



5-Day Devotional: Going “Thru” with God

Day 1: Strengthened by Grace, Not Self

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Ephesians 2:8-9

Devotional: Paul's instruction to Timothy rings clear: "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Our natural inclination is to rely on our talents, education, or work ethic. But lasting spiritual strength doesn't originate from within us—it flows from Christ alone. Grace invalidates our self-sufficiency and positions Jesus as our source. Today, consider what you've been trying to accomplish in your own strength. Are you exhausted from striving? God invites you to rest in His grace. Additionally, Paul reminds Timothy to pass this truth to others. Discipleship isn't optional; it's essential. Who needs to hear about God's grace through your testimony today? Strength comes not from self-reliance but from grace-reliance.

Day 2: Untangled and Mission-Focused

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:3-4; Hebrews 12:1-2

Devotional: "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life." These words challenge our divided loyalties. Entanglements aren't always sinful—they're often good things that distract from the best thing. Politics, social

causes, career ambitions, even ministry opportunities can become entanglements when they pull us from our primary mission: knowing Christ and making Him known. Soldiers understand mission parameters; deviation means losing support and protection. What entanglements are competing for your attention? What "affairs of this life" have wrapped around your heart, stealing focus from your kingdom assignment? Today, ask God to reveal what needs to be laid aside. The mission is paramount. Stay focused on pleasing the One who enlisted you.

Day 3: Finishing According to the Rules

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:5; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Devotional: Athletes train rigorously, sacrifice daily, and compete with excellence—yet can still be disqualified for rule violations. Paul's warning is sobering: you can run the entire race and lose everything at the finish line. The Christian life isn't merely about starting well or having impressive moments; it's about enduring to the end according to God's standards. Artificial enhancements (worldly methods), jumping ahead of God's timing, switching lanes (abandoning your calling), or pulling others down—all disqualify us. We're not competing for gold; we're called to finish faithfully. Examine your race today. Are you following the rules of Scripture, or have you adopted shortcuts? The final stretch matters most. Don't disqualify yourself when the finish line is in sight.

Day 4: The Hardworking Farmer's Reward

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:6; Galatians 6:9

Devotional: "The hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops." This isn't selfishness—it's sustainability. Farmers who neglect themselves cannot continue farming. Many believers give everything away, becoming doormats, never receiving from their own harvest. But God's economy includes blessing the laborer. Diligent farmers weather every season, plant at the right time, and wait patiently. They cannot skip winter or rush spring. Your season of sowing may feel endless, but harvest is coming. Don't despise the waiting or the repetitive work. Prepare the ground of your heart for each season. And when harvest comes, receive it with gratitude—you'll need strength for the next planting season. In due season, you shall reap if you faint not. Keep working. Keep waiting. Keep trusting.

Day 5: Going Through, Not Around

Reading: Mark 14:32-36; Isaiah 43:2

Devotional: Jesus in Gethsemane faced His fate: "All things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." Even Jesus wanted to go around the cross, but redemption required going through. The Israelites couldn't avoid the Red Sea—they had to go through it. Jericho's walls couldn't be bypassed—they had to march through until they fell. Your impossible situation may be your pathway to breakthrough. God doesn't always remove obstacles; sometimes He parts them while you walk through. You cannot go around, go back, or skip ahead. You must go through. But here's the promise: when you pass through the waters, He will be with you. His presence accompanies you through every trial, every test, every valley. Don't seek shortcuts. Embrace the journey. Go through with God.