

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 1

The Foundation That Cannot Crack

Today's Reading: Matthew 7:24–27 | Audio: Day 1

“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.”

— Matthew 7:24–25 (KJV)

DEVOTIONAL

Jesus gives us a picture we can all understand. Two houses may look similar from the outside. Both may have walls. Both may have a roof. Both may seem stable on a sunny day. But storms reveal foundations.

A beautiful house means very little if the foundation is cracked, and the same is true of our lives. We can spend enormous energy decorating the outside—working hard to appear strong, spiritual, successful, put together, and unbothered. We learn how to say the right things, smile at the right moments, and present the right image.

But God is not fooled by fresh paint over deep cracks. He is not impressed by the exterior if the foundation is unstable. He is not asking, “How does it look to everyone else?” He is asking, “What is it built on?”

Jesus says the wise person hears His words and does them. Not just hears them. Not just agrees with them. Not just posts them, quotes them, or admires them. The wise person builds by obedience. That means Christ Himself must be the foundation of our homes—not tradition alone, not church attendance alone, not good intentions, not family reputation, not emotion, not what we used to do. Christ. His Word. His ways. Lived out daily.

Often the first step toward building well is admitting where we have been painting instead of repairing. Maybe there are cracks in your prayer life. Maybe there are cracks in communication at home. Maybe forgiveness has been avoided. Maybe worship has become something you attend rather than something you live. Maybe the Word of God is respected in theory but neglected in practice.

Today is not about shame. It is about honesty. God does not reveal cracks to condemn us; He reveals them so He can restore what is weak.

DAY 1 • JOURNAL & RESPONSE

REFLECT

1. *What is one area of your home life that looks strong on the outside, but needs honest attention on the inside?*

2. *Where have you been painting over something instead of repairing it?*

RESPOND: TODAY'S PRACTICAL STEP

- Set aside ten quiet minutes today. No phone. No distractions.
- Ask the Lord, “Show me any cracked foundations in my walk with You, and in the rhythms of my home.”
- Write down what He brings to mind, and bring it to Him in prayer.

What the Lord brought to mind:

DAY 1 • PRAYER

PRAY

Lord Jesus, You are the foundation that cannot crack. Forgive us for the places where we have cared more about appearance than obedience. Show us what needs to be repaired. Give us courage to stop performing and start building. Let our homes be established on Your Word, Your presence, and Your truth. Strengthen what is weak, heal what is broken, and teach us to build wisely. In Jesus' name, amen.

My own prayer:

REMEMBER THIS

Storms reveal foundations. Ask yourself today: what am I truly building on?

Going Deeper: 1 Corinthians 3:10–11 • Psalm 127:1 • James 1:22–25