

Day 1: Devoted to the Word

Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Devotional: The early church didn't casually engage with Scripture—they devoted themselves to it. Devotion means more than reading; it's a commitment to let God's Word shape every aspect of life. The apostles' teaching wasn't entertainment or information—it was transformation. When we anticipate what God will do through His Word, we approach it differently. We read expecting change, not just knowledge. The disciples had walked with Jesus, yet they still devoted themselves to learning and growing. If they needed continual immersion in truth, how much more do we? Today, ask yourself: Am I devoted to God's Word, or just familiar with it? Anticipate that as you open Scripture, God will meet you there and reshape your perspective on life, relationships, and eternity.

Day 2: The Power of Fellowship

Reading: Genesis 15:5-6; Acts 2:44-45

Devotional: God's plan has always been family. From promising Abram descendants as numerous as the stars to forging a new family at Pentecost, God works through community. The early believers didn't just attend services—they shared life. They sold possessions, met daily, and prioritized relationships over resources. This wasn't forced; it was the natural overflow of encountering God's Spirit. True fellowship (*koinonia*) means sharing and serving, not just socializing. It's messy, sacrificial, and beautiful. We often settle for surface-level connections when God offers deep, life-changing community. Who in your church family needs to be pursued? Who sits alone while you talk with familiar faces? Anticipate that God will use you to create the kind of community that changed the world in Acts—one conversation, one meal, one act of generosity at a time.

Day 3: Awe in the Ordinary

Reading: Acts 2:43; Psalm 111:2-4

Devotional: The disciples had witnessed Jesus calm storms and raise the dead, yet they were still filled with awe as the church began. Why? Because they recognized God was moving again—not through a single person, but through His people collectively. We've lost our capacity for awe. We scroll past miracles daily: changed lives, restored relationships, prayers answered. A deck painted by students becomes a gospel opportunity for neighbors. That's awesome. God doesn't just work in dramatic moments; He's present in the faithful service of His people. When we anticipate God's movement, we develop eyes to see His hand everywhere. The problem isn't that God isn't working—it's that we're not watching. Today, look for God in the ordinary. Expect Him to show up in conversations, in service opportunities, in the mundane rhythms of life. Let awe return to your faith.

Day 4: Generous Hearts, Kingdom Impact

Reading: Acts 2:44-45; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Devotional: The greatest miracle in Acts might not be tongues of fire—it's selfish people becoming selfless. When God's Spirit moves, our grip on possessions loosens. The early

believers didn't see their property as theirs to hoard but as resources for kingdom growth. This wasn't socialism; it was Spirit-filled generosity. They pulled back eternity's curtain and saw something more valuable than earthly wealth. Generosity isn't just financial—it's time, attention, cookies for serving students, a listening ear for the lonely. We often think our contributions are too small to matter, but God multiplies what we offer. What are you holding onto that God wants you to release? Your finances, your schedule, your comfort zone? Anticipate that as you give generously, God will use it beyond what you can imagine. Kingdom impact rarely requires everything, but it always requires something.

Day 5: Joy in the Journey

Reading: Acts 2:46-47; Philippians 4:4-7

Devotional: The early church met with "great joy and generosity." Their joy wasn't circumstantial—many faced persecution, loss, and uncertainty. Their joy came from being part of something bigger than themselves: God's family. Joy is the natural result of anticipating God's goodness. When we expect Him to move, when we devote ourselves to His Word, when we pursue community and practice generosity, joy follows. But here's the challenge: Are we creating cliques or cultivating family? Do we pursue the marginalized with the same enthusiasm we show our closest friends? True community brings joy to everyone—the established and the newcomer, the strong and the weak. As you close this devotional series, ask: What am I anticipating? If you anticipate godly community, buckle up. God will move. And when He does, joy will overflow—not just for you, but for everyone He brings into your path.