

# Daily Devotions

## Day 1: The Promise of Supernatural Life

Reading: John 10:10; John 14:19

Jesus promises more than mere existence—He offers abundant life. Many people go through life simply enduring, waiting for circumstances to change. But Christ's resurrection power brings vitality to our daily experience. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, offering a "superabundance" of life. Are you merely existing, or truly living? Today, ask yourself: Am I experiencing the rich, satisfying life Jesus promised, or am I "mostly dead" spiritually? The difference between existing and living is found in daily walking with Jesus. His presence transforms ordinary existence into extraordinary purpose. Don't settle for less than the abundant life He died to give you.

## Day 2: The Promise of Supernatural Knowledge

Reading: John 14:20; 1 John 1:1-4

The disciples walked with Jesus for three years, yet didn't fully comprehend His identity until after the resurrection. Sometimes our understanding comes in stages. The Holy Spirit progressively reveals who Jesus truly is—not just historical facts, but experiential knowledge that transforms us. This isn't merely intellectual information; it's intimate revelation. When you encounter Christ personally, everything clicks into place. The resurrection separates Christianity from every other religion—our God is alive. Today, reflect on what you truly know about Jesus. Is your knowledge head-based or heart-experienced? Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your understanding and make Jesus more real to you than ever before.

## Day 3: The Promise of Supernatural Presence

Reading: John 14:21-24

God's presence isn't automatic—it's conditional upon obedience. You can be saved but not satisfied, forgiven but not fulfilled. Jesus promises to reveal Himself to those who love Him through obedience. Like dating your spouse, remember when you couldn't get enough time together? That's how our relationship with God should be—craving His presence continually. But disobedience creates distance. Arthur Pink wrote that Christ gives no special revelation to those walking in disobedience. Are you experiencing God's fullness, or just going through religious motions? Examine areas where you've stopped obeying. True love for Jesus manifests in submission to His will. Obedience unlocks the door to experiencing His manifest presence.

## Day 4: The Promise of Supernatural Revelation

Reading: John 14:25-26; 2 Peter 1:4

The Holy Spirit is your personal teacher, available 24/7 without human limitations. He doesn't need sleep, food, or breaks. He illuminates Scripture, bringing sudden clarity to passages you've read countless times. This divine tutor reminds you of Jesus' words and applies them to your circumstances. The disciples remembered three-and-a-half years of detailed teaching because the Spirit brought everything to mind. You have access to this same supernatural revelation. When you read God's Word, the Spirit can make it come alive with fresh insight. Don't just read your Bible—invite the Holy Spirit to teach you. Ask Him to reveal truths you've never seen before and remind you of promises you've forgotten.

## Day 5: Cashing In on God's Promises

Reading: Joshua 21:45; 2 Peter 1:4

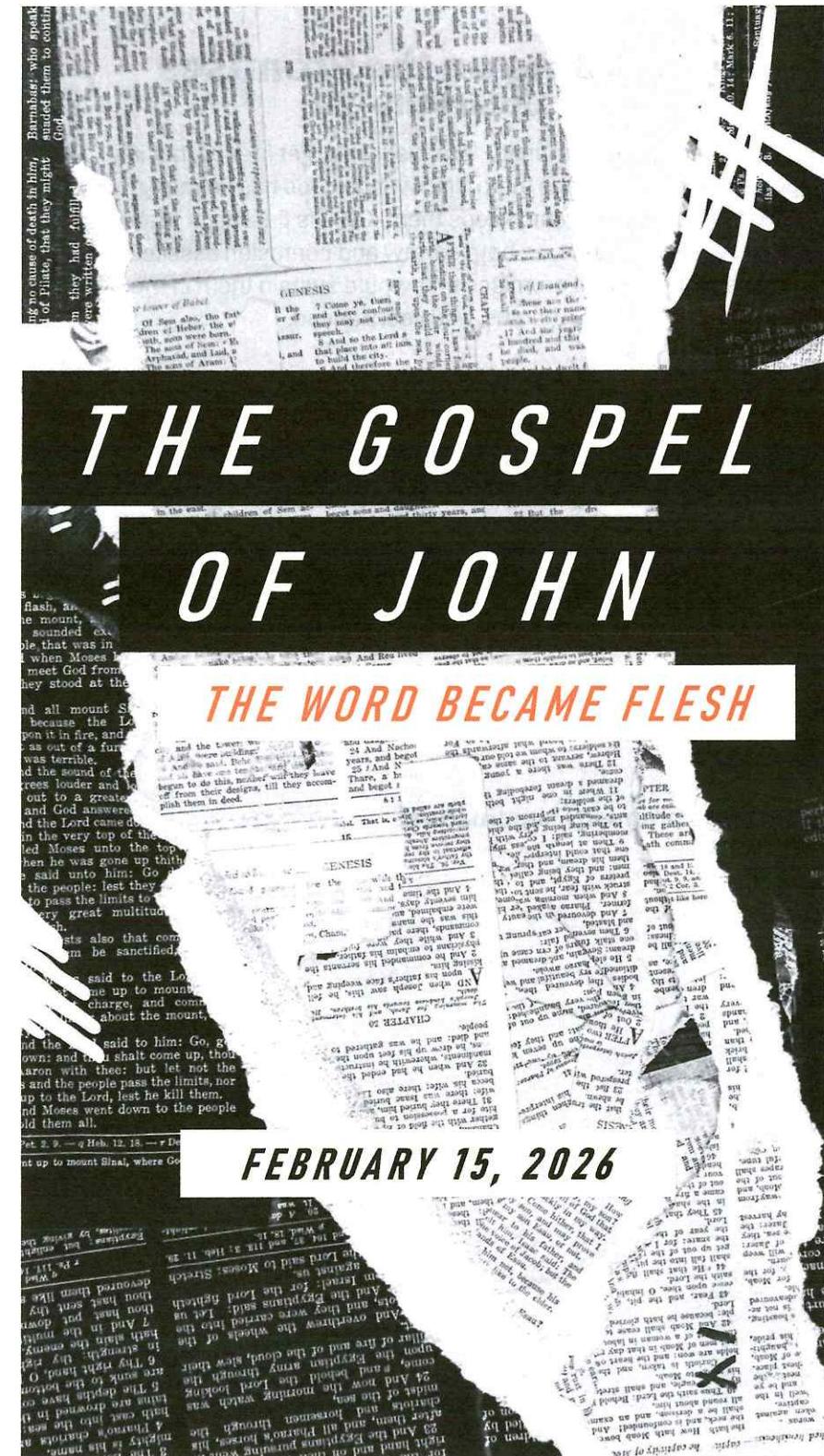
God has given approximately 7,487 promises in Scripture—and not one has failed. Yet many Christians live like the tight-fisted uncle, leaving promises "under the mattress" unused. A spiritually dead person cannot cash in on God's promises any more than a corpse can cash a check. First, ensure you've been born again. Second, stop being "mostly dead" spiritually. God's promises require faith and obedience to activate. Are you standing on His promises or merely admiring them from a distance? Today, identify one specific promise God has given you. Write it down. Believe it. Act on it. God's promises enable you to share His divine nature and escape worldly corruption. Don't die with unclaimed blessings still in your account.

# 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



# Standing on the Promises

## John 14:19-26

Someone once mused, "Promises may get friends, but it's performance that keeps them." No wonder God has so many friends! He makes promises and keeps them. On this final night that Jesus spent with His friends, as both sorrow and confusion assailed them, Jesus made several promises that would sustain them in the days, months, and years ahead.

**A promise is only as good as the \_\_\_\_\_  
who is making the promise.**

**1. Jesus promises supernatural \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. Jesus promises supernatural \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. Jesus promises supernatural \_\_\_\_\_.**

**4. Jesus promises supernatural \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Scripture References (In order of use):** Joshua 21:45; 1 Peter 1:4; John 10:10; 1 John 1:1-4

**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. What's the most memorable promise someone made to you—either one that was kept or broken? How did it affect your relationship with that person?
2. Read **John 14:19-26**. Is there anything from the sermon you would like to discuss?
3. What's the difference between "existing" and truly "living" according to this sermon? Can you identify areas in your life where you might be just existing rather than experiencing the abundant life Jesus promises?
4. Jesus promises "a rich and satisfying life"—a superabundance. What does this look like practically? What might be robbing you of experiencing this fullness?
5. The disciples didn't fully understand who Jesus was until after His resurrection. What truths about Jesus have become clearer to you over time? What helped those truths "click"?
6. Jesus promises to reveal Himself to those who love Him and obey His commandments. Why do you think obedience is the condition for experiencing God's presence?
7. Think about when you were dating your spouse (or someone you cared deeply about). You wanted to be with them all the time. Do you hunger for God's presence that same way? Why or why not?
8. The Holy Spirit serves as our teacher and reminder. When have you experienced a "POW!" moment where Scripture suddenly made sense in a new way?
9. Am I experiencing all four of these supernatural promises in my life? If not, which ones am I missing? How do I claim them?

## Practical Applications

- Daily Obedience Check: Each evening, ask yourself: "Did I obey what God showed me today? Where did I resist?"
- Holy Spirit Dependence: Before making decisions this week, pause and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance.
- Scripture Meditation: Choose one verse from John 14:19-26 and meditate on it throughout the week.