

A 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL COMPANION

The House That Holds Everyone

“...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15

Written reflections, Scripture, journaling space, and prayers to accompany the audio devotional series

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Welcome

Two houses can look the same from the street. Both have walls. Both have a roof. Both seem stable on a sunny day. But storms reveal foundations—and what holds a home together is not its appearance, but what it is built on and the rhythms practiced inside it.

This written guide is designed to walk alongside the audio devotional. Each day follows the same simple rhythm, so you can listen, read, reflect, and respond at your own pace.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

- 1. Listen.** Begin with the day's audio devotional. Let the message settle before you pick up your pen.
- 2. Read.** Open your Bible to the day's passage and read it in full. The key verse is printed for you.
- 3. Reflect.** Read the written devotional, then answer the reflection questions honestly in the space provided.
- 4. Respond.** Complete the practical step. Healing grows through small, intentional acts of faith.
- 5. Pray.** Pray the written prayer aloud, then add your own words.
- 6. Remember.** Carry the day's closing truth with you. Write it somewhere you will see it.

A note before you begin: this devotional is a tool for reflection, not a substitute for pastoral care or professional counseling. If what surfaces feels too heavy to carry alone, please reach out to a pastor or a trusted, qualified counselor.

THE JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

Day	Theme	Scripture
Day 1	The Foundation That Cannot Crack	Matthew 7:24–27
Day 2	The Power of Continuing	Acts 2:42
Day 3	No One Drowns Alone	Galatians 6:2
Day 4	Worship That Is Not a Performance	Psalms 16:11
Day 5	As for Me and My House	Joshua 24:15

DAY 4

Worship That Is Not a Performance

Today's Reading: Psalm 16:11 | Audio: Day 4

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

— Psalm 16:11 (KJV)

DEVOTIONAL

In God's presence there is fullness of joy. Not a little joy. Not temporary joy. Not joy that depends on perfect circumstances. Fullness of joy.

The early church praised God with gladness and singleness of heart. Their praise was not a Sunday production, turned on for a service and off at home. It was the overflow of people who had encountered the living God—and when worship is real, people can tell. They had favor with those around them, not because they had the best strategy, but because something about their lives was undeniably genuine. Their joy had weight. Their praise was connected to their daily life.

That challenges us, because the question is not only, "Do I worship on Sunday?" The deeper question is, "Is worship alive in me on Tuesday?" What is the atmosphere of my home? Is there prayer there? Is there praise there? Is there gratitude there? Is the presence of God welcomed in ordinary moments?

Oil is made at home. It is made in the quiet place, when no one is watching—when you choose prayer before panic, worship before complaint, gratitude before distraction; when you open your mouth in praise even though the day feels heavy. That does not mean your home has to be loud all the time, or that every moment feels spiritual. It means the presence of God is not treated like a guest who only visits on Sunday. He is welcomed into the kitchen. Into the car ride. Into the bedtime routine. Into the difficult conversation. Into the morning, before the phone gets your first attention.

Worship sets the atmosphere. If the first voice you listen to each morning is anxiety, the day often follows that tone. But when you begin with praise, you remind your soul who is Lord. You do not have to feel powerful to worship or perfect to praise. You simply have to turn your heart toward Him—and as you do, joy begins to rise. Not because everything is easy, but because He is present.

WELCOME HIS PRESENCE INTO

The kitchen • The car ride • The bedtime routine • The difficult conversation • The first minutes of the morning

DAY 4 • JOURNAL & RESPONSE

REFLECT

1. *Does the atmosphere of your home reflect the presence of God?*

2. *What would your family, neighbors, or coworkers say they notice most about the way you live?*

RESPOND: TODAY'S PRACTICAL STEP

- Tomorrow morning, before you check your phone, before you begin your tasks, before you speak to anyone else, take five minutes for intentional praise.
- Thank God out loud. Sing softly if you can.
- Let worship set the tone before the day sets it for you.

DAY 4 • PRAYER

PRAY

Lord Jesus, bring us back to worship that is real. Forgive us for treating praise like a performance instead of a life lived in Your presence. Fill our homes with gratitude, peace, and joy. Teach us to welcome You into ordinary moments. Let our worship be genuine when no one is watching, and let our lives carry the fragrance of Your presence. In Jesus' name, amen.

My own prayer:

REMEMBER THIS

Let praise begin at home.

Going Deeper: Psalm 34:1 • Colossians 3:16–17 • Acts 2:46–47