



Here's a five-day devotional based on Pastor Charlie's sermon, "Feeding On Ashes"

Day 1: **Understanding Our Spiritual State**

****Scripture Reading**:** Isaiah 44:18-20

****Reflection**:**

Isaiah paints a vivid picture of someone who, despite having made a great effort to prepare a meal, ends up trying to survive on the ashes of what was once nourishing. This is not a BBQ from my house type of meal.

Reflect on the state of your spiritual life today. Have you been feeding on past experiences rather than seeking fresh encounters with God? Acknowledge that it's easy to become spiritually lethargic, relying on yesterday's experiences instead of seeking God's nourishment for today.

****Prayer Prompt**:**

Lord, help me to recognize when I am relying too much on past experiences. Open my eyes to see my need for a fresh encounter with You today. Amen.

Day 2: **The Dangers of Ashes**

****Scripture Reading**:** James 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:15

****Reflection**:**

Feeding on ashes can lead to bitterness, weakness, and even sickness. When we fail to seek new experiences with God, we may find ourselves becoming bitter and frustrated. This can affect not only our own spiritual health but also the lives of those around us. Consider how bitterness has impacted your life and ask yourself if you have been drawing from stale, past experiences rather than seeking the fresh water of God's presence. Susie has told me to take a walk, talk to Jesus, to change my attitude.

****Prayer Prompt**:**

Heavenly Father, reveal any bitterness in my heart that has taken root due to relying on past experiences. Help me to seek fresh insights from Your Word daily and to extend grace to those around me. Amen.

Day 3: **The Necessity of Daily Manna**

****Scripture Reading**:** Lamentations 3:22-23; Exodus 16:19-20

****Reflection**:**

Just as the Israelites were instructed to gather manna each day, we too must seek fresh spiritual nourishment daily. Contemplate how easily we can forget to feed our souls, just as David said he forgot to eat. Without regular feeding on the Word and prayer, we risk spiritual decline. Reflect on how you can prioritize daily devotional time to ensure you're receiving the sustenance you need.

****Prayer Prompt**:**

Lord, thank You for Your daily mercies that renew each morning. Help me to be diligent in seeking You daily and to recognize how vital Your Word is for my spiritual health. Amen.



Day 4: **Clearing Away Yesterday's Ashes**

****Scripture Reading****: Numbers 4:13; 2 Corinthians 4:16

****Reflection****:

Before offering a fresh sacrifice, the ashes of the previous day's sacrifices must be cleared away. If you don't keep the fireplace clean, the fire will not burn correctly.

Examine whether you are allowing yesterday's disappointments and failures to linger in your heart. Just as the priests had to prepare their altar, we too must prepare our hearts for new experiences with God. What steps can you take to let go of the past and open yourself to what God is doing today?

****Prayer Prompt****:

Father, help me clear away the ashes of my past. Teach me to let go of what was, so I can embrace the fresh experiences You have for me today. Renew my spirit and draw me closer to You. Amen.

Day 5: **Pursuing Fresh Fire**

****Scripture Reading****: Psalm 92:1-2; Acts 2:4

****Reflection****:

Spiritual growth is often characterized by a desire for fresh fire and new experiences with God. The disciples understood the necessity of daily encounters with God, consistently seeking His presence. How can you cultivate a heart that desires fresh anointing and renewal? Reflect on practical ways you can intentionally seek God's presence each day and foster a spirit of expectation for the new things He wants to do in your life. We must be hungry for the things of the Spirit.

****Prayer Prompt****:

Lord, ignite in me a desire for fresh fire. Help me to seek You daily and expect new experiences in our relationship. Open my heart to the fresh anointing You offer and empower me to live fully in Your presence. Amen.

Conclusion:

This five-day devotional encourages participants to seek fresh encounters with God rather than relying on past experiences. Each day's focus invites self-reflection, prayer, and practical application, fostering a deeper, more fulfilling relationship with the Lord