

5 Day Devo Sound of Awakening- Ryan Johnson

Day 1: Awakening to God's Call Reading: Ephesians 5:11-17

Devotional: As we enter this new season, God is sounding an alarm to awaken His people. Just as Paul urges the Ephesians to "wake up, sleeper," the Lord is calling us out of spiritual slumber. Today's passage reminds us that our time is precious and the days are evil. How often do we sleepwalk through life, unaware of God's purposes around us?

Reflect on areas where you may have grown complacent or distracted. Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your spiritual senses and help you discern God's activity in your life and community. Consider how you can "make the most of every opportunity" to align yourself with God's will and be a light in the darkness.

Prayer: Lord, awaken my heart to Your voice. Help me shake off spiritual lethargy and walk wisely in these challenging times. May I be fully alert and responsive to Your leading each day.

Day 2: Repentance and Return Reading: Joel 2:12-17

Devotional: The prophet Joel calls God's people to wholehearted repentance - not just outward gestures, but a genuine turning of the heart. As we approach this new year in God's calendar, we're invited to examine ourselves deeply and return to our first love.

What areas of your life need realignment with God's purposes? Are there idols or distractions that have drawn your heart away from full devotion to the Lord? Take time to confess these to God, remembering His promise that He is "gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love."

True repentance isn't just feeling sorry; it's a change of direction. Consider one practical step you can take today to demonstrate your renewed commitment to God.

Prayer: Father, search my heart and reveal any areas where I've strayed. I turn back to You with my whole being. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Day 3: Unleashing the Power of Declaration Reading: Proverbs 18:21; Romans 10:8-10

Devotional: Our words have immense power - to build up or tear down, to release life or death. As we're reminded in Proverbs, "The tongue has the power of life and death." In this prophetic season, God is calling His people to use their voices to align with heaven's purposes.

Reflect on your speech patterns. How often do your words reflect doubt, negativity, or defeat rather than faith and hope? Challenge yourself to be more intentional with your declarations. Speak God's promises over your life, your family, and your community. When facing challenges, resist the temptation to complain and instead proclaim God's faithfulness and power.

Remember, as Romans tells us, faith comes by hearing. The more you speak God's truth, the more your own faith will grow.

Prayer: Lord, set a guard over my mouth. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. Teach me to speak words of life that align with Your purposes.

Day 4: Embracing Divine Connection Reading: John 15:1-8

Devotional: Jesus uses the powerful metaphor of the vine and branches to illustrate our need for constant, vital connection to Him. As we enter a year focused on divine connection, this passage takes on renewed significance.

Consider the depth of your connection to Christ. Are you abiding in Him moment by moment, or do you find yourself trying to operate in your own strength? Remember, Jesus says that apart from Him, we can do nothing of eternal value.

What practical steps can you take to deepen your connection with God? Perhaps it's setting aside more time for prayer, meditation on Scripture, or simply practicing awareness of His presence throughout your day. As you cultivate this connection, trust that it will bear much fruit in your life and ministry.

Prayer: Jesus, I want to abide in You more deeply. Prune away anything in my life that hinders our connection. May Your life flow through me, producing fruit that glorifies the Father.

Day 5: Advancing the Kingdom with Courage Reading: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Devotional: As we conclude this devotional series, we're reminded of our Great Commission. Jesus calls us not just to personal piety, but to active engagement in advancing His kingdom. We're empowered by His authority and the promised Holy Spirit to be His witnesses.

In light of the prophetic urgency of our times, how is God calling you to step out in faith? Is there a ministry He's nudging you towards, a person He's asking you to reach out to, or a bold step of obedience He's inviting you to take?

Remember, you're not called to this task alone. You have the promise of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. Let this encourage you to move beyond your comfort zone and participate in God's mission with renewed zeal and courage.

Prayer: Lord, fill me afresh with Your Holy Spirit. Give me courage to step out in faith and be Your witness in word and deed. Use me as an instrument of Your kingdom's advancement in my sphere of influence.