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Day 1: Praying for Divine Appointments

Devotional: The servant didn't rush into his mission with his own wisdom—he paused to pray. He asked God for a specific sign, demonstrating both humility and faith that God would direct his steps. How often do we launch into our days without inviting God to orchestrate our encounters? This week, begin each morning asking God for a divine appointment—a conversation He's already preparing. Then pay attention. God delights in answering prayers that align with His mission to draw people to Himself. The servant expected God to respond, so he watched carefully. When you pray for opportunities to share God's love, stay alert. Someone around you is ready to hear about the riches of grace you've discovered in Christ.

Genesis 24:12-15 NKJV

Then he said, “O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. Now legit be that the young woman to whom I say, ‘Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,’ and she says, ‘Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink’ — let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have sown kindness to my master.”

And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham’s brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder.

Reflection: Reflect on a time when you felt God orchestrated a divine appointment in your life. How did you recognize it, and what was the outcome? How can you remain open to recognizing His orchestrations in your daily encounters?

Day 2: Recognizing God's Prevenient Grace

Devotional: Before you ever sought God, He was seeking you. The sermon reminded us that when we look back on our lives, we can see moments where God intervened—dangers we narrowly avoided, people who spoke truth to us, circumstances that mysteriously worked out. This is prevenient grace: God moving in our lives before we even knew we needed Him. Today, take time to identify three moments in your past where you now recognize God's protective hand. Perhaps you didn't die when you should have, or someone shared the gospel at just the right time. These weren't coincidences—they were divine appointments orchestrated by a Father who loved you before you loved Him. Let this reality fuel your confidence that God is already working in the lives of those you'll encounter today.

Ephesians 2: 1-10 NKJV

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Reflection: Consider what the "riches of the gospel" mean to you personally. How have these riches transformed your life, and how can you intentionally share these beautiful gifts with others in your community?

Day 3: Presenting the Gospel's Riches

Devotional: The servant brought gold, jewelry, and precious gifts—tangible representations of the wealth awaiting Rebecca. When we share the gospel, we're not peddling religious obligation or guilt; we're offering the unsearchable riches of Christ. We present peace that passes understanding, joy unspeakable, adoption into God's family, and eternal life with the King of Glory. Too often we focus on what people must give up rather than what they gain. Today, make a list of the spiritual riches you've received in Christ—forgiveness, purpose, hope, healing, freedom. These are the treasures you carry to a world desperately thirsty for something real. You're not asking people to accept a burden; you're offering them an inheritance.

Practice describing your relationship with Jesus in terms of the riches He's given you, not just the sins He's saved you from.

2 Corinthians 4:1-7 NKJV

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

Reflection: Identify any hesitations or fears you might have in sharing the gospel. What steps can you take to trust in God's presence and guidance in these situations, much like the servant trusted God to find Rebecca?

Day 4: Pressing for a Response

Devotional: Rebecca had to decide. The servant presented the offer, but she had to say "yes" or "no." Many Christians share their faith but never invite a response, leaving people informed but not transformed. Faith without action is dead. The sermon challenged us: don't just tell people they're thirsty—offer them the water! After sharing about Jesus, ask the simple question: "Would you like to receive Him for yourself?" This isn't manipulation; it's invitation. It's recognizing that "now is the day of salvation." We're not guaranteed tomorrow. Someone in your life is at a six on that scale of readiness, and your gentle question could move them to seven—to surrender. Pray for courage to press for a response this week. You might be surprised how many people are simply waiting to be asked.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 NKJV

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says”

“In an acceptable time. I have heard you,

And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation.

Reflection: Reflect on your own response to God's proposals in your life. Are there areas where you feel God is inviting you to say "yes"? How can you align your actions to match this divine invitation and further His mission?

Day 5: Anticipating the Marriage Supper

Devotional: One day, we'll gather at the marriage supper of the Lamb—the ultimate celebration when Christ is united with His bride, the church. Imagine sitting at that table and seeing faces of people who are there because you carried the Father's message to them. Because you prayed for divine appointments. Because you presented the gospel's riches. Because you invited them to respond. Who will be sitting next to you at that feast? The servant's mission wasn't just about Isaac's happiness; it was about legacy, family, and God's covenant promises continuing. Your mission isn't just about filling church pews—it's about populating heaven. As you go through this week, remember you're a servant on assignment, carrying a marriage proposal from the King to hearts He's already been preparing. Take your role seriously, but don't carry the burden of results. Your job is to go, present, and invite. God's job is to draw and save.

Revelation 19:6-9 NKJV

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ “ And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

Reflection: Imagine being at the marriage supper of the Lamb as described in Revelation. Who are the people in your life you hope to see there, and what role can you play in leading them towards this celebration? What practical steps can you take this week to reach out to them?

Challenge: This week, pray each morning for one divine appointment. Pay attention to conversations, be ready to share what Jesus has done for you, and when appropriate, invite someone to respond to the gospel. Journal about what happens—you might be amazed at how God answers.