

A JOURNEY BEYOND SUNDAY

5 Day
Devotional

WHY MISSIONS IS
IMPORTANT



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Preface: A Journey Beyond Sunday

Thank you for choosing to continue the journey beyond Sunday.

Each week, God speaks to our church through the preached Word, and often what is planted in a single sermon is meant to grow through daily reflection, prayer, and obedience. This 5-day devotional has been prayerfully created from Pastor Phillip Polk's most recent Sunday message to help you revisit, reflect, and respond to what God is saying in this season.

Our hope is that this devotional serves as more than a reading plan—it is a tool for spiritual growth. These daily moments are designed to help you slow down, listen closely, and allow the truth of God's Word to take deeper root in your heart and life. As you engage each day, we encourage you to invite the Holy Spirit to reveal how the message applies personally to you and how it might shape your walk with Christ.

This devotional also helps us remain connected as a church family, unified around the vision God has entrusted to Pastor Polk and the direction the Lord is leading our church. While God speaks uniquely to each of us, there is power in journeying together—anchored in the same Word, moving forward with shared faith and purpose.

As you begin, come with an open heart. Read prayerfully. Reflect honestly. And trust that God is still speaking—guiding, refining, and strengthening you day by day.

May this week draw you closer to Him and deepen your connection to what God is doing among us.



**READ
PHILIPPIANS 4:15-19**

Day 1

WHY MISSIONS IS IMPORTANT

Philippians 4 reminds us that God’s promise to supply our needs sits in a real-life story of partnership. Paul wasn’t writing a generic slogan; he was thanking a church that consistently supported the work of the gospel. Their generosity wasn’t random charity—it was a spiritual investment that strengthened ministry, spread the message, and brought joy to God’s heart.

Promises are frequently connected to participation. When we align our lives with God’s priorities. Especially the advance of the gospel. Our hearts learn to trust Him not only as Provider, but as the One who delights to care for those who care about what He cares about. This isn’t a transaction to control God; it’s a relationship that forms us into faithful partners who learn His faithfulness firsthand.

Today, let your faith expand from merely reciting “God will supply” to living as someone who believes His mission matters. Ask what it would look like for your finances, prayers, and choices to echo the Philippians’ steady, joyful support so that others can hear the good news. The same God who took care of Paul is still able to supply all you need as you walk in His purposes.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN TREATING PHILIPPIANS 4:19 LIKE A STAND-ALONE QUOTE INSTEAD OF PART OF A PARTNERSHIP STORY?

WHAT FEARS SURFACE WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT GENEROSITY CONNECTED TO GOD’S MISSION?

IDENTIFY ONE TANGIBLE WAY YOU CAN “PARTICIPATE” IN GOSPEL WORK THIS WEEK (GIVING, SERVING, ENCOURAGING, PRAYING).

HOW HAS GOD PROVIDED FOR YOU IN THE PAST WHEN YOU STEPPED OUT IN OBEDIENCE? WRITE ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE.

PRAY: “LORD, ALIGN MY TRUST AND MY RESOURCES WITH WHAT MATTERS TO YOU.”



READ

3 JOHN 1:5-8

Day 2

WHY MISSIONS IS IMPORTANT

John praises believers who cared for traveling teachers and missionaries, even when they were strangers. That kind of support is more than hospitality—it’s faithfulness to God. It recognizes that the gospel moves through people who go, and God often meets their needs through people who stay but still share the load.

The sermon highlighted that missionaries often choose not to pressure unbelievers for support, so the church becomes God’s means of provision. This is part of His design: the body of Christ sends, strengthens, and sustains those who carry the message into hard places. When we support those workers, we aren’t spectators; Scripture calls us “partners” in the truth.

Consider how personal this is. Your giving and encouragement can become fuel for someone else’s obedience, and God counts it as partnership. You may never step onto a plane to a distant nation, but you can still stand shoulder-to-shoulder with those who do by choosing consistent, faithful support..

WHO HAS HELPED YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY (A PASTOR, TEACHER, MENTOR), AND HOW DID THEIR SUPPORT MATTER?

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IN WHAT WAYS COULD YOU TREAT MISSIONARIES AND GOSPEL WORKERS AS “PARTNERS” RATHER THAN DISTANT CAUSES?

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CHOOSE ONE MISSIONARY/MINISTRY TO LEARN ABOUT THIS WEEK; WRITE DOWN WHAT THEY DO AND WHY IT MATTERS.

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PLAN ONE ACTION OF SUPPORT TODAY: A GIFT, A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT, OR A SPECIFIC PRAYER COMMITMENT.

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PRAY FOR A HEART THAT REJOICES TO PROVIDE “IN A MANNER THAT PLEASES GOD.”

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**READ
JOHN 4:35**

Day 3

WHY MISSIONS IS IMPORTANT

Jesus challenges His followers to lift their eyes and see what God is already doing: the fields are ripe for harvest. The problem is rarely a lack of need; it's a lack of spiritual awareness. We can become so focused on our own routines, budgets, and concerns that we miss the urgency and opportunity right in front of us.

The sermon connected missions to God's heart because God sees people—cities, neighborhoods, and nations—as ready for the good news. When Jesus says to “wake up,” He's calling us out of spiritual sleepiness and into shared purpose. If the harvest is ready, then workers must be sent, supported, and strengthened so the message can reach those who are waiting—often without even knowing what they're waiting for.

Today is about reorienting your vision. Ask God to help you see your world the way He does: not merely as a place to survive, but as a mission field where lives are changed. As your eyes open to the harvest, your prayers and your generosity begin to feel less like obligation and more like joyful urgency.

WHAT HAS BEEN DISTRACTING YOU FROM “LOOKING UP” AND SEEING THE HARVEST AROUND YOU?

NAME ONE PLACE WHERE GOD MAY BE INVITING YOU TO SEE PEOPLE DIFFERENTLY (WORK, SCHOOL, NEIGHBORHOOD, ONLINE).

HOW DOES RECOGNIZING A READY HARVEST CHANGE YOUR SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM?

SET A DAILY REMINDER THIS WEEK TO PRAY, “LORD, OPEN MY EYES TO THE HARVEST TODAY.”

TAKE ONE STEP TO ENGAGE THE HARVEST: START A CONVERSATION, OFFER PRAYER, OR INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH/COMMUNITY.



**READ
MATTHEW 9:37-38**

Day 4

WHY MISSIONS IS IMPORTANT

Jesus says the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, and then He gives a clear response: pray for workers. Missions isn't only about money; it's also about intercession that births and sustains obedience. Prayer aligns our hearts with God's compassion and asks Him to send people where the need is great.

The sermon reminded us that not everyone can go, but everyone can partner. Praying for laborers includes praying for those already on the field—strength for their bodies, courage for their hearts, clarity for their message, and open doors for the gospel. It also includes praying for new callings to emerge and for the church to recognize, train, and send them.

As you pray, you'll find your own heart changing. God often answers "send workers" prayers by making us more willing—more generous, more attentive, and sometimes even more personally available. Prayer is not the substitute for participation; it is the beginning of it, shaping us into people who care deeply about what God is doing in the world.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT "LABORERS," WHO COMES TO MIND—MISSIONARIES, PASTORS, CHURCH PLANTERS, EVERYDAY BELIEVERS?

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WRITE DOWN TWO NAMES OF GOSPEL WORKERS TO PRAY FOR CONSISTENTLY OVER THE NEXT MONTH.

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WHAT SPECIFIC NEEDS MIGHT THOSE WORKERS FACE (PROVISION, SAFETY, BOLDNESS, LANGUAGE, FAMILY PRESSURE)? PRAY ACCORDINGLY.

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ASK GOD IF HE IS CALLING YOU TO A NEW LEVEL OF PARTNERSHIP—PRAYER, GIVING, MENTORING, OR GOING.

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CREATE A SIMPLE PRAYER PLAN: CHOOSE A TIME, A PLACE, AND A LIST OF PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK.

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

Day 5

WHY MISSIONS IS IMPORTANT

Paul teaches that generosity is not merely about amounts; it's about hearts. God loves cheerful giving because it reflects trust, worship, and joy in His provision. The sermon emphasized that what we give—whether small or large—keeps the gospel moving and connects our everyday lives to eternal outcomes.

This passage also anchors generosity in God's ability: He is able to make grace abound so that we have what we need to do what He asks. Giving isn't a leap into scarcity; it's a step into dependence. As we sow into God's mission, we learn that God is not limited by our resources—He is the One who supplies seed to the sower and multiplies what is given for His purposes.

End this devotional by choosing a sustainable, faith-filled rhythm of partnership. Decide what missions will mean in your life moving forward: a commitment you can keep, prayers you can maintain, and a posture of readiness when God nudges you. When you live this way, you participate in a story bigger than your own—and you will see God's faithfulness shape you as you help send the gospel further.

WHAT WOULD "CHEERFUL" GENEROSITY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU IN THIS SEASON—CONSISTENT, INTENTIONAL, WORSHIPFUL?

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REVIEW YOUR BUDGET OR SPENDING HABITS AND IDENTIFY ONE PLACE YOU CAN REALLOCATE TOWARD MISSIONS OR GOSPEL WORK.

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CHOOSE ONE CONCRETE COMMITMENT FOR THE NEXT 90 DAYS (A MONTHLY AMOUNT, A WEEKLY PRAYER TIME, OR A SPECIFIC MINISTRY TO SUPPORT).

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HOW MIGHT GOD BE INVITING YOU TO TRUST HIM MORE DEEPLY WITH PROVISION AS YOU GIVE?

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PRAY: "GOD, MAKE ME A JOYFUL PARTNER IN YOUR MISSION, AND USE WHAT I HAVE TO ADVANCE YOUR TRUTH."

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