

The Message In His His Voice

A 10-Day Devotional

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PREFACE

Life is a journey destined by the Creator of Heaven and Earth. God places each blessing, suffering, reward, and defeat into a perfect mold that He shapes into his purpose.

The processing of molding is one that is sometimes avoided, dreaded, or even ignored. However, Jesus strategically places us into this life to learn his voice. His voice speaks direction, life, and purpose in these dark moments that produces life more abundant.

This devotional is a testimony of God's faithfulness and connects real life application with messages in the Bible.

Day #1

The Message of Light

Genesis 1:1-Genesis 2:24

From the beginning of time, God had a destiny for each and every one of us. He created the heavens and the earth with such detail and precision. Distinctly, His precision began with a simple statement of life, "Let there be light..." These four God-spoken words changed everything. Everything that was dark was invaded by the voice of God. His voice created the waters, living creatures, grass, seed, evening, morning, night, day, seasons, and man in his own image. From this, woman was created from the rib of the man because God spoke that it was not good for man to be alone.

How miraculous is it that God simply spoke everything that we know into existence? He knew that a separation of light and dark would produce life that He called to worship Him. This same call awakened my soul at the age of seven years old. I can remember the depth of the doubt and worry that I felt with

simple tasks I had to uphold in my life. I felt lost, abandoned, and worthless in how to navigate my perspective of this childhood darkness, until His light was revealed to me in the presence of a church service. The Light of God invaded my state of darkness and showed me what true peace felt like in my spirit. I knew from that moment that His light illuminated my destiny.

Our destiny is not just to simply make His light known, but to walk in the alignment to His Light. The book of Genesis is not just a series of words, but rather an anthem of truth. These four words, “Let there be light...” brought the ability for God to dwell among His children and produce an abundant life.

The Reflection

1. How has these four words, "Let there be light..." impacted your perspective of life?

2. What is your true purpose?

Prayer

God, I thank you for being the creator of my life. I thank you for your words of truth that breathes life into my soul.

I ask that you reveal steps that I can take to live out the miracle of creation in my life today. I know that it is important that I share the message of your light with others that you have created in your image.

I thank you for your guidance and wisdom that you will give me today to fulfill the calling that you destined over my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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light known.”

Day #2

The Message of Deliverance

Exodus 3:5 - 3:10

Deliverance is a word that emphasizes the action of removing an individual from suffering. God uses this term frequently in his call over the life of Moses. Moses was born a Hebrew and exposed to the lifestyle of an Egyptian. These two worldviews provided Moses with the ability to relate to both perspectives, while searching for the truth that later led to the deliverance of the Hebrew people from the land of Egypt.

The different worldviews that Moses experienced can quickly be associated with the modern-day trauma of a broken home victim. Distinctly, God placed Moses in this situation of suffering to carry-out God's promise of deliverance upon the Hebrew people and to learn His voice through the encounter with the burning bush.

How many times have we disqualified ourselves from deliverance? I can relate to many moments where I felt the voice of God calling me out of my flawed views but found myself denying the deliverance He was gifting me. There were moments I could feel my soul crying out for help in my suffering, but I didn't view myself worthy enough to accept His gift. It seemed that my excuses had more power than the clear voice of God.

Does this sound familiar to you? Do you find yourself solely navigating your suffering and receiving anxiety as label to your identity?

I want to remind you of a truth that God spoke over me. "My grace is sufficient for you..." God's grace gave me a burning bush moment that changed my life. My pain was eased with His voice. I found the courage to welcome His deliverance and true joy.

Always know that God intentionally creating a newness in your spirit as suffering lingers.

Your suffering is not in vain. It is a God ordained moment that will gift deliverance in your life.

The Reflection

1. Has your perspective of suffering changed?

2. How does the story of Moses produce deliverance in your own life?

Prayer

Jesus, you are my deliverer. There is no one like you. I praise you in the mountains and the valleys of life.

Help me see the deliverance in my current state of suffering. Reveal to me the tools that I need to embrace to make it into my next level of deliverance. I trust your voice of guidance and I am asking for my eyes to be open to your ways.

I thank you for your guidance, peace, joy, and truth that has been revealed to me today. You are the treasure of my life and I am thankful for the suffering that is leading to my next level of deliverance.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #3

The Message of Preparation

1 Samuel 16:11-13; 1 Samuel 17:4-39

King David is a name that is widely recognized as a leader of faith in the Old Testament. His leadership produced key examples of trust and submission to God. However, his journey to his role as King of Israel was not a quick one. The first book of Samuel describes how the prophet Samuel obeyed the voice of God and sought to anoint a son of Jesse. After discovering that the first seven sons of Jesse were not the chosen one of God, he discovered that the one God sought for him to anoint was a shepherd, David.

The anointing of David's role over Israel did not come to full exposure until years later. David had to find trust and content in the process of preparation that God set before him. Trials such as the lion and bear, Goliath, and King Saul were defining moments that produced a godly character for his leadership.

God did not anoint David and immediately place him into the position as King of Israel.

Instead, God anointed David as a youth and directed his steps through a process of preparation. David's victory over the lion and bear, Goliath, and the wrath of King Saul produced immense love, faith, and submission to God alone. Anointing set David apart for a journey of molding by the greatest Potter.

While I wholeheartedly stood behind the truth of this scripture, I found myself questioning the call that God placed on my life. The altar experience ignited my spirit so heavily that I thought that the promises of God's anointing would come at a quicker pace. Instead, discouragement followed me.

I reasoned with myself that God's anointing and promises would feel more encouraging than what I was experiencing. I thought that my story would look different than David.

However, in those moments, I remembered how David had a season where he battled enemies of all types before he was placed by God as King of Israel.

Was this God's same plan for me?

Was He strategically allowing me to battle the enemy of discouragement to prepare for the greatness of His call?

Was I walking in the same form that God allowed David to walk before his promise as King?

The answer was yes. Every battle and emotion was a step on the path towards His promise.

If this inner battle describes you, I want you to know that you are not forgotten by God. You are not ignored by His presence. You are walking in the divine path of God's preparation.

I pray that each of you receive the full perspective of the call of Jesus Christ. Our minds produce this false reality that all promises should be revealed immediately, but greatness is never produced without a season of preparation.

Continue to take the challenge to embrace the message of preparation and seek to find the characteristics that God is

molding within you. Your anointing is not forgotten. Instead, it is being shaped.

The Reflection

1. What is your anointing?

2. What steps can you take to embrace the process of preparation?

Prayer

God, how powerful your voice is in my life. I am thankful for your truth found in your holy word.

As a human, I can become frustrated in the anointing you have placed over my life. Help me to become aware of the process of preparation and teach me the tools to utilize to grow in the godly characteristics that you have set before me.

I love, admire, and submit to the process that you destined. I adore your presence and am blessed to know that you are the potter that is molding my life according to you will.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #4

The Message of Bravery

Esther 5 - 7

God has a beautiful way of showing his character through individuals, situations, and most importantly his word. Esther is an impactful book in the Old Testament that communicates righteous values of God such as faith, trust, bravery, and submission.

If we narrow the scope towards the value of bravery, it carries immense weight in the text of Esther. As spoken at the beginning of the book, Esther was an orphan who was summoned by the royal officers of King Ahasuerus to undergo the evaluation of becoming queen. To God's favor, Esther was chosen as queen to save the Jewish people from Haman's evil plot.

Esther's actions following her appointment as Queen were vital to the lives of her people. She was called to trust, obey, and

submit to God to ensure that His voice would be spoken as she would approach the king's court. Her God-given words brought justice to the Jewish people and shifted the King's perspective to a lens of truth rather than deception.

How can we tackle deception in our walk with God? While Esther's bravery is honored, how can we find this same bravery in our own situation and eliminate the voice of deception?

For me, God revealed this bravery through challenging me to start a prayer gathering at my workplace.

I have never felt more intimidated and afraid. The enemy told me that if I was brave enough to start this prayer gathering, that mockery would follow me.

In God's perfect ways, He showed up in my mind and gave me more bravery than I could have imagined. He continuously proved that the enemy was full of deceit when the circle of people formed every Tuesday morning. In fact, it grew into a godly community of refuge where His love was welcomed.

God was, is, and will always be a way maker. He used Esther to inspire me to walk in bravery for His name.

You can be brave for Jesus.

The Reflection

1. Take a moment and reflect on past, current, or a future situation that required God's voice.

What is God asking you to be brave about?

2. How can you find the courage to obey His voice?

Prayer

Lord, this day is yours. I am thankful for the breath in my lungs and the freedom that I have from your death, burial, and resurrection.

I ask for your clarity to see the justice that you are wanting me to demonstrate in my own life. Allow me to embrace humility, submission, and trust to walk the path that you have before me. You, O Lord, challenge your children to walk into rooms where only your favor brings change.

Thank you, Lord, for your voice and will over my life. I give you all of me.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #5

The Message of Prophecy

Isaiah 7:1-14

The gospel of Jesus Christ is a treasure and promise that has been proclaimed since the Old Testament. Isaiah the prophet was called to obey and proclaim the voice of God to create a foundation for the gospel to come to pass.

Before the proclamation of Immanuel, Isaiah was instructed to deliver a message on behalf of God that would provide an answer to King Ahaz during a time of war against Aram, Ephriam, and the son of Remaliah. The goal of Aram, Ephriam and the son of Remaliah was to terrorize the city of Judah and take control. God spoke to Isaiah and chose him to share this message to King Ahaz, **“Take heed, and be quiet, fear not...this shall not come to pass”** Shortly after, King Ahaz was instructed by God to ask for a sign.

Isaiah spoke again to King Ahaz and described the sign in Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

It is interesting in this dialogue of scripture that Isaiah delivered the prophetic words of God for present and future seasons. God not only used Isaiah to speak words to bring direction to King Ahaz during a time of war, but to communicate to King Ahaz the coming Savior of the world, Jesus Christ.

As a follower of Jesus, I am in awe of this text in scripture. God is so powerful that His words bring healing to my past, hope to my present, and life to my future.

No matter my emotion. His voice of the prophetic will always bring life to what is dead.

Jesus brought life to my dreams. I was able to walk with God and know His voice. I was able to see health in physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of my life.

Do you believe this can happen for you?

No matter the age or stature, you are called to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ. The Bible is a tool that God has given you to bring His answers to a dark world.

Start proclaiming this truth over your mind. Watch God heal you. Gather the evidence and share it with others.

Allow your testimony to proclaim the truth of God. He is the God of your seasons. He will give prophecy to your future and give a prophetic word to those that God has called you to disciple.

Whether it is a physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual war, know that God has a message for your present and a prophecy for your future. The struggle may seem impossible to overcome, but God is awaiting the perfect moment to speak a word of direction that will bring revelation to your spiritual journey. He is always working and know that your war is for a divine reason.

The Reflection

1. Define the war that you are experiencing.

2. Is God speaking?

Prayer

God, it is such a blessing to have immediate access to your word. I treasure your truth and the revelation that you bring to my walk in you.

The prophet Isaiah showed that the beauty of your voice carries beyond this present time. You are more than able to bring direction to the war of my present, while sending a prophetic sign for my future. You prove yourself time and time again of your faithfulness.

Increase my faith, oh God, for the miraculous to take place in my present warfare. Your words bring life to my soul and my soul hungers for more of your presence.

Thank you Lord for your never ending love. You are the Heavenly Father and I adore you.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #6

The Message of a Holy Birth

Matthew 1:18-23; Psalm 49:15; Jeremiah 29:11

The greatest birth recorded was the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. His birth brought salvation, freedom, revelation, healing, deliverance, forgiveness, grace, unfailing love, and immediate access to his presence. Centuries of descendants paved the path of this holy birth through their obedience and sensitivity to the voice of God.

Have you ever thought about Jesus Christ's birth?

His birth was not a pretty one. In fact, his birth would be considered messy and not worthy of a King. However, Jesus Christ modeled that greatness does not have to be birthed from the world's standards. In fact, God robed himself in flesh to prove that redeeming a mess is his specialty.

Does greatness in Jesus seem unreal?

For a long time, I struggled with receiving true greatness in Jesus Christ. My mind would battle with that concept that I did not deserve greatness.

I disobeyed too many times. I chose to ignore the voice of God.

However, God reminded me of his promise and love. God robed himself in flesh, so that I would have a chance to be near the Heavenly Father.

I rested on the truth of Jesus's birth. I spoke over myself, "He loved me enough to come from heaven in flesh to die for my sins."

All my mistakes were already covered in the blood of the cross. Jesus's words, "It is finished" gave me freedom to walk away from my thoughts.

I believed that I could be redeemed, and I was in the name of Jesus Christ.

Take a moment and rest of these questions.

Do you believe that you are worthy of redemption?

If you feel any sense unworthiness, remember this truth.

The greatness he has ordained for your life trumps every iniquity. The book of Jeremiah states, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

Jesus loves you. Dream again. Breathe again.

Your gift, talents, and voice are needed for this hour. Seek his voice through prayer, his word, and fasting. Welcome the spirit of intercession in your time of communication with God. God has destined a birth of a new season in you.

The Reflection

1. What in your past is holding you back from God?

2. Do you believe that God makes you worthy and redeems you? Explain.

3. What dreams can you reach with God?

Prayer

God, this day is a blessing from you. I am thankful to have another opportunity to dwell in your presence and walk in the spirit.

God, I ask that help me have a greater love for myself and know that your Holy Birth provides hope for a better future. I am your child and I seek to walk in the truth of being made in your image. You are my hope.

Thank you for your grace and mercy.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #7

The Message of Adoption

Psalms 25:16-17; Romans 8:15

Loneliness is real. Even when it doesn't make sense, it is real. Even if you are surrounded by people, it is still real. The challenge in this state is finding the strength to fight the emotion with the truth of God's word.

David struggled in this state loneliness and cried, "Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am alone and afflicted. The distress of my heart increase; bring me out of my sufferings."
(Psalms 25:16-17)

I can bring you to the exact place where loneliness consumed me. It was as if I was the only person who had questions, anxiety, fear, and pain. It felt as if God was so far and I was isolated.

I even remember reading these words of David in the book of Psalms and praying the exact same words in my time with the Lord.

I found myself crying for a sense of relief and walked away feeling as if my cry for an affirmation was not heard.

But God.

Romans 8:15 states, "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba Father."

God's presence began to wash me. Fear was crippling me, and I finally had clarity to see that there was hope. For the first time in a long time, I could feel the peace of Jesus Christ.

His peace healed me.

He is the Father that will leave the ninety-nine for one. His love is ever reaching and his voice is near to your heart.

Embrace the truth of unfailing love. Embrace Jesus Christ is the Father that will never leave.

The Reflection

1. Describe loneliness. When have you experienced this feeling?

2. How does the truth found in Romans 8:15 help you navigate loneliness?

Prayer

Lord, you are never far from the brokenhearted. I am so thankful to serve the only true God and know that you desire a relationship with me.

Still, loneliness can cloud my vision of who you really are. My emotions are my weakness and forgive me for giving them more power over my mind than your truth.

I ask that you help me find the courage to be open with my emotions in your presence and be vulnerable with the testimony that you are building within me.

For I know that I am never alone and am adopted as a child of the King of Kings. Thank you for calling me yours and welcoming me into your throne room. You are the Heavenly Father and I adore you.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #8

The Message of Salvation

Acts 2:38

I need a Savior.

How I have spoken this over myself time and time again.

As I walk through life, my personal control and view of independence left me in a place of confusion.

While I knew God was the center, I would find myself attempting to find solutions to problems without consulting the Savior until the end of my decision.

God quickly spoke to me, "Why don't you come to me at the beginning of your issue? Is my solution not perfect enough for you?"

This moment of correction shifted my entire perspective of welcoming the Savior in my issues.

While creating my own path of solving the problem seemed honorable, it was not honoring God. I was choosing to feed pride with independence, rather than humbling my spirit in a posture of dependence.

Acts 2:38 states, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and he shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Is God calling you to a place of repentance in your issue? Is God calling you to be washed in the Holy Spirit again?

If you find yourself disappointed in the way your life has developed, have you placed it before the Savior? Are your answers God's answers?

I challenge you to welcome the plan of salvation in your decision making.

Ask for repentance and be baptized with the Holy Spirit by talking in tongues in your conversation with God. This guarantees that the Savior will provide direction in your issue.

The Reflection

1. What does salvation mean to you?

2. What steps can you take to ensure that your plan doesn't cloud the plan of your Savior, Jesus Christ?

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for being my Savior. In a world that is starving for a hero, I am so grateful that I know that you are the true hero of the world.

Help me, God, see that your ways are always higher than my ways. I find myself disappointed and questioning the plan of my life because I relied on my thinking, rather yours, O God.

I trust that your plan has the final say in my life and that I will share this message with any individual that is open to your truth.

My moment of obeying the steps of salvation creates a life with your hand of direction and protection covering me. I submit daily to the voice of you, my Savior.

There is no greater joy than knowing that I am always near to you.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #9

The Message of Fruit

Galatians 5

The fruit of the spirit are characteristics that God places within you to crucify the desires of the flesh.

Paul the apostle shared the specific fruits of the spirit in the book of Galatians.

“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

When we obey and receive the steps of salvation from the book of Acts, God demonstrates your level of submission to the Spirit by the fruits that you bear in your life.

What I have realized is that God tests us in each season.

He is a God that desires for us to bear more fruit in our relationship with him through trials and tribulations. He is a God that desires our obedience amid our emotions.

As I look over my personal trials, this test of obedience was harder than it seemed. I don't know about you, but when I am in pain, I want a quick fix. I wanted God to give me a Band-Aid for my wound, rather than allowing Him to perform surgery.

It seemed unbearable to struggle longer in a trial just to gain more spiritual fruit. I argued with God about his will for my life.

Pain did not seem righteous. How could God look on me and allow me to suffer for the sake of bearing more fruit? I was convinced that God should have given me a pass on the pain.

However, when I took a moment to push aside my emotions, I was reminded of this portion of scripture.

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts...." Galatians 5:24

Each trial, circumstance, failure, and success are used to water the seed of spiritual fruit.

How this brought so peace to my spirit. These words of truth gave me the courage and strength to welcome the tests of God. I knew that stronger fruit was being birthed in my spirit.

I pray this encourages you in your season of trials and tribulations.

Each journey is God providing avenues to crucify your flesh and increase your sensitivity to His voice.

As you take this journey in the Spirit, ask the Lord to reveal the fruit that he is working to grow in your life. He is always working things together for good to them that love Him, and His greatest joy is to see you grow closer to Him.

The Reflection

1. What fruit are you bearing?

2. Is there a specific fruit that God working for you to bear?

Prayer

It is so beautiful to know that I am constantly growing in my walk with you. You are creating circumstances that will produce the fruits of the spirit that were shared by your apostle, Paul.

Help me to find joy in the moments that you are watering my spiritual seeds and to welcome others into the beauty of consistently finding joy in your growth process.

You are the truth, the way, and the life. I value your word and plan to mold me into the best individual that I can be in this life.

You are my eternity.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Day #10

The Message to the Church

1 Corinthians 3; 1 Corinthians 12:12

The beauty of the church is found in people like you who God has joined together under the mission of the gospel. However, that beauty seems to escape when offense and envy rise within the church.

Our humanity seeks vengeance when pain from people in the body occurs in our life.

People make up the church. Therefore, the church is not perfect, and offenses will come. Still, it is the job of everyone to walk in the spiritual, rather than in the carnal.

God is calling us to settle our differences between our brothers and sisters. He is asking you and I to lay down our pride and humble ourselves at His feet.

God is looking for a church body that stands steadfastly in the midst of the distracting spirits of gossip, envy, and betrayal.

1 Corinthians 3:3 states, “For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”

We must remember that all increase comes from God and that envying another creates a hindrance in the growth of the church. God cannot operate in discord.

God has established the church body as a route for his gospel to shine throughout the world.

Envy, betrayal, and gossip are avenues of our carnal nature that will poison the unity of the church. So, the task for you and I is to ensure that our heart is pure before God during human disagreements.

Church unity is more important than our opinion.

So, I challenge you in the Holy Ghost to unite with the vision of your pastor and join with the body of Christ to prepare for the increase that God is placing upon the church.

Biblical unity produces a biblical revival.

The Reflection

1. Describe the body of Christ. Do you believe the enemy seeks to destroy it?

2. When human emotion and offense cause division, what can you do to maintain a submission to God and your pastor?

Prayer

Humanity can be hard, Lord, which makes me even more thankful for your unfailing love that you show each of us in our carnal moments.

God, I ask that you give me the courage to operate out of the spiritual instead of the carnal when emotions arise. I understand that it is important to shine your light no matter the tension that arises.

I am called to obey and submit to the truth of your word and godly leadership that you have place in my life. You sustain us through every emotion and will unite the body if the people operate out of the spiritual.

Thank you, Lord.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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