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Daily Devotionals

for August 11-17, 2025

Devotions prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday, August 11 **The Long Walk of Uncertainty**

Read Scripture: Proverbs 16:9

There are seasons when life doesn't make sense. Plans fall apart. Prayers feel unanswered. You thought you knew where you were going. You knew what God was doing. At least you thought. And now, you are on a completely different route. In those times, faith is less about understanding and more about leaning into trusting God. But God is not absent in the confusion. He walks with us, even when we don't notice.

Prayer: Lord, I don't always understand where I'm going. Guide my steps and help me walk in faith.

Tuesday, August 12 **The Quiet Presence of God**

Read Scripture: Psalm 139:7-10

We often expect to find God in big, dramatic moments. But usually, God comes quietly in the regular times of life. Maybe when things are the quietest. The presence of God doesn't always come with thunder or fire. Sometimes, He simply joins you on the road you're already on. No announcement. No flashing lights. We don't always recognize Him at first, but you may be closer than you think.

Prayer: God, help me see You today—not just in big ways, but in quiet ones.

Wednesday, August 13 **When Faith & Questions Walk Together**

Read Scripture: Isaiah 55:8-9

Some people think that having faith means having no doubts or questions. But throughout Scripture, we see people of great faith dealing with confusion, fear, and disappointment. Faith doesn't cancel questions. God wants your honesty, and faith means bringing those questions to God instead of holding on to them. Don't be afraid to speak up. God already knows your thoughts anyway!

Prayer: God, I don't want to pretend with You. You know what's on my heart anyway. Help me trust You enough to ask the hard questions.

Thursday August 14

God's Word Brings Light

Read Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Sometimes we need help figuring out what life is all about. Our days don't always make sense. We wonder if God is still around or how God sits amongst the mess. That's where Scripture comes in. God's Word isn't just a book of rules or ancient stories. It's living. It speaks to our present reality. When we live in it, it has the power to change how we see the world. We can't always expect a quick answer, though. Sometimes we have to be patient. We often have to wait to see what God is doing to change how we see the world around us.

Prayer: Lord, help me not just read Your Word, but to let it shape how I see You and how I live.

Friday, August 15 **When Our Hearts Come Alive Again**

Read Scripture: Ezekiel 36:26

There are times when faith seems like it is far away. Maybe it is drifting a bit. But that is the time that God uses the moments around us to light the fire again. It can be a song, prayer, a scripture passage, perhaps even a conversation with a friend. This is some random feeling, it is a reminder that God is still working. That fuzzy feeling is God trying to wake us up to what He is doing and to ensure that we have our eyes wide open to see it. It is a moment when God is trying to reach us, we just have to accept the call!

Prayer: God, breathe new life into my heart. Help me remember what it feels like to be alive with faith and full of Your Spirit.

Saturday, August 16 **Sent with a Story to Tell**

Read Scripture: 1 Peter 3:15

When you have the great moment with God, you are never quite the same. Things in you change. You see the world in a different way, and you can begin to live in the hope of Jesus Christ. That is something that you can't keep to yourself. You enter the moments in your life with a story to tell. It may not be the perfect story, but it is yours, and that is exciting. Don't limit what God can do with your story.

Prayer: Lord, help me to see that my story matters and give me boldness and love to share it with others.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Walking the Road Together

Worship at 10:00am

Luke 24:13-35

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