

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Your Adventure Awaits

### Devotional

Life with God isn't meant to be predictable or mundane—it's designed to be an extraordinary adventure. When we surrender control and invite God to lead our steps, we open ourselves to experiences beyond our imagination. Paul and Silas understood this truth as they embarked on their missionary journey, not knowing where God would take them but trusting His guidance completely.

Many of us settle for safe, comfortable Christianity, but God has so much more in store. He wants to use your unique gifts, experiences, and even your struggles for His kingdom purposes. The adventure begins when you stop trying to control every detail and start asking, "Lord, where do You want to take me today?"

This doesn't mean life becomes easy—adventures often include unexpected challenges. But when God is leading, even the difficult moments become part of a greater story He's writing through your life. Your willingness to follow opens doors to impact lives you never imagined touching.

### Bible Verse

'There he found a disciple named Timothy, whose mother was Jewish and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.' - Acts 16:1-3

### Reflection Question

What areas of your life are you still trying to control instead of surrendering to God's adventure?

### Quote

The Christian walk is meant to be an adventure with the Lord. It's meant to say, lord, lead me and guide my steps and use my life.

### Prayer

Lord, help me embrace the adventure You have planned for my life. Give me courage to surrender control and trust Your leading, even when I can't see the full picture.

## Day 2: Finding Your Timothy

### Devotional

God has a beautiful way of bringing people into our lives who need what we have to offer. Just as Paul discovered Timothy—a young man from an unlikely background who would become his spiritual son—God places "Timothys" in our path too. These are people we're called to mentor, encourage, and pour into.

Timothy came from a blended family with challenges, yet his grandmother Lois and mother Eunice had faithfully planted seeds of faith in his heart. Sometimes the people God calls us to disciple don't come from perfect backgrounds. They might be coworkers, neighbors, or even family members who seem far from God. But God sees their potential even when we don't.

The key is being available and willing to invest in others. Paul didn't just see Timothy as a helper; he saw him as someone worth developing. When we open our hearts to mentoring others, we participate in God's incredible plan of multiplication. Your influence today could shape a leader for tomorrow's generation.

### Bible Verse

'I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am convinced, now lives in you also.' - 2 Timothy 1:5

### Reflection Question

Who is the "Timothy" in your life that God might be calling you to mentor or disciple?

### Quote

Maybe there's someone in your life that you need to disciple. Look around. Pour Jesus into them. You never know how God's going to use them.

### Prayer

Father, open my eyes to see the people You've placed in my life who need encouragement and discipleship. Give me wisdom and patience to invest in them faithfully.

## Day 3: Love Over Rights

### Devotional

Paul's decision to circumcise Timothy reveals a profound truth about kingdom living: love moves our rights out of the way so others may be saved. Paul knew circumcision wasn't necessary for salvation, but he also understood it would remove barriers to ministry among the Jewish communities they would encounter.

This principle challenges us daily. How often do we insist on our preferences, our comfort, or our way of doing things, even when flexibility might open doors for the gospel? Paul was willing to adapt his approach—not compromising truth, but removing unnecessary obstacles that might prevent people from hearing about Jesus.

Flexibility in God's hands becomes a powerful tool for ministry. When we hold our preferences loosely and our mission tightly, God can use us in ways we never expected. This doesn't mean compromising our convictions, but rather asking, "What matters most—my comfort or someone's salvation?" Love always finds a way to build bridges instead of walls.

### Bible Verse

'Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.' - 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

### Reflection Question

What personal preferences or rights might God be asking you to set aside for the sake of reaching others with His love?

### Quote

Love moves my rights out of the way so that others may be saved.

### Prayer

Lord, help me hold my preferences loosely and Your mission tightly. Give me a heart that chooses love over personal rights when it comes to sharing Your gospel.

# Day 4: Trusting Closed Doors

## Devotional

Sometimes the most important guidance God gives us comes through closed doors. Paul and Silas experienced this firsthand when the Holy Spirit prevented them from preaching in Asia and Bithynia. What seemed like rejection was actually divine redirection toward something greater—the Macedonian vision that would bring the gospel to Europe.

Closed doors can be discouraging, especially when we're eager to serve God. We might wonder if we've done something wrong or if God has forgotten about us. But often, God's "no" is protection and preparation for His "yes." He sees the bigger picture and knows the perfect timing for His plans.

Learning to trust God's closed doors requires faith that sees beyond our immediate disappointment. When we've truly surrendered our lives to His leading, we can rest assured that every closed door serves His greater purpose. The key is maintaining a heart that says, "Not my will, but Yours be done," even when we don't understand the detour.

## Bible Verse

'Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.' - Acts 16:6-8

## Reflection Question

How can you learn to see God's hand in the closed doors you're currently facing?

## Quote

When God leads your life, closed doors are just as important as open ones.

## Prayer

Father, help me trust Your wisdom in both open and closed doors. When You redirect my path, give me faith to believe You're leading me toward something better.

# Day 5: When Natural Meets Supernatural

## Devotional

God's supernatural plans often unfold through natural circumstances. When Paul reached Troas—seemingly at a dead end—God gave him the Macedonian vision. But notice what happened next: Paul used wisdom and common sense to book passage to Macedonia. The supernatural vision required natural action.

This beautiful partnership between divine guidance and human responsibility characterizes the Spirit-led life. God doesn't bypass our minds or eliminate the need for practical steps. Instead, He works through our circumstances, relationships, and even our common sense to accomplish His purposes.

When we're truly following God's lead, we don't have to choose between faith and wisdom—we need both. The same God who gives visions also gives us brains to use. He opens doors and expects us to walk through them. He provides opportunities and calls us to act on them. The natural becomes the stage where the supernatural unfolds, creating a life that's both grounded and miraculous.

## Bible Verse

'After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.' - Acts 16:9-10

## Reflection Question

How can you better combine faith in God's supernatural leading with practical wisdom in your daily decisions?

## Quote

When God leads your life, the natural becomes grounds for the supernatural.

## Prayer

Lord, help me recognize Your supernatural work in natural circumstances. Give me wisdom to act on the opportunities You provide while trusting in Your perfect timing.