

A Journey to the Resurrection: He Set His Face 5-Day Devotional Guide

Day 1: The Power of Holy Determination

Reading: Luke 9:51-56; Isaiah 50:7

Devotional

When Jesus "steadfastly set His face" toward Jerusalem, He demonstrated the power of holy determination. This wasn't stubborn willfulness but surrendered obedience to the Father's plan. The phrase "set His face like flint" from Isaiah reveals an unshakable resolve rooted in trust.

What has God called you toward that requires this kind of determination? Perhaps it's a difficult conversation, a ministry assignment, or a season of sacrifice. Jesus shows us that obedience isn't determined by convenience or comfort. True faithfulness means moving forward even when the path looks uncertain.

Reflection: What area of obedience are you hesitating in? Ask God for the courage to set your face toward His will, regardless of the cost.

Application: Identify one specific step of obedience you've been avoiding. Write it down and commit to taking that step this week, trusting God with the outcome.

Day 2: Walking With Divine Knowledge

Reading: Luke 9:22; Isaiah 53:3-7; Psalm 22:16-18

Devotional

Jesus didn't stumble into His suffering—He walked toward it with full knowledge. He knew the prophecies. He understood the cost. Yet He continued because He could see beyond the cross to the redemption it would bring.

Sometimes God reveals the destination without explaining every detail of the journey. We know the promise but not the process. We see the calling but not the complete cost. This is where faith becomes real. Like Jesus, we must trust that God's purposes are worth whatever pathway leads to them.

The suffering servant of Isaiah wasn't caught off guard—neither was Jesus. And when we walk in obedience, we can trust that God knows exactly what lies ahead, even when we don't.

Reflection: Are you willing to obey God even when you don't know all the details of what's ahead?

Application: Journal about a time God called you forward without revealing the full picture. How did He prove faithful? Let that memory strengthen your faith today.

Day 3: Intentional Living on the Journey

Reading: Luke 10:25-37; Luke 13:22; Luke 19:1-10

Devotional

Even while moving toward the cross, Jesus ministered with intentionality. He taught the parable of the Good Samaritan. He stopped for Zacchaeus. He invested in His disciples. Every encounter mattered because Jesus understood that purpose unfolds in every step of the journey, not just at the destination.

We often focus so intently on where we're going that we miss the divine appointments along the way. But Jesus shows us that the journey matters. The people we meet, the moments we're given, the opportunities to love and serve—these aren't distractions from our purpose; they are expressions of it.

Ephesians 5:15-16 calls us to "walk circumspectly...redeeming the time." Don't waste the moments God gives you. Live purposefully. Minister intentionally.

Reflection: Who has God placed in your path that you've been too busy to notice?

Application: Identify one person you can intentionally pour into this week. Schedule time to encourage, serve, or simply be present with them.

Day 4: Locked Into God's Will

Reading: Mark 10:32-34; Hebrews 12:1-2; Proverbs 3:5-6

Devotional

Mark paints a powerful picture: Jesus walking ahead while His disciples followed, amazed and afraid. They sensed something significant was coming. There was tension, uncertainty, fear. But Jesus kept walking. He was locked in.

Being "locked in" to God's will means maintaining unwavering focus despite opposition, uncertainty, or fear. It means trusting God with the process when you only know the promise. It means continuing forward when others hesitate or turn back.

Jesus endured the cross "for the joy set before Him." He could see beyond the suffering to the salvation it would accomplish. He could see you. He could see me. That vision kept Him locked into the Father's purpose.

When God calls you, lock in. When He gives you an assignment, lock in. Stay steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the Lord's work.

Reflection: What threatens to pull your focus away from what God has called you to do?

Application: Create a tangible reminder of your calling—a verse, a phrase, or an image—and place it somewhere you'll see daily to help you stay locked in.

Day 5: The Journey to Your Resurrection

Reading: Luke 18:31-34; John 10:17-18; 1 Corinthians 15:58

Devotional

Jesus's journey to Jerusalem was ultimately a journey to resurrection. The cross wasn't the end—it was the doorway to victory. Every step toward suffering was simultaneously a step toward salvation. Every mile toward death was a mile toward life.

Your obedience journey works the same way. The path God calls you to walk may include difficulty, sacrifice, or misunderstanding. You may face rejection like Jesus did in the Samaritan village. You may experience seasons where the road feels long and the destination unclear.

But here's the promise: just as Jesus's journey led to resurrection and victory, your path of obedience will always lead to the fulfillment of God's purpose. Your labor is not in vain. The suffering is not without meaning. The sacrifice will produce fruit.

Set your face. Walk intentionally. Stay locked in. Your resurrection moment is coming.

Reflection: How does knowing that God's purposes always lead to victory change how you view your current challenges?

Application: Write a declaration of faith about the situation you're currently walking through, affirming that God will bring resurrection life from this season. Speak it aloud daily.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to set my face toward Your will with the same determination You showed. Help me walk intentionally, minister purposefully, and stay locked into Your calling even when the road is difficult. I trust that You see what I cannot see and that my obedience will lead to resurrection life. In Jesus's name, Amen.