



5 Day Devotionals for I AM Worship Church  
**Guard What God Gave You**  
Pastor Mark Ogletree • Sunday, May 10, 2026



### **Day 1: Standing in Promise**

Reading: Joshua 21:43-45

Devotional: God has brought you through battles you couldn't win on your own. Like Israel crossing the Jordan at flood stage or watching Jericho's walls fall, you've witnessed impossible victories. Today, pause and remember. Where has God already proven faithful in your life? The real question isn't whether God will be faithful tomorrow—it's what you'll do with what He's already given you. You're not fighting to get there anymore; you're standing in promise. Stop striving and start celebrating. Make a list of God's faithfulness in your life. Let gratitude anchor your soul. You didn't come this far just to come this far—but you must acknowledge how far you've come.

### **Day 2: The Danger of Going Back**

Reading: 2 Peter 2:20-22

Devotional: What you go back to will never satisfy you like it used to. When God changes you, sin loses its power to fulfill. Yet the enemy sets familiar traps—old relationships, environments, habits, and compromises. He's not creative; he uses the same strategies repeatedly because they work when we're careless. Going back isn't just a mistake; it's a contradiction of who you are in Christ. What used to bind you will bind you again if you reconnect with it. Don't casually revisit what Christ died to free you from. Today, identify one area where you feel the pull to return. Confess it to God and ask for His strength to resist the snare.

### **Day 3: The Call to Intentional Love**

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Devotional: "Be very careful to love the Lord your God." Love requires intentionality. You won't accidentally be passionate about Jesus. You choose to pray, read Scripture, worship, give, and serve. These aren't legalistic requirements but relational investments. When you love someone, you talk to them, spend time with them, and give to them. If you don't guard your love for God, something else will take His place. This is



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the warning every believer needs to hear. What structures and boundaries do you need in your life? Perhaps waking early to pray feels difficult, but discipline births devotion. Today, choose one intentional act of love toward God—not from obligation, but from a heart that values the relationship.

#### **Day 4: Welcomed Warnings**

Reading: Hebrews 12:5-11

Devotional: We eagerly welcome God's blessings but often resist His warnings. Yet ignored warnings cause people to lose what God has restored. Joshua, at 110 years old, gathered Israel not just to celebrate victories but to warn them: disobedience leads to disaster. God's warnings aren't condemnation; they're protection. He's not trying to keep you from something but keep you for something. The same God who promises blessing also promises consequences for covenant-breaking. This should create holy fear—not terror, but reverence that guards your heart. Are there areas where God has been warning you? Have you broken covenant in your commitments to Him? Confess honestly and receive His forgiveness, then recommit to obedience.

#### **Day 5: Strength to Obey**

Reading: Philippians 2:12-13

Devotional: It doesn't require much strength to receive good things, but it takes tremendous strength to obey when you don't want to. Joshua said, "Be very strong to keep and do all that is written." Shouting on Sunday is easier than living it out Monday through Friday. But here's the mystery: God works in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure. You're not alone in this battle for obedience. The Holy Spirit empowers what He requires. Today, stop relying solely on powerful moments at the altar and start building daily obedience. What has God clearly told you to do? Take one step of obedience today, even if it feels difficult. His grace will meet you there.