

5-Day Devotional: The Wind Blows Where It Will

Day 1: The Call That Disrupts Everything

Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Devotional: "So Abram went." Three simple words that contain a universe of trust. God's call to Abram wasn't accompanied by a detailed map or a five-year strategic plan. It was an invitation into sacred disruption—leaving everything familiar for a destination withheld.

Consider what might be calling you forward today. Perhaps God is asking you to release something comfortable, to step toward a promise you can't yet see clearly. Like Abram, your faithfulness isn't measured by having all the answers, but by your willingness to take the first step. The wind of the Spirit moves where it will—our job is simply to move with it, trusting that the God who calls is the God who leads.

Reflection: What familiar territory might God be calling you to leave behind? What would it look like to say yes today?

Day 2: The Hidden Cost of Following

Reading: Genesis 12:1-9; Luke 14:25-33

Devotional: We celebrate Abram's obedience, but we often overlook Sarai's silent courage and Lot's second displacement. Every call carries a cost that ripples outward, affecting people who didn't hear what we heard. Sarai trusted the one who heard the voice. Lot was swept up in his uncle's sacred disruption.

Your faithfulness impacts others—spouses, children, friends, communities. This isn't meant to paralyze you with guilt, but to awaken you to responsibility and gratitude. When we follow God's leading, we owe those affected by our yes a debt of awareness, care, and honor. Their resilience matters. Their trust is a gift. And sometimes, their faith—trusting someone else's call—is greater than our own. Count the cost, yes, but also count the companions who walk with you.

Reflection: Who has been affected by your journey of faith? How can you honor their sacrifice today?

Day 3: Questions in the Dark

Reading: John 3:1-17

Devotional: Nicodemus came to Jesus at night because some questions are too large, too threatening, too honest for daylight. "How can anyone be born after having grown old?" This isn't a failure of imagination—it's the most honest question a person who has actually lived can ask.

What feels too settled in your life to change? What part of you, what relationship, what community seems too old, too established, too marked by loss to become new? Jesus doesn't mock honest questions. He reframes them. New creation doesn't annihilate what came before—it breathes into it. The same Spirit that hovered over formless void at creation still moves, still breathes, still makes something out of what looks like nothing. Your questions aren't obstacles to faith; they're often the very place where faith deepens.

Reflection: What honest question have you been afraid to ask God? Bring it into the light today.

Day 4: The Long Journey of Becoming

Reading: John 3:1-21; John 7:45-52; John 19:38-42

Devotional: Nicodemus' story doesn't end in the dark with unanswered questions. He returns in chapter 7 with a cautious procedural objection—barely there, but present. Then after the crucifixion, when hope seems most finished, he arrives at the tomb with a hundred pounds of spices. Not cautious now. Not procedural. Extravagant. Fully invested in what looks like a lost cause.

Transformation rarely happens overnight. It's a journey from questions in darkness to cautious defense to extravagant commitment. Where are you in that journey? Perhaps you're still asking questions, or tentatively showing up, or finally ready to

spend yourself fully. All of it matters. God honors every step. The question may not be answered before the commitment—it gets answered in the midst of it.

Reflection: What would extravagant commitment look like in your life right now?

Day 5: Showing Up Where the Wind Blows

Reading: John 3:1-8; Acts 2:1-4

Devotional: "The wind blows where it will, and you do not know where it comes from or where it is going." This isn't a satisfying answer if you're looking for certainty. But it's the truth about how God works—through breath, through Spirit, through movement we cannot predict or control.

What makes faith different from foolishness isn't certainty about the destination. It's the willingness to keep moving toward the place where the wind has been known to blow. Like Abram setting out. Like Nicodemus showing up at the tomb. Like you, showing up today—carrying your history, your losses, your questions, your deep knowledge of what God has done before. The breath that hovered over the void at creation is still moving. Old dust, tired dust, faithful dust is still what it has to work with. And that's enough.

Reflection: Where is God's wind blowing in your life right now? How will you show up today?