



5 Day Devotionals for I AM Worship Church

Hold The Line

Pastor Ashley • Sunday, August 30, 2026



Hold the Line: A 5-Day Family Devotional Guide

Day 1: Know Your Assignment

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

In this passage, God instructs His people to keep His commandments close to their hearts and to pass them on faithfully in every moment of daily life -- walking, sitting, rising, and resting.

Devotional:

Every person in a family carries an assignment. Not every role looks the same, and not every role gets noticed. But every role matters. The parent who prays quietly in the car, the child who takes out the trash without being asked, the sibling who encourages instead of competes -- these are not small things. They are the building blocks of a household that stands. God does not call every person to the same position. He calls every person to faithfulness in the position they hold. Before you can protect your family, before you can help them move forward, you have to understand what God has placed in your hands to do. Ask Him today to clarify your assignment -- not the one you wish you had, but the one He has actually given you. Then do it with everything you have, whether anyone is watching or not.

Reflection: What is one role or responsibility in your family or church that you have been neglecting or undervaluing? How can you step into that assignment with greater intentionality this week?

Practical Application: Write down three specific things you are responsible for in your home or church community. Commit to doing each one this week as an act of worship, not obligation.

Day 2: Protect Your Team

Reading: Galatians 6:1-5

Paul writes here that followers of Christ are called to bear one another's burdens, restoring those who have stumbled with gentleness and humility, recognizing their own vulnerability in the process.

Devotional:



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A gap in the line is not always dramatic. It rarely announces itself. It begins as a conversation that keeps getting postponed, a prayer that stops happening, a small bitterness that goes unaddressed, a family member who quietly withdraws while everyone else stays busy. Gaps are subtle before they are catastrophic. Protecting your team means paying attention. It means noticing when someone is carrying something alone and choosing to stand beside them rather than waiting for them to ask. It means being honest about your own gaps too -- the places where you have stepped away from the line without realizing it. Protection in a family is not about control. It is about presence, prayer, and the willingness to step into hard places before they become broken ones.

Reflection: Is there someone on your home team -- by blood or by spirit -- who is quietly struggling right now? What would it look like to step into that gap for them this week?

Practical Application: Identify one person in your family or church family who may be carrying a burden alone. Reach out to them today -- not with advice, but simply to let them know you see them and you are standing with them.

Day 3: Help Your Team Move Forward

Reading: Romans 12:9-16

Paul describes a community of believers who genuinely love one another -- rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep, and honoring others above themselves without pretense or competition.

Devotional:

One of the hardest things to do in a family is to celebrate someone else's win when you are still waiting for your own. But a home team that competes internally will never advance together. When a teammate scores, the one who opened the hole does not resent the touchdown -- he celebrates it, because the goal was never personal glory. It was the team moving forward. This is what healthy families do. They create openings for one another. They show up for the pageants, the games, the recitals, and the ordinary Tuesday moments that matter to someone they love. They tell the truth when correction is needed, but they also remind each



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other of what God has placed inside of them. Your family does not need another critic. They need someone who sees their potential and helps make a way for it.

Reflection: Is there someone in your family or church community whose success you have struggled to celebrate? What is at the root of that struggle, and how can you bring it before God honestly?

Practical Application: This week, do one specific thing to help someone on your home team move forward -- not because it benefits you, but simply because their win is your win.

Day 4: Line Back Up

Reading: Lamentations 3:22-23

The writer of Lamentations, in the middle of deep grief and loss, anchors himself in the truth that God's compassions do not fail and that His mercies are renewed every single morning.

Devotional:

Every family has bad plays. Every marriage has seasons that are harder than either person expected. Every parent has said something they wish they could take back. Every child has disappointed someone they love. The question is never whether you will have a bad play. The question is whether you will leave the field or line back up. God's mercies being new every morning is not a small promise. It is the foundation that makes restoration possible. You do not have to carry yesterday's failure into today's lineup. Apologize where you need to. Forgive where you need to. Ask God to restore what has been broken. And then line back up. The game is not over. The family is still standing. The mercy is still there. Get back in position.

Reflection: Is there a relationship in your family or church community that needs restoration? What is one step you can take today -- an apology, a conversation, an act of forgiveness -- to begin lining back up?

Practical Application: Write a short prayer asking God for the courage to take one specific step toward restoration in a relationship that has been strained. Then take that step before the week is over.



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Day 5: As for Me and My House

Reading: Joshua 24:14-15

Joshua stands before the people of Israel and makes a clear, public declaration -- regardless of what anyone else chooses, he and his household will serve the Lord. It is a statement of commitment, not perfection.

Devotional:

Joshua did not declare that his family was without struggle. He declared where they stood. That distinction matters. Holding the line does not require a perfect family. It requires a family that keeps choosing to come back to Jesus -- through the hard seasons, the busy schedules, the missed opportunities, the misunderstandings, and the moments when it would be easier to drift. The church is not just a building families attend. It is a spiritual family that stands together, prays together, bears burdens together, and holds the line for one another. Whether your family is beside you by blood or by the grace of God through community, you are not without a home team. And the greatest thing you can do for every person on that team is to keep Jesus at the center -- not as a tradition, but as the living foundation that holds everything else together.

Reflection: What does it practically mean for your household -- however it is shaped -- to serve the Lord this season? What would need to change, and what would need to be protected, for Jesus to remain the true center?

Practical Application: Gather your home team this week -- family, close friends, or spiritual community -- and speak a declaration of commitment over one another. Pray together. Remind each other of what you are standing for. Hold the line.