



**Pastor Mason Phillips | May 31, 2026**

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## **Day 1: Between Two Worlds**

**Devotional:** Jesus prayed that we would be in the world but not of it. This tension is real—you feel the upward call of God while experiencing the downward pull of worldly patterns. Like a citizen living abroad, you carry a different passport. The world's values, entertainment, and definitions of success constantly compete for your allegiance. But remember: you've been conveyed out of darkness into God's marvelous light. This tension isn't a sign of failure; it's proof you belong to another kingdom. Today, acknowledge this reality. When you feel the pull in opposite directions, recognize it as confirmation that you've been set apart for something greater than what this world offers.

**Reading:**

*John 17:14-18 NKJV*

*I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*

**Revelation:** In what areas of your life do you feel the strongest tension between the upward call of God and the downward pull of the world, and how do you typically respond to that tension?

## **Day 2: Choosing Your Partnerships**

**Devotional:** Relationships aren't neutral—they shape us. The Greek word "koinonia" means shared ownership, common destiny. When you're yoked to someone, you share their direction, burden, and destination. Consider your closest partnerships: Do they draw you toward God or away from Him? This isn't about being judgmental or isolating yourself from non-believers. It's about protecting what God is building in you. Every "no" to an unhealthy connection is a "yes" to your identity in Christ. Like an immune system that distinguishes self from non-self, you must discern what belongs in your life and what doesn't. Today, evaluate one key relationship. Does it strengthen or compromise your walk with God?

### **Reading:**

*2 Corinthians 6:14-18 NKJV*

*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an*

*unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:*

*“I will dwell in them  
And walk among them.  
I will be their God,  
And they shall be My people.  
Therefore  
Come out from among them  
And be separate, says the Lord.  
Do not touch what is unclean,  
And I will receive you.  
I will be a Father to you,  
And you shall be My sons and daughters,  
Says the Lord Almighty.”*

**Revelation:** The sermon compares spiritual identity to the immune system that distinguishes self from non-self. How strong is your spiritual immune system in protecting your identity as a child of God from external influences?

### **Day 3: You Are God's Temple**

**Devotional:** You are not your own—you were bought with a price. Your body, mind, and spirit are the dwelling place of the Holy God. The Old Testament temple was where God's presence lived; now you carry that presence wherever you go. This profound truth demands we ask: What am I allowing into God's temple? Idolatry doesn't just displease God; it defiles His dwelling place. The environments you frequent, the content you consume, the conversations you participate in—all of these either honor or dishonor the temple. God isn't trying to restrict your freedom; He's protecting His investment in you. Today, identify one area where you've allowed contamination into the temple and commit to cleansing it.

**Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV*

*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

**Revelation:** The pastor states that being unequally yoked is not about rejecting others but about protecting what God has built in you. How does this perspective change your understanding of biblical separation?

## **Day 4: The Cost of Compromise**

**Devotional:** Friendship with the world is spiritual adultery. These are strong words because the stakes are high. When you compromise your convictions to fit in, avoid rejection, or advance your career, you're choosing a false lover over your true Beloved. Cognitive dissonance makes us alter our beliefs rather than our behavior—we tolerate sin because changing seems too costly. But what's the real cost? Your witness loses credibility. Your intimacy with God grows cold. Your identity becomes confused. God doesn't ask you to separate from the world because He's cruel, but because He knows mixture produces weakness. Draw near to God today, and He will draw near to you. Resist the devil's whisper that says, "Just one more compromise."

### **Reading:**

*James 4:4-8 NKJV*

*Adulterers and adulteresses! Do not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:*

*"God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble."*

*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

**Revelation:** The sermon mentions that our brain works to reduce cognitive dissonance by altering our beliefs rather than our behavior. Can you identify a time when you compromised your convictions to tolerate an unhealthy environment instead of making a harder change?

## **Day 5: Welcomed Into His Presence**

**Devotional:** God's promise is clear: "Come out from among them and be separate, and I will receive you." Separation isn't rejection of people—it's acceptance of God's invitation to intimacy. He has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered you from the domain of darkness and transferred you to the kingdom of His beloved Son. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord. This isn't about earning God's love through performance; it's about positioning yourself to experience the fullness of His presence. When you protect your position as God's child, you gain access to His glory. Today, choose holiness —not out of duty, but out of desire to see God more clearly.

### **Reading:**

*Colossians 1:12-14 NKJV*

*Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

**Revelation:** The sermon emphasizes that without holiness we cannot see God. What specific partnerships, habits, or influences do you need to separate from in order to pursue the holiness that allows you to experience God more fully?