

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Here I Am, Send Me

Devotional

Have you ever felt like God couldn't use you because you don't have enough experience, resources, or spiritual maturity? Many of us struggle with feelings of inadequacy when it comes to serving God and reaching others. We look at our limitations and think we need to wait until we're more qualified or better equipped.

But God has a different perspective. He doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called. Throughout Scripture, we see God using ordinary people in extraordinary ways - not because of their perfection, but because of their availability. Moses felt unqualified to speak, yet God used him to deliver Israel. David was just a shepherd boy, yet God chose him to be king. The disciples were fishermen and tax collectors, yet they turned the world upside down.

The beautiful truth is that God wants to use you exactly where you are, with exactly what you have. Your current circumstances, your workplace, your neighborhood, your family - these aren't obstacles to ministry; they're your mission field. When you show up to church on Sunday, you're not just there to receive; you're there as someone on mission to encourage others, build them up, and share the hope of Jesus.

Availability is more important than ability. God is looking for willing hearts, not perfect resumes. When Isaiah heard God asking, "Whom shall I send?" his response wasn't, "Send me after I get more training." It was simply, "Here I am, send me." That same invitation is extended to you today. God has strategically placed people in your life who need His love, His hope, and His healing touch. The question isn't whether you're qualified enough - it's whether you're available enough.

Bible Verse

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." - Isaiah 6:8

Reflection Question

Who has God strategically placed in your life that you could encourage, serve, or share the gospel with this week?

Quote

God wants to use me and you to reach others. It's that simple.

Prayer

Lord, help me to see that You want to use me right where I am. Give me the courage to say 'Here I am, send me' and the eyes to see the opportunities You place before me each day. Use my life for Your glory. Amen.

Day 2: Access Opens Doors

Devotional

Think about the people who have the greatest influence in your life. Chances are, they're not strangers who occasionally cross your path - they're people who have consistent access to you. Your family members, close friends, coworkers, and neighbors. These relationships didn't develop overnight; they were built through regular interaction, shared experiences, and mutual trust.

The same principle applies to ministry and reaching others for Christ. Our degree of availability to be used by God is often limited by our access to people. If we want to make a meaningful impact in someone's life, we need to be present in their world. This means showing up consistently, building genuine relationships, and earning the right to be heard.

Peter and John had access to the temple because they made it a regular practice to go there for prayer. Their consistency in spiritual disciplines put them in the right place at the right time to encounter the lame man. They weren't looking for a ministry opportunity - they were simply being faithful in their walk with God, which created natural opportunities for Him to use them.

Getting access doesn't mean being pushy or forcing your way into people's lives. It means being genuinely interested in others, showing up when it matters, and being the kind of person others want to be around. It means joining the softball team, attending the neighborhood barbecue, volunteering at your child's school, or simply being a good neighbor who's available when someone needs help.

When you get the access, you'll find multiple doors of availability for God to use your life in natural ways. Relationships are the bridge that allows God's love to flow from your heart to others.

Bible Verse

"And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them." - Luke 5:17

Reflection Question

What practical steps can you take this week to gain better access to the people God has placed in your sphere of influence?

Quote

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Prayer

Father, help me to be intentional about building genuine relationships with those around me. Show me how to gain access to people's hearts and lives in natural, authentic ways. Open doors for me to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Day 3: Carrying Others to Jesus

Devotional

There's something deeply moving about people who refuse to give up on others. We see it in parents who never stop praying for their prodigal children, friends who continue to believe in someone when everyone else has written them off, and spouses who keep loving when love isn't returned. This kind of persistent, sacrificial love reflects the heart of God.

The lame man at the Beautiful Gate had friends who carried him there every day. For over 40 years, they faithfully brought him to the temple, hoping for help. They didn't see immediate results, but they didn't give up. Their faithfulness positioned him to encounter Peter and John at just the right moment for his miracle.

Who are you carrying to Jesus? Every believer should have people in their life that they're spiritually responsible for - friends, family members, coworkers, or neighbors who need God's touch. These are the people you pray for regularly, the ones you refuse to give up on, the ones you keep bringing before the throne of grace even when you don't see immediate change.

Carrying others isn't always easy. It requires patience when people don't respond the way we hope. It means continuing to love when our efforts seem unappreciated. It involves praying when we don't see answers and believing when circumstances look hopeless. But this is exactly what Jesus did for us - He carried us to the Father when we couldn't carry ourselves.

Sometimes God allows delays not because He doesn't care, but because He has a greater plan. The lame man's healing after 40 years created a much bigger platform for the gospel than if it had happened quietly years earlier. Your faithful carrying of others may be preparing them for a divine encounter that will impact not just them, but many others as well.

Bible Verse

"Then the lame man leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." - Acts 3:8

Reflection Question

Who in your life has God placed on your heart to carry in prayer and love, even when you don't see immediate results?

Quote

Keep carrying him. It's hard, I get it. But keep carrying those friends.

Prayer

Lord, give me the strength and persistence to keep carrying those You've placed in my life. Help me not to grow weary in doing good, knowing that in due season I will reap if I don't give up. Use my faithfulness to position others for their divine encounters. Amen.

Day 4: What You Have Is Enough

Devotional

"I don't have enough money to make a difference." "I'm not educated enough to share my faith." "I don't have the right connections or resources." How often do we disqualify ourselves from being used by God because we focus on what we lack rather than what we have?

Peter faced this exact situation when confronted with the lame man's need. The man was asking for money, something Peter didn't have. But instead of making excuses or walking away embarrassed, Peter offered what he did have - the name and power of Jesus Christ. His lack of silver and gold didn't disqualify him from ministry; it actually created space for God to work in a more powerful way.

Sometimes our financial limitations, educational gaps, or resource constraints are actually God's opportunities to do something greater through us. When we can't rely on our own strength, wealth, or abilities, we're forced to depend entirely on Him. This is often when we see the most miraculous results.

The key is taking inventory of what you do have rather than obsessing over what you don't. You may not have money, but you have time. You may not have formal training, but you have life experience. You may not have a platform, but you have relationships. You may not have all the answers, but you have Jesus, and that's enough.

Peter didn't let his limitations become excuses. He owned his lack honestly - "Silver and gold I don't have" - but then immediately pivoted to what he could offer. This kind of honest assessment followed by faithful action is what God uses to change lives and advance His kingdom.

What do you have that God wants to use? Stop focusing on your empty pockets and start focusing on your full heart.

Bible Verse

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." - Acts 3:6

Reflection Question

What resources, abilities, or experiences do you have that God could use to bless others, even if they seem small or insignificant to you?

Quote

What Peter didn't have didn't keep him from being used by God. He didn't make any excuses. He owned his own lack of, I don't have anything, but I do have Jesus, and I can give you that.

Prayer

God, help me to stop making excuses about what I don't have and start offering what I do have. Show me how to use my gifts, resources, and experiences for Your glory. Let my limitations become opportunities for You to work powerfully through me. Amen.

Day 5: Step Out in Faith

Devotional

Ministry always involves risk. There's always the possibility that things could go wrong, people might reject you, or you could face embarrassment. When Peter told the lame man to rise up and walk, he was taking a huge risk. What if nothing happened? What if the man remained on the ground? Peter's reputation and credibility were on the line.

But effective ministry ultimately comes down to the power of the Holy Spirit working through our lives to reach and touch other people. It's not about our eloquence, our programs, or our strategies - it's about stepping out in faith and allowing God to work through us. Peter understood that the miracle wouldn't happen because of his own power or godliness, but because he was willing to act on what Jesus had taught him.

God often puts us in overwhelming circumstances with limited resources specifically so we'll lean on Him and see Him work. These situations force us to move beyond our comfort zones and depend entirely on His strength. When we step out in faith, we create space for God to demonstrate His power in ways that bring Him glory and advance His kingdom.

The beautiful thing about taking risks for God is that even when things don't go as planned, He can still use our obedience. Sometimes the greatest victories come through apparent failures, and sometimes our willingness to step out encourages others to do the same.

If God has put something on your heart to do, don't let fear hold you back. Yes, there's always a risk factor, but there's also the incredible opportunity to see God work in miraculous ways. The lameness of humanity - whether physical, emotional, or spiritual - is the church's opportunity to demonstrate God's healing power.

What step of faith is God calling you to take today?

Bible Verse

"And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength." - Acts 3:7

Reflection Question

What step of faith has God been prompting you to take that you've been hesitating on because of fear or uncertainty?

Quote

If God puts something on your heart to do, do it.

Prayer

Lord, give me the courage to step out in faith when You prompt me. Help me to trust in Your power rather than my own abilities. Use my willingness to take risks for You as an opportunity to demonstrate Your glory and advance Your kingdom. Amen.