

Led Into Transformation

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Day 1: Anointed for Change

Devotional: When Samuel anointed Saul, he didn't just pour oil on his head—he prophesied transformation. "You will be turned into another man," Samuel declared. This wasn't cosmetic change; it was complete renovation from the inside out. The Holy Spirit has the same power in your life today. God doesn't just want to improve your circumstances; He wants to transform your character, renew your mind, and redirect your purpose. Like Saul, you may feel insignificant—from the smallest tribe, the least in your family—but God's anointing changes everything. When the Spirit comes upon you, you receive a new heart and new capacity. The question isn't whether God can change you, but whether you'll yield to His transforming work. Are you ready to become the person God created you to be?

Reading:

1 Samuel 10:1-10 NKJV

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance? When you have departed from me today, you will find two men by Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. And now your father has ceased caring about the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"'"

Then you shall go on forward from there and come to the terebinth tree of Tabor. There three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a skin of wine. "And they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread which you shall receive from their hands. After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed

instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying.

“Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer Burt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do.”

So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

Revelation: What specific changes happened to Saul when the Holy Spirit came upon him? How does this compare to what God promises believers today?

Day 2: Following Divine Signs

Devotional: Samuel gave Saul specific signs to watch for—two men by Rachel's tomb, three men with specific provisions, prophets with instruments. These weren't random details; they were divine confirmations that Saul was on the right path. God still leads His children through signs today—not through mysticism, but through His Spirit's gentle promptings, divine appointments, and circumstances that align with His Word. Like traveling to a new city, you must pay attention to the signposts. That "chance" encounter, that persistent thought to call someone, that opportunity that appears at just the right time—these are often God's fingerprints on your journey. The Holy Spirit whispers, "This is the way, walk in it." Don't dismiss these moments as coincidence. Stay alert, stay attentive, and when you recognize God's leading, follow it with confidence.

Reading:

1 Samuel 10:1-9 NKJV

Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: “Is it not because the LORD has anointed you commander over His inheritance? “When you have departed from me today, you will find two men by Rachel’s tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, ‘The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. And now your father has ceased

caring about the donkeys and is worrying about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"

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"Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. You shall go down before me to Gilgal; and surely I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices of peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, till I come to you and show you what you should do."

So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day.

Isaiah 30:21 NKJV

*Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying,
"This is the way, walk in it"
Whenever you turn to the right hand
Or whenever you turn to the left.*

Revelation: How can you develop a greater sensitivity to recognize the 'signs' that God places along your path, and what might you be missing by rushing through life without paying attention?

Day 3: Responding to the Moment

Devotional: "Do as the occasion demands, for God is with you." These words to Saul reveal a profound truth about Spirit-led living: God prepares us for moments before they arrive. When Paul saw the lame man, he didn't see just another disabled person—he perceived faith ready to receive healing. The Spirit

highlighted the moment, and Paul responded. Your life is filled with divine moments waiting for your response. The coworker who mentions loneliness, the friend battling illness, the stranger who needs encouragement—these aren't interruptions; they're appointments. The Spirit equips you in real-time when you're yielded to Him. You don't need to manufacture moments or force opportunities. Simply remain sensitive, stay available, and when the Spirit moves, respond with confidence. God is with you, and He'll give you exactly what you need when the moment demands it.

Reading:

Acts 14:8-10 NKJV

And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked.

1 Samuel 10:7 NKJV

"And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you."

Revelation: What does it practically look like for you to 'do what the occasion demands' when the Holy Spirit prompts you to act, speak, or remain silent in everyday moments?

Day 4: Anchored in God's Word

Devotional: Saul's greatest failures came when he abandoned God's clear instructions. Pressured by circumstances and people's opinions, he offered sacrifices only prophets could offer. He kept plunder God commanded destroyed. Each time, he rationalized disobedience with religious-sounding excuses. The result? He lost his kingdom. God's Word isn't a suggestion or a starting point for negotiation—it's the unchanging foundation for life. The Holy Spirit will never lead you contrary to Scripture. When circumstances pressure you, when people's expectations conflict with God's commands, when your own desires pull you away from obedience, the Word stands firm. Success, blessing, and transformation come through keeping God's commandments, not circumventing them. Test every impulse, every opportunity, every decision against Scripture. Where God's Word is

clear, obedience is required. Your breakthrough isn't found in compromise—it's discovered in unwavering commitment to God's truth.

Reading:

1 Samuel 13:8-14 NKJV

Then he waited seven days, according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the burnt offering. Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him.

And Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Mishmash, "then I said, 'The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.' Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering."

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

Joshua 1:8 NKJV

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Revelation: What areas of your life might you be holding back from God's full authority, choosing to obey people's opinions or your own desires rather than His clear direction?

Day 5: Fully Committed, Fully Transformed

Devotional: Saul started well but didn't finish strong. He experienced God's power, received divine direction, and was given incredible purpose—yet he wasn't fully committed. He feared people more than God, chose appearances over obedience,

and gradually drifted from his calling. Transformation isn't a one-time event; it's a journey requiring daily surrender. Being led by the Spirit demands complete dedication to Christ's way above all others. You cannot serve two masters or walk two paths simultaneously. This year, God offers you a double portion—but receiving it requires going all in. No holding back areas of your life, no partial obedience, no divided loyalty. When you're fully committed to following Jesus, the Holy Spirit leads you into extraordinary transformation. You become truly new—thinking differently, responding differently, living differently. Today, recommit everything to Christ. Your greatest life awaits on the other side of total surrender.

Reading:

Romans 8:14 NKJV

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Revelation: Saul lost his kingdom because he feared people more than God—in what relationships or situations do you find yourself compromising obedience to gain acceptance or avoid conflict?