

Daily Devotions

Day 1: The Father as Provider

Reading: Matthew 6:9-13; Philippians 4:19

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He began with "Our Father." This wasn't merely poetic—it established God's fundamental role as our Provider. Every breath, every blessing, every provision flows from His generous hand. Today, reflect on how God has provided for you—not just materially, but emotionally, spiritually, and relationally. Like Abraham at Mount Moriah, we discover that "the Lord will provide." When anxiety grips your heart about tomorrow's needs, remember that your heavenly Father already knows what you require. Practice thanksgiving today by listing five ways God has provided for you this week. Let gratitude tune your heart to heaven's frequency.

Day 2: Jesus Our Intercessor

Reading: John 17:9-20; Hebrews 7:25

Right now, at this very moment, Jesus is praying for you. Let that truth settle deeply into your soul. The Son of God, seated at the Father's right hand, is interceding on your behalf. When you stumble, He pleads your case. When you're weak, He strengthens you through prayer. When the enemy accuses, Jesus advocates. You're not facing life alone or forgotten. You're on Christ's prayer list—permanently. This should transform how you view your struggles today. That difficult situation? Jesus is praying about it. That persistent sin? He's interceding for your victory. Spend time today thanking Jesus for His ongoing ministry in your life. Then ask: Who needs me to intercede for them today?

Day 3: The Spirit as Helper

Reading: John 14:15-18; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14

The Christian life isn't meant to be lived in your own strength. God knows you need help—constant, reliable, permanent help. That's why Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, another Helper exactly like Himself. The Spirit isn't a vague force or occasional feeling; He's a divine Person dwelling within every believer. He guides you into truth, convicts you of sin for your growth, and empowers you for obedience. Today, consider this: Are you trying to live the Christian life independently, or are you daily yielding to the Spirit's help? The Helper is already present. The question is whether you're relying on Him. Begin each hour today with a simple prayer: "Holy Spirit, help me now."

Day 4: The Believer's Obedience

Reading: John 14:15, 21-24; James 1:22-25

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Jesus makes the connection clear: love expresses itself through obedience. But this isn't burdensome duty—it's harmonious relationship. When a symphony plays out of tune, it's painful. When believers live disobediently, we create dissonance with the Trinity. The Father, Son, and Spirit work in perfect harmony; when we're out of step, we're the problem. Today, honestly examine your life. Where are you hitting wrong notes? What area of disobedience is creating discord? Confession and repentance restore harmony. Remember, obedience isn't about earning God's love—it's about staying in tune with the One who already loves you completely. What one adjustment can you make today?

Day 5: Living in Harmony

Reading: Ephesians 5:15-21; Colossians 3:12-17

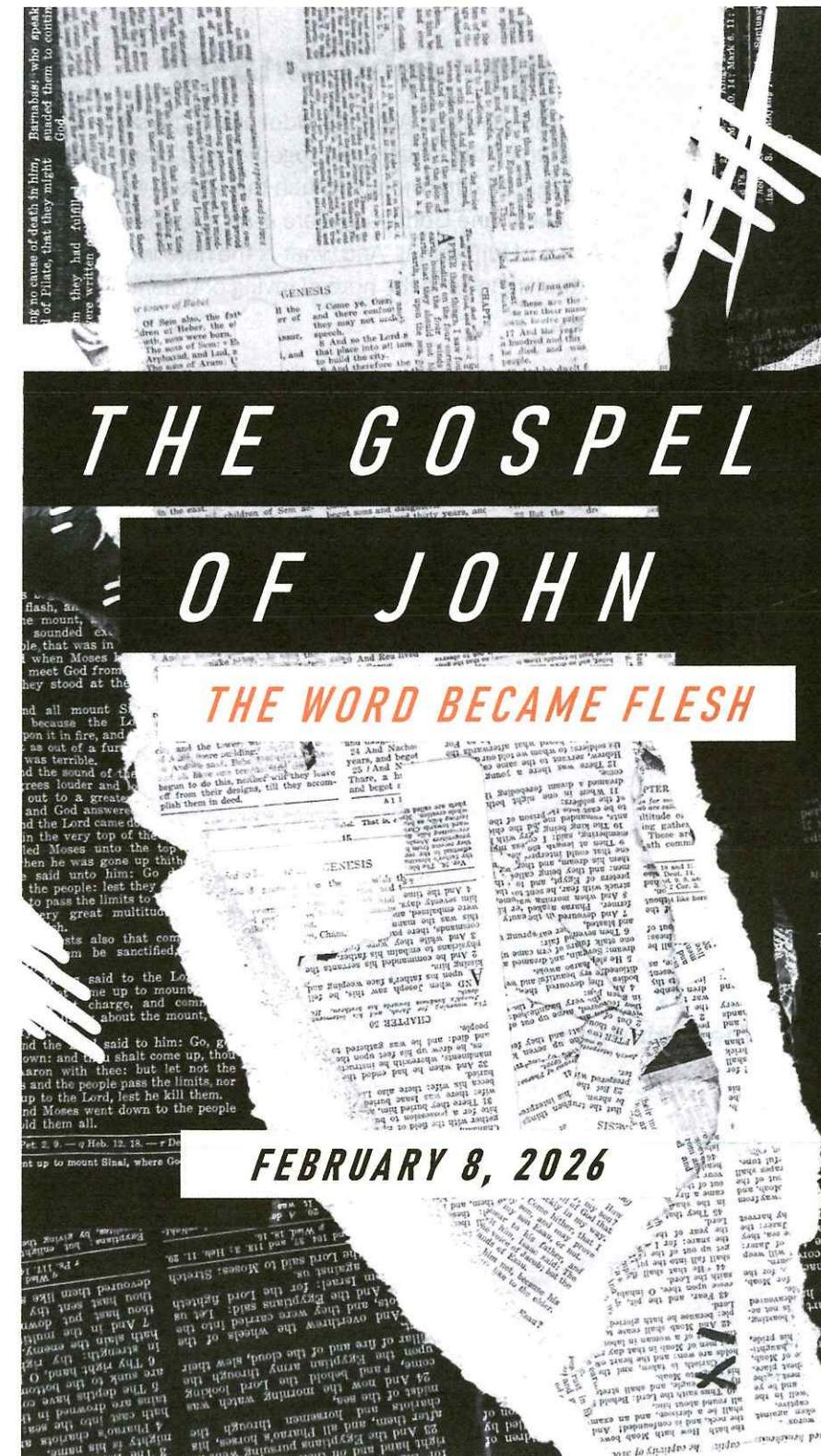
Beautiful music requires each musician to play their part while listening to others. The Trinity models perfect harmony: the Father provides, the Son intercedes, the Spirit helps. Your part? Conforming to Christ through Spirit-filled obedience. Being filled with the Spirit isn't a one-time experience but a daily yielding of your will to God's purposes. Submit your thoughts, emotions, relationships, and actions to His direction. When you do, you experience the beauty of life in harmony with God—and that harmony overflows into your relationships with others. Today, intentionally yield every part of your life to the Spirit's control. Invite Him to fill you afresh. Let Him tune your heart so that your life makes beautiful music for God's glory.

Deacons on Call

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Weekly Events

- **WORSHIP:** Sundays at 9:45 AM
- **SMALL GROUPS:** Sundays at 11 AM
- **DEEP DIVE:** Wednesdays at Noon and 6:45 PM
- **FIRST KIDS:** Wednesdays at 5:30
- **FIRST YOUTH:** Wednesdays - MS 5:30 PM; HS 6:45 PM



Harmony / John 14:15-18

Some of the best moments on American Idol aren't the solo performances, but when all the singers join together and blend their voices in harmony. Spiritual harmony is much the same—when believers blend with the triune Godhead, there is an alignment that results in a deep sense of fulfillment. And what is the note we are to sing in this spiritual song? It is the note of loving obedience!

1. **The Father's part:** _____

2. **The Savior's part:** _____

3. **The Spirit's part:** _____

a. The Holy Spirit is a _____ Helper.

b. The Holy Spirit is a _____ Helper.

c. The Holy Spirit is an _____ Helper.

4. **The Believer's part:** _____

Scripture References (In order of use): Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:28-29; John 7:45-46
Referenced Works: Canne, Browne, Blayney, Scott (The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge); Addresses on the Gospel of John (H. A. Ironside); The Beloved Disciple's Memoirs and Letters (Bob Utley); John: That You May Believe (R. Kent Hughes); The Gospel of John (Jack Wilson Stallings)

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been part of something (sports team, choir, work project) where everyone worked together in perfect harmony? What made that possible?
2. Read **John 14:15-18**. Is there anything from the sermon you would like to discuss?
3. **The Father as Provider:** What are some specific ways you've experienced God the Father as your Provider? How does recognizing Him as the source of everything change your prayer life?
4. **The Son as Intercessor:** How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus is praying for you right now? Read Hebrews 7:25 and 1 John 2:1 together. What specific things do these verses say Jesus intercedes for?
5. **The Spirit as Helper:** Patrick described the Holy Spirit as permanent, reliable, and exclusive. Which of these characteristics is most meaningful to you right now, and why?
6. **The Believer as Conformer:** "If life is out of harmony...it's almost always you and me!" When have you experienced life feeling "out of tune" with God? Looking back, what was causing the discord?
7. Jesus connects loving Him with keeping His commandments (v. 15). How is obedience different from legalism? Why is obedience actually an expression of love?
8. Patrick mentions being "filled with the Spirit daily by yielding our will to God." What does this look like practically in your everyday life? What makes this difficult?
9. What do you need to change TODAY in order to align yourself with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

Practical Applications

- **Spirit Filled Living:** Each morning this week, pray specifically: "Holy Spirit, fill me today. I yield my thoughts, emotions, body, and actions to You. Help me live in harmony with God."
- **Harmony Check:** Identify one area where you feel "out of tune" with God. Ask yourself: Am I being disobedient in this area? What would it look like to yield this to the Holy Spirit? What specific step of obedience can I take this week?