

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Releasing What We Love Most

Devotional

What holds your heart captive? For many of us, it's comfort, security, or possessions. In Matthew 19, a wealthy young man approached Jesus seeking eternal life. He had followed all the commandments, yet Jesus identified the one thing holding him back: his wealth. "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

The man walked away grieving because he couldn't release what he loved most. This story isn't just about money—it's about whatever we cling to that prevents complete surrender to God's call. For some, it's a career. For others, a relationship or lifestyle. God often asks us to open our hands and release these treasures before He can fill them with something greater.

Consider the couple who sold their beautiful home on eight acres, eliminated debts, and positioned themselves for God's call. They didn't know where God would lead, but they knew they couldn't move forward while clinging to earthly security. Their willingness to release what they loved created space for God to work miraculously in their lives.

What might God be asking you to release today? Remember, God never asks us to give up something without the promise of something far greater in return—treasure in heaven that will never fade, spoil, or be stolen.

Bible Verse

"Jesus answered, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.' When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth." - Matthew 19:21-22

Reflection Question

What is the one thing you find most difficult to surrender to God, and how might holding onto it be limiting what God wants to do in and through your life?

Quote

Jesus was calling the rich young ruler to release what he loved most. You see that Jesus is calling him to release what he loved most. And I wonder if someone, the spirit's been working on someone in here over the last months or days or whatever. Is the spirit asking you to release what you love most?

Prayer

Lord, help me identify what I'm holding too tightly. Give me the courage to open my hands and release what You're asking of me, trusting that Your plans are better than anything I could protect or pursue on my own. Amen.

Day 2: Stepping Out of the Boat

Devotional

Faith requires action. We can talk about trusting God all day, but until we take that first step into uncertainty, our faith remains untested. When Peter saw Jesus walking on water, he didn't just marvel—he asked to join Him. When Jesus said "Come," Peter had to make a choice: stay in the safety of the boat or step into the impossible.

Many of us live our Christian lives from the safety of the boat. We attend church, read our Bibles, and pray for God to move, but we hesitate to step out when He calls us to something that seems impossible or uncomfortable. Yet the miracles happen on the water, not in the boat.

Consider the couple who felt God asking for more despite already being deeply involved in ministry. They could have reasoned that they were doing enough. Instead, they recognized that sometimes God calls us beyond our comfort zones into places where we must depend entirely on Him.

God often speaks to us through His Word, through others, and through answered prayer. When we respond with obedience, He confirms our steps with provision and peace. The couple received miraculous provision of rent-free housing for four years—not before they stepped out, but after they made the decision to obey.

What impossible thing might God be calling you to? Remember, you'll never experience the miracle of walking on water if you don't first get out of the boat.

Bible Verse

"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you." - Isaiah 41:13

Reflection Question

What step of faith has God been asking you to take that seems impossible from a human perspective, and what's holding you back from taking that first step?

Quote

You can't walk on water if you don't get out of the boat. So we got out of the boat and it changed our life.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, give me the courage to step out of my comfort zone when You call. Help me to focus on Your faithfulness rather than my fears, knowing that You'll be holding my hand every step of the way. Amen.

Day 3: God's Heart for the Vulnerable

Devotional

Throughout Scripture, God consistently reveals His special concern for the vulnerable—particularly orphans, widows, and foreigners. These groups represent those without protection or provision in ancient societies. God's heart for them isn't a minor theme but a central aspect of His character and His expectations for His people.

In Psalm 68, God identifies Himself as "a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows." This isn't just one of God's many roles—it's a fundamental expression of who He is. When we care for the vulnerable, we reflect God's character to the world.

The couple in our story discovered God's heart for orphans through personal Bible study, finding over 42 references to God's concern for the fatherless. This revelation wasn't just interesting information—it became a calling that transformed their lives and led them to found a ministry providing gospel-centered, family-based care for orphaned children in South Africa.

God's concern for the vulnerable isn't optional for believers. James 1:27 tells us that pure religion includes caring for orphans and widows. This doesn't mean everyone is called to adopt or move overseas, but it does mean every believer should consider how they can participate in God's heart for the vulnerable.

Today, ask yourself: How am I reflecting God's heart for the vulnerable? Whether through prayer, giving, volunteering, advocacy, or direct care, everyone can do something to demonstrate God's love to those who need it most.

Bible Verse

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." - James 1:27

Reflection Question

In what specific ways could you begin to reflect God's heart for the vulnerable in your daily life, your community, or through global engagement?

Quote

At Le Kiway we believe that everyone can do something. Everyone is called to be the hands and feet of Jesus. And that's what Jesus was getting at with that rich young ruler. Right? Like what's holding to this world, are you willing to give it up and come see what I'm doing and feed someone?

Prayer

God, open my eyes to see the vulnerable around me as You see them. Give me Your heart of compassion and show me practical ways I can extend Your love and care to those who need it most. Amen.

Day 4: Praying Crazy Prayers

Devotional

Prayer is one of our greatest privileges—direct access to the Creator of the universe. The God who dwells in unapproachable light invites us to climb onto His lap like children and pour out our hearts. Yet how often do we limit our prayers to what seems reasonable or possible?

God delights in answering prayers that showcase His power and glory. Throughout Scripture, we see people praying audacious prayers: Joshua asking the sun to stand still, Elijah calling down fire from heaven, Nehemiah requesting favor from a foreign king to rebuild Jerusalem. These weren't safe prayers—they were crazy prayers that required God's supernatural intervention.

The couple in our story prayed crazy prayers, asking God to confirm their calling and provide for their needs. God responded with miraculous provision, including rent-free housing for four years. Their experience reminds us that God often exceeds our expectations when we dare to ask for the impossible.

Why do we hesitate to pray crazy prayers? Perhaps we fear disappointment or doubt God's willingness to act dramatically in our lives. But limiting our prayers to what seems possible limits our experience of God's power and provision.

Today, consider what crazy prayer God might be inviting you to pray. What impossible situation needs His intervention? What God-sized dream has He placed in your heart? Remember, you serve a God who specializes in doing "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

Bible Verse

"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." - 1 Timothy 6:16

Reflection Question

What "crazy prayer" has God been placing on your heart that you've been hesitant to pray because it seems too big or impossible?

Quote

Start praying crazy prayers. You know, because you have a God who's capable and just might be crazy enough to actually answer them.

Prayer

Almighty God, forgive me for limiting what I ask of You. Increase my faith to pray prayers that require Your supernatural intervention. Help me to remember that nothing is impossible for You, and that You delight in showing Your power and glory through answered prayer. Amen.

Day 5: Everyone Can Do Something

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When faced with overwhelming needs in our world—millions of orphans, rampant poverty, human trafficking, religious persecution—it's easy to feel paralyzed. What difference can one person make? But God doesn't call us to solve every problem; He calls us to be faithful with what He's placed in our hands.

In Matthew 25, Jesus teaches that our response to "the least of these" reveals our true relationship with Him. When we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, or visit the imprisoned, we're serving Jesus Himself. This passage doesn't suggest we can meet every need, but it does imply that everyone can do something.

The couple who founded Luki Way didn't eliminate South Africa's orphan crisis, but they created a model of gospel-centered, family-based care that transforms lives one child at a time. Their work reminds us that significant impact often begins with small steps of obedience.

God has uniquely designed you with specific gifts, resources, and opportunities. Psalm 139 tells us we are "fearfully and wonderfully made"—woven together by God for specific purposes. Your unique design isn't accidental; it's intentional for the good works God has prepared for you.

Today, instead of being overwhelmed by what you can't do, focus on what you can do. Maybe it's supporting organizations that care for the vulnerable, advocating for justice, mentoring a child, or opening your home. Whatever it is, remember: everyone can do something, and when we all do something, together we make a significant difference.

Bible Verse

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." - Psalm 139:13-14

Reflection Question

Given your unique gifts, resources, and circumstances, what is one specific action you could take this week to serve "the least of these" in your community or around the world?

Quote

Luki Way, as you saw in the video, means woven or weaving. Our main Psalm is Psalm 139 that literally says the Bible says you were knit, you were woven in the womb by God. You know what that means for every single person in this room right now? God intricately wove you exactly the way you are. When God was weaving you, he said, the world needs one of you. He made you special for this world.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for creating me with purpose. Help me to see the needs around me through Your eyes and to respond with the gifts and resources You've given me. Show me the specific ways You're calling me to serve, and give me courage to take action. Amen.