

## 5 Day Devotional for the week of March 8, 2026

This week's five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We'll explore the profound message about faith that sustains us through uncertain times, rooted not in our circumstances, but in the unchanging character of God.

### Monday

*Habakkuk 3:17-19 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. <sup>19</sup> The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights.*

Our journey begins with understanding the kind of faith that stands strong regardless of the uncertainty surrounding us. This passage in Habakkuk reflects the prophet's struggle and ultimate trust in God's character. Even as the fig tree does not blossom, and the fields yield no produce, the prophet chooses to rejoice in the Lord. This faith isn't about denying reality but embracing it while clinging to the certainty found in God alone.

The lesson here is clear: faith that lasts doesn't run from reality but faces it head-on, choosing to trust in God's strength. The prophet's decision to find joy in God rather than circumstances serves as an example for us to follow in our own uncertain times.

- Reflect on a situation where you have faced uncertainty. How did you respond?
- What does it mean to have faith rooted in God's character?
- How can you practice rejoicing in the Lord like Habakkuk, even when faced with challenges?
- Pray for the strength to trust in God's character rather than your circumstances.
- Ask God to help you see beyond your current challenges and to find joy in Him.

### Tuesday

*Philippians 4:12-13 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.*

The Apostle Paul understood how to be content in all circumstances, much like Habakkuk. This passage teaches us about the strength that comes from Christ, enabling us to endure whatever life throws our way. Despite the challenges, both Paul and the prophet Habakkuk chose to find contentment by relying on God's strength and promises.

Our faith can be strengthened when we rely on God's power from within. It's not about ignoring our problems but believing that God will provide the endurance needed to overcome them. In the same way, the certainty of God's promises allows us to maintain peace and joy even in the face of uncertainty.

- How does Paul's message of contentment resonate with your current life situation?
- What steps can you take to rely more heavily on Christ's strength in your life?
- Where do you feel God is calling you to trust Him more deeply?
- Pray for the ability to find contentment in God's provision, no matter the situation.
- Ask God for the strength to endure life's challenges with grace and faith.

### **Wednesday**

*Isaiah 40:31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

This passage offers a beautiful promise of renewal and strength for those who hope in the Lord. Like the deer that navigates treacherous terrains, those who trust in God will find their footing even on unstable ground. This assurance brings new strength and perspective, lifting us above our struggles.

God provides us with all we need to stand firm and remain unshaken, much like He did for Habakkuk. Trusting in God gives us a higher perspective, allowing us to see beyond our temporary troubles and into His eternal promises.

- Reflect on a time when you waited on the Lord. What was the outcome?
- How does Isaiah 40:31 encourage you in your current circumstances?
- What perspective shifts need to occur in your life to see God's promises more clearly?
- Pray for the ability to see God's eternal perspective amidst your daily challenges.
- Ask for His strength to remain steadfast on the rocky paths of life.

## Thursday

*Psalm 46:10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

"Be still, and know that I am God" is a call to surrender our control and lean fully on God's sovereignty. When the world around you feels chaotic, stillness in God's presence can bring unparalleled peace. His power is made perfect in our quietness and trust.

In quiet moments of reflection, we recognize that our strength alone is insufficient. It's through understanding the character of God and His sovereign power that we find peace to say, "It is well with my soul," no matter the situation we face.

- What does stillness before God look like for you?
- In what areas of your life do you need to surrender control to God?
- How can the knowledge of God's sovereignty transform your daily living?
- Pray for the grace to release control and trust in God's plan for your life.
- Seek peace in knowing that God is sovereign over all circumstances.

## Friday

*Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

The assurance that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him is a promise that provides hope and trust in His divine plan. Habakkuk's journey shows us that even if circumstances are dire, God remains at work and is faithful to His promises.

We are reminded that faith isn't about escaping reality, but living in it with a heart full of trust in God's goodness. The confidence that God orchestrates all events for our good deeply roots our faith, allowing us to rejoice amidst trials.

- Reflect on how you have seen God work things together for good in your past.
- What are the promises God has made that bring you hope in your current trials?
- How can you nurture a heart that trusts in God's ultimate plan?
- Pray for the wisdom to see God's hand at work in your life.

- Ask for continued trust in His promises, even when the path is unclear.