may already be happening upstream, out of sight.
- Give yourself permission to not have it all figured out. He only asks that you trust He does.

SECTION 7

Reflection & Application**1. Sudden vs. Settled**

What change in your life have you been labeling “sudden” — and what would shift if you believed God had already settled it long before it reached you?

2. Tuned or Tuned Out

Have you quietly believed that God's voice is reserved for other people, or for another era? What would it look like to expect Him to speak to you specifically this week?

3. Living Room or Emergency Room

Be honest about your own pattern — do you approach God's presence mainly in crisis, or do you live there as your default? What would change if it became your living room instead of your emergency exit?

4. The First Step

What is one place you've been waiting for evidence before you obey? What would it look like to take the step this week, before you see the water move?

SUMMARY

We do not need a strategy for the Jordan. We need a life anchored in, and led by, the presence of the One who already stood on the other side before we ever got to the water's edge.