



5 Day Devotionals for I AM Worship Church  
**Making Room in the Middle**  
Pastor Mark Ogletree • Sunday, January 11, 2026



## Monday: What a God We Serve

**Reading:** Psalm 103:1-14

**Devotional:** God's faithfulness isn't limited by our circumstances or calendar changes. As we enter this new season, remember that the same God who was faithful yesterday remains faithful today. He is not a consolation prize we turn to in desperate moments, but our everything—our breath, our life, the fire in our bones. Before you can stretch into new territory, you must first know the character of the God who calls you forward. He is worthy of all praise, not because of what He gives, but because of who He is. When you truly grasp "what a God" you serve, fear loses its grip and faith takes root. Take time today to declare His worthiness over your life, regardless of your current situation.

## Tuesday: Stretching Requires Willingness

**Reading:** Mark 3:1-6

**Devotional:** Jesus didn't heal the man's withered hand while it remained hidden. He commanded, "Stretch out your hand"—exposing weakness before demonstrating power. The miracle came after obedience, not before. What have you been hiding because of shame, fear, or insecurity? God isn't asking you to be perfect before you step forward; He's asking you to be willing. The man had to make himself vulnerable in front of the crowd, trusting that Jesus wouldn't leave him exposed in his brokenness. Your stretching may feel uncomfortable and even painful, but it increases your capacity for what God wants to pour into your life. The question isn't about God's ability—it's about your willingness. What would you do today if fear wasn't a factor?

## Wednesday: Increasing Your Capacity

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

**Devotional:** God doesn't waste His blessings on vessels that cannot hold them. If you're at maximum capacity, there's no room for increase. Stretching increases your capacity to receive and to give. Consider the testimony of faithful giving—starting where you are and giving beyond your current level creates space for God to pour more into your life. This principle applies beyond finances: your time, talents, influence, and faith. When you stretch in faithfulness with what you have, God sees a vessel ready for more. Don't wait until you "arrive" to be generous or obedient. Step out in faith now, even when it's uncomfortable. Your willingness to stretch today determines your capacity for tomorrow's blessing.

## Thursday: Breaking Free from Fear and Shame

**Reading:** Isaiah 54:1-4



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**Devotional:** God speaks to the barren and tells them to sing, to the empty and commands them to enlarge. He promises, "You will not be put to shame." Fear of failure keeps many from stepping into their destiny. You worry that if you stretch, you'll fail publicly and become a laughingstock. But God declares you will not be disgraced when you step out in obedience to Him. He won't call you forward only to abandon you. More than that, He promises you'll forget the shame of your past because what He's about to do will be so magnificent. Stop allowing yesterday's failures to dictate tomorrow's possibilities. The pain of your past doesn't define your future. Step forward—God's got you.

## Friday: Living Without Limits

**Reading:** Ephesians 3:14-21

**Devotional:** God is able to do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think." Your dreams for 2026 may feel impossibly large, but they're likely smaller than what God envisions for you. The limitation isn't His ability—it's our willingness to stretch. What if this year you lived as though God meant what He said? What if you stopped hiding in the crowd and stepped forward? God doesn't just want to do something in you; He wants to do something through you that impacts others. Your obedience creates a ripple effect. When you allow God to stretch you, increase your capacity, and pour into you, you become a vessel that pours out to others. This is the abundant life—not hoarding blessings, but becoming a conduit of God's goodness. Stretch into your purpose today.