

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

New Life Tabernacle Carrollwood

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 5

As for Me and My House

Today's Reading: Joshua 24:15 | Audio: Day 5

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

— Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

DEVOTIONAL

Joshua's words are familiar. Many people have them on a wall, a sign, a picture frame, or a welcome mat. But before those words became decoration, they were a declaration.

Joshua stood before the people and called them to a decision. He did not leave them in vague spirituality. He did not say, "Think about it someday." He said, "Choose this day whom you will serve." And then he made his own stand: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." That statement was not made because everyone around him agreed, or because the choice was easy. It was made in the presence of alternatives. Other gods were available. Other paths were visible. Other loyalties were competing for the hearts of the people.

That is still true today. Our homes are being disciplined by something. Our schedules teach priorities. Our habits teach values. Our conversations shape hearts. Our entertainment, our rhythms, our responses, our silence, our prayers—or lack of prayer—all of it is forming the atmosphere of the house. So the question is not whether our homes are being shaped. The question is: shaped by what?

Joshua teaches us that spiritual direction requires a clear decision. Not a decision made only on Sunday. Not a decision made for appearances. Not a decision that disappears under pressure. A settled, daily, costly commitment.

If your house is one person, that declaration still matters. If you are raising children alone, it still matters. If your spouse is not where you are spiritually, it still matters. If your family has a complicated history, it still matters. You can make a stand before God today. Strong communities are built by strong churches. Strong churches are built by strong families. And strong families are built by individuals who have made up their minds—no matter what culture does, no matter what others choose, no matter what is popular, no matter what has happened before.

That does not mean your home will become perfect overnight. It means your direction becomes clear. When you fall short, you return to the Lord. When rhythms drift, you rebuild them. When cracks appear, you repair them. When storms come, you stand on the foundation that cannot crack.

DAY 5 • JOURNAL & RESPONSE

REFLECT

1. *Have you made a clear, personal declaration about the spiritual direction of your home?*

2. *What would it look like to lead your household with that kind of intentional commitment beginning today?*

RESPOND: TODAY'S PRACTICAL STEP

- Write out your own declaration for your home. It does not need to be long—only honest, specific, and yours.
- For example: “As for this house, we will pray. We will forgive. We will honor God’s Word. We will serve the Lord.”
- Post it somewhere visible as a daily reminder.

As for me and my house...

DAY 5 • PRAYER

PRAY

Lord Jesus, today we choose You—not just with words, but with our lives, our homes, our habits, and our hearts. Give us courage to make a clear stand. Strengthen our families. Restore our foundations. Teach us to lead with love, humility, and conviction. Let our houses be places where Your presence dwells, Your Word is honored, and Your name is glorified. As for us and our houses, we will serve the Lord. In Jesus' name, amen.

My own prayer:

REMEMBER THIS

Keep building. Keep continuing. Keep showing up.

Going Deeper: Deuteronomy 6:4–9 • Psalm 101:2 • Ephesians 6:4

Looking Back

Keep building. Keep continuing. Keep showing up. Let your home become a house strong enough to help hold a city.

Build on the Rock	Matthew 7 — Day 1
Continue steadfastly	Acts 2 — Day 2
Carry one another's burdens	Galatians 6 — Day 3
Worship in ordinary moments	Psalm 16 — Day 4
Make the declaration	Joshua 24 — Day 5

FINAL REFLECTION

1. *Which day spoke to me most deeply, and why?*

2. *What did God show me about the foundation and rhythms of my home?*

3. *What is one rhythm I will keep continuing after these five days?*

Ready to take a next step?

If this devotional stirred a desire to repent, be baptized in Jesus' name, receive the Holy Ghost, or simply talk and pray with someone, we would be honored to walk with you. Reach out to a pastor or leader at New Life Tabernacle Carrollwood.