



5 Day Devotionals for I AM Worship Church

Pharaoh Is Nervous

Pastor Mark Ogletree • Sunday, February 22, 2026



Monday: Interpreting the Pressure

Reading: Exodus 5:1-9

Devotional: When Moses first approached Pharaoh with God's command, the response wasn't freedom—it was increased oppression. The Israelites' workload doubled, and hope seemed to die. Perhaps you're experiencing something similar today. That new commitment to pray more, break an addiction, or step into God's calling has been met with unexpected resistance. Financial pressure increased. Relationships grew tense. Temptations multiplied. Here's the revelation: increased pressure is often the first sign that breakthrough is near. The enemy doesn't fight what doesn't threaten him. When your freedom is announced in the spiritual realm, hell responds by turning up the volume. Don't misinterpret the warfare. The pressure you're feeling isn't proof that you're on the wrong path—it's confirmation you're on the right one. Pharaoh is nervous, and that nervousness is your evidence that deliverance is closer than you think.

Reflection Question: What area of increased pressure in your life might actually be a sign that breakthrough is approaching?

Tuesday: Refusing Division

Reading: Exodus 6:1-13

Devotional: After the pressure increased, something dangerous happened: the people turned on their leader and each other. Moses himself began complaining about his inadequacies. This is the enemy's second strategy—internal division. When pressure rises, unity becomes the battlefield. Misunderstandings multiply. Offenses surface. Old wounds reopen. You become overly sensitive, exhausted, and reactive. But here's what you must understand: division delays destiny. Unity attracts God's glory and releases breakthrough from the spiritual realm into the physical. The enemy knows that if he can break unity in your heart, your home, or your church, he can block momentum. Jesus said a house divided cannot stand. Two visions—God's promise and the enemy's lies—cannot coexist. You must choose alignment. Don't let the



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enemy whisper excuses for why you should return to Egypt. Stand in unity with God's vision for your life, even when circumstances scream otherwise.

Reflection Question: Where have you allowed division to take root in your relationships or in your own heart?

Wednesday: Standing at Your Red Sea

Reading: Exodus 14:10-14

Devotional: The Israelites stood trapped between the Egyptian army and the Red Sea. Behind them: the enemy charging with irrational fury. Before them: an impossible barrier. Panic set in. They cried out, "Weren't there enough graves in Egypt?" This is the moment when many of us quit—when the enemy is chasing us and there's no visible way forward. But Moses spoke words that echo through eternity: "Don't be afraid. Stand still and watch the Lord rescue you. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm." This is irrational warfare—attacks that seem to come in waves, fear that doesn't match the moment, people acting out of character. But this chase is proof of imminent change. When the enemy feels he's losing control, he acts desperately. The same sea that seems to trap you is about to become your pathway to freedom and your enemy's grave. Don't turn back now.

Reflection Question: What "Red Sea moment" are you facing where you need to stand still and trust God to fight for you?

Thursday: The Pathway Through

Reading: Exodus 14:21-31

Devotional: God didn't remove the Red Sea—He split it. The Israelites walked through on dry ground with walls of water on each side. The same sea that opened for God's people closed on Pharaoh's army. Not a single Egyptian survived. This is the power of God's deliverance: what becomes your pathway to freedom becomes the grave of what's been chasing you. The anxiety that pursued you drowns in peace. The division that tried to split you drowns in unity. The lack that intimidated you drowns as God makes a way. The addiction nobody knows about drowns in freedom. The fear that whispers at night drowns in faith. When



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God opens a path for you, He closes a chapter on what was chasing you. The attack you're experiencing right now won't be the place where you die—it will be the place where your enemy dies. Don't fear the sea. Step into it. Whatever follows you in will not follow you out.

Reflection Question: What needs to "drown" in your Red Sea so you can walk forward in freedom?

Friday: Don't Quit Now

Reading: Hebrews 10:35-39

Devotional: The writer of Hebrews urges us: "Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised." After everything we've seen—the increased pressure, the internal division, the irrational warfare—the most important response is simply this: don't quit. Don't throw your faith in the ditch when times get hard. Don't forget all the things God has done. Interpret the pressure correctly. Refuse to be a divider. Walk in obedience—do the last thing God told you to do. And above all, persevere. You stand today as a trophy of God's grace. He has been faithful before; He is faithful now; He will be faithful still. The promise He made over your life is still yes and amen. Pharaoh is nervous because your breakthrough is impending. All of hell knows it. Now you need to know it too. Stand firm. Stay calm. Watch God work.

Reflection Question: What is one act of obedience you can take today to demonstrate your refusal to quit?

Closing Prayer: Father, thank You that increased pressure is a sign of impending breakthrough. Help me interpret the warfare correctly and refuse to give in to division or discouragement. I choose to stand in unity with Your vision for my life. Part my Red Sea, Lord, and let everything that has chased me drown in Your deliverance. I will not quit. I will not turn back. I trust You to fight for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.