

5-Day Devotional: Magnifying God - Devotion for Week of February 1st-8th, 2026

Day 1: Making God the Center

Reading: Luke 1:46-49

Devotional:

Mary's first response to overwhelming circumstances wasn't panic or self-focus—it was magnification of God. "My soul magnifies the Lord" reveals a profound spiritual discipline: making God bigger in our perspective than our problems. When we magnify something, we enlarge it in our view. Mary chose to enlarge God's presence, power, and goodness rather than her uncertainty. Today, consider what occupies the spotlight of your life. Are your worries, achievements, or circumstances taking center stage? True worship begins when we intentionally shift the spotlight onto God's character and faithfulness. Whether your day is good or challenging, practice magnifying His name—speaking it, honoring it, and letting His glory overshadow everything else competing for your attention.

Day 2: Rejoicing in Our Savior

Reading: Job 1:13-22; Philippians 4:4-7

Devotional:

Mary rejoiced in "God my Savior"—acknowledging her own need for salvation. Her humility is striking; chosen for the highest honor, she still recognized herself as one who needed saving. Job demonstrated this same principle when he lost everything yet declared, "Blessed be the name of the LORD." Rejoicing in God isn't dependent on circumstances but on His unchanging nature. When we anchor our joy in God as Savior rather than in our situations, we discover unshakeable peace. Today, reflect on areas where you've placed your joy in temporary things—relationships, success, comfort. What would it look like to transfer that joy to God Himself? Practice thanking God not just for what He gives, but for who He is—your Savior, sustainer, and source of eternal life.

Day 3: The Power of Humility

Reading: Luke 14:7-11; James 4:6-10

Devotional:

God looked upon Mary's "humble estate" and blessed her profoundly. Throughout Scripture, we see this pattern: God exalts the humble and opposes the proud. Humility isn't thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less. When we humble ourselves before God, we position ourselves to receive His grace and recognize His work in our lives. The world teaches self-promotion, but Jesus modeled self-sacrifice. Pride scatters us, making us focus inward and isolate ourselves. Humility draws us together and upward toward God. Consider where pride might be blocking God's blessing in your life. Are you trying to save yourself, prove yourself, or exalt yourself? Today, practice humility by acknowledging your dependence on God in prayer, serving someone without recognition, or confessing an area where you've trusted yourself more than Him.

Day 4: Divine Justice and Reversal

Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Matthew 5:1-12

Devotional:

Mary's song echoes Hannah's prayer, celebrating God's great reversals: the proud scattered, the mighty brought low, the humble exalted, the hungry filled. God's justice operates on a different timeline and value system than the world's. What the world prizes—power, wealth, self-sufficiency—God often sets aside. What the world overlooks—humility, spiritual hunger, dependence on God—He

honors. This isn't merely future hope; it's present reality for those with eyes to see. When you feel powerless against injustice or overlooked in your faithfulness, remember that God sees and maintains His people. His justice is certain, even when delayed. Today, examine your values. Are you chasing what the world calls success, or are you hungering and thirsting for righteousness? Trust that God's reversals are already in motion, and position yourself among the humble and hungry.

Day 5: Living in God's Promises

Reading: Genesis 12:1-3; Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29

Devotional:

Mary concluded her prayer by connecting her present moment to God's ancient promises—from Abraham through all generations. Through Christ in her womb, God was maintaining His covenant faithfulness. You stand in that same lineage of promise. Because of Jesus, you're locked into God's covenant—not by your performance but by His faithfulness. This is the foundation of worship: knowing God keeps His promises. When you magnify God and rejoice in Him, you're not engaging in empty ritual but celebrating proven faithfulness across millennia. Today, reflect on God's promises that apply to your life: His presence, provision, forgiveness, and eternal life. How does knowing you're part of this ancient, unbreakable promise change your perspective on current struggles? Live today with the confidence that the God who kept His promise to send Jesus will keep every promise He's made to you.

Reflection Questions for the Week:

- How can you practically magnify God's name in your daily routine?
- Where do you need to shift from self-reliance to humble dependence on God?
- What would change if you truly believed God's justice will prevail?