

The Springs Community Church

21-Day New Member Devotional

Rooted, Ready, Reaching

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Welcome from Pastor Jamieson Clay

"That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers." — Psalm 1:3 (NIV)

Welcome home.

At The Springs Community Church, we believe faith is not just something we practice on Sundays — it's the living flow of God's Spirit in our lives every day. Like a spring that never runs dry, God refreshes us, restores us, and calls us to pour into others. You are not here by accident; God has planted you here for a purpose.

This devotional, Rooted, Ready, Reaching, is your invitation to grow deeper in Christ, connect stronger with His people, and stretch farther in service to others. Over the next twenty-one days, we'll walk together through truths that build your foundation, strengthen your readiness, and empower you to reach your world for Christ.

As your pastor, I want you to know — you are family. We are Rooted in the Word, Ready to serve, and Reaching our community with love. My prayer is that through this journey, your faith will grow stronger, your joy fuller, and your purpose clearer.

Welcome to The Springs. Welcome to the flow of God's grace.

WEEK 1 – ROOTED

Building a firm foundation in Christ.

Day 1: Planted in Purpose

Scripture:

“They are planted in the house of the Lord; they will flourish in the courts of our God.” — Psalm 92:13 (NIV)

Devotional:

You are not here by coincidence — you are *planted* here. God has placed you in this church family for a reason. Just like a seed needs the right soil to grow, your spiritual life needs the right environment to flourish. The Springs is not just a place to attend; it’s a place to belong. When we root ourselves in God’s Word, in worship, and in fellowship with others, we position ourselves to grow strong and bear fruit. Your presence here strengthens the body. Your growth will bless others.

Reflection:

Where do you see God planting you to grow and serve within The Springs?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for planting me in Your house. Help me grow deep roots of faith and bear fruit that honors You. Amen.

Day 2: Rooted in Christ

Scripture:

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” — Colossians 2:6–7 (NIV)

Devotional:

Our growth begins with being rooted in Christ — not in routines, personalities, or programs. He is our foundation. The more we abide in Him, the stronger our faith becomes. Being rooted means allowing His Word to shape how we think, how we love, and how we respond. At The Springs, we grow not by religion but by relationship — a daily walk with Jesus. When storms come, roots hold us steady. Stay connected to the Word, prayer, and the fellowship of believers, and your roots will deepen with strength.

Reflection:

How can I stay rooted in Christ each day this week?

Prayer:

Jesus, help me stay connected to You in all things. Let Your presence be the soil where my faith grows strong. Amen.

Day 3: Strength Through the Word

Scripture:

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." — Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

Devotional:

The Word of God is not just information — it's illumination. It shows us where to step, what to avoid, and how to walk in God's truth. As new members, you'll hear us say often: *The Word is our foundation*. When you build your life on Scripture, you won't be easily shaken. Make time each day to open your Bible, even if just a few verses. Let God's Word speak to your heart and renew your mind. A strong church is built on strong believers who know the Word and live by it.

Reflection:

Am I making space daily for God's Word to speak to me?

Prayer:

Father, give me a hunger for Your Word. Let it light my path and strengthen my walk with You. Amen.

Day 4: Growing Through Prayer

Scripture:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Devotional:

Prayer isn't complicated — it's conversation with our Creator. It's how we stay rooted in God's presence and peace. When you pray, you're not performing; you're connecting. At The Springs, we pray together, not just for our needs, but for one another and our community. A praying church is a powerful church. As you grow in faith, learn to bring everything to God — your joys, your questions, your struggles. Prayer keeps your roots nourished, even in dry seasons.

Reflection:

How can I make prayer a consistent part of my daily rhythm?

Prayer:

God, thank You for hearing me when I pray. Teach me to talk to You often and listen to Your voice daily. Amen.

Day 5: Connected to the Body

Scripture:

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." — 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

Devotional:

No believer grows alone. Just as every part of the body needs the others to function, each of us has a vital role in the family of God. The Springs is stronger because you're here. Your gifts, your presence, and your prayers matter. Being connected means showing up — in worship, in service, in love. When we link arms with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we grow in unity and purpose. Together, we make the church whole.

Reflection:

How can I strengthen my connection with others in the church?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for making me part of Your body. Show me how to serve and support others with love. Amen.

Day 6: Firm in Faith**Scripture:**

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." — 1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)

Devotional:

Faith is not a feeling — it's a firm foundation. When we're rooted in God's promises, we can face life's challenges without fear. Standing firm means choosing trust over doubt, courage over comfort. It's easy to waver when life gets difficult, but a faith anchored in Christ cannot be moved. At The Springs, we stand together on the Word, believing that God's truth still holds, His power still works, and His grace still saves.

Reflection:

Where in my life do I need to stand firm in faith right now?

Prayer:

Lord, strengthen my faith today. When I'm tempted to waver, remind me that You are my solid rock. Amen.

Day 7: Rooted in Worship**Scripture:**

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." — John 4:24 (NIV)

Devotional:

Worship is more than a song — it's a lifestyle. It's what happens when our hearts respond to who God is and what He's done. When we gather at The Springs on Sundays, we're joining heaven's chorus. But worship also continues in our homes, our work, and our service. A rooted believer doesn't wait for music to worship — they live with gratitude and reverence every day. When you worship in spirit and truth, your roots grow deep, and your joy overflows.

Reflection:

How can I make worship a daily part of my life beyond Sunday service?

Prayer:

Father, help me live a life of worship. May everything I do reflect Your glory and draw me closer to You. Amen.

WEEK 2 – READY

Preparing your heart and hands for service.

Day 8: Equipped for Purpose**Scripture:**

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” — Ephesians 4:11–12 (NIV)

Devotional:

God has equipped you with everything you need to fulfill His purpose for your life. You don’t need to wait until you feel perfect or fully prepared — you are already called and gifted. At The Springs, our role as leaders is to help you discover, develop, and deploy those gifts for God’s glory. When you serve, you don’t just help the church; you strengthen the entire body of Christ. Readiness begins with willingness — when your heart says “yes,” God supplies the rest.

Reflection:

What gift or skill has God placed in me that can be used to serve others?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for equipping me with purpose. Show me where I can serve and build up Your church. Amen.

Day 9: Walking in Obedience**Scripture:**

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” — James 1:22 (NIV)

Devotional:

Faith without obedience is like a car without an engine — it looks good but goes nowhere. Being ready means moving from hearing to doing. God doesn’t just want us to attend church; He wants us to *live* His Word. Each step of obedience strengthens your faith. Whether it’s forgiving someone,

helping a neighbor, or stepping into ministry, obedience opens doors that comfort and convenience never will. At The Springs, we believe obedience isn't always easy — but it's always worth it.

Reflection:

What is one area where God is calling me to obey Him today?

Prayer:

Father, give me a willing heart to obey Your Word. Help me live what I learn and honor You through my actions. Amen.

Day 10: Renewed and Transformed

Scripture:

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” — Romans 12:2 (NIV)

Devotional:

God changes us from the inside out. Being ready means allowing Him to reshape how we think and respond. The world teaches us to focus on comfort, success, and self, but Christ calls us to humility, service, and surrender. Renewal happens when we spend time in God's presence — reading His Word, praying, and surrounding ourselves with faith-filled people. The more your mind is renewed, the clearer God's will becomes. Transformation is a process, but every step makes you stronger.

Reflection:

What thoughts or habits need to be renewed so I can walk in God's will?

Prayer:

Lord, renew my mind today. Transform my thoughts so they align with Your truth. Help me live with purpose and clarity. Amen.

Day 11: The Power of Worship

Scripture:

“Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” — Psalm 95:6 (NIV)

Devotional:

Worship prepares the heart for service. It aligns us with heaven's rhythm and reminds us of who God is. When we worship, walls fall, faith rises, and peace floods our soul. Worship is not about performance — it's about posture. It's saying, “Lord, You are worthy.” As we prepare for what God is calling us to do, worship keeps our hearts right and our focus pure. A ready servant is a worshiper at heart, because worship reminds us that everything we do is for Him.

Reflection:

How does worship help me stay ready to serve God with the right heart?

Prayer:

God, I worship You with all that I am. Keep my heart humble and my focus on You as I serve. Amen.

Day 12: The Armor of God**Scripture:**

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” — Ephesians 6:11 (NIV)

Devotional:

Readiness requires protection. We live in a world full of distractions, temptations, and challenges — but God has provided armor for every believer. Truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, the Word, and prayer are not optional; they are essential. Each piece equips us to stand strong when life presses hard. You don’t fight alone — you stand with the power of God and the prayers of His people. The enemy can’t defeat a believer who’s dressed for battle. Stay prayed up, Word-filled, and armored daily.

Reflection:

What part of my spiritual armor do I need to strengthen today?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to stand firm in Your strength. Clothe me in Your armor so I can overcome every attack of the enemy. Amen.

Day 13: Faith in Action**Scripture:**

“As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.” — James 2:26 (NIV)

Devotional:

Faith isn’t proven by what we say but by what we do. When we put faith into action — serving, giving, loving — we show the world that Christ lives in us. The Springs is a church that believes in living faith, not passive belief. Every outreach, every ministry, every act of kindness is faith on display. Readiness means refusing to sit on the sidelines. God is looking for believers who are not only rooted but ready to move.

Reflection:

How can I put my faith into action this week at home, work, or church?

Prayer:

God, make my faith active. Let my actions reflect Your love and inspire others to follow You. Amen.

Day 14: Ready to Serve

Scripture:

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” — Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

Devotional:

When God calls, our answer should be simple — *“Here am I.”* Service isn’t about being qualified; it’s about being willing. The Springs is built by people who said “yes” to God’s call — whether teaching children, greeting at the door, or leading in prayer. Readiness is the heart that says, “Lord, use me.” The same God who called Moses, Esther, and Paul is calling you. He doesn’t need perfection; He desires participation. When you step out in faith, He equips you with everything you need.

Reflection:

What is God calling me to say “yes” to right now?

Prayer:

Lord, here I am. Send me. Use my hands, my words, and my life to serve You faithfully. Amen.

WEEK 3 – REACHING

Living out your faith by impacting others.

Day 15 : Love That Reaches

Scripture:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” — John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Devotional:

The greatest way we reach others is through love. Jesus didn’t say people would know us by our sermons or songs, but by our love. Every smile, prayer, and act of kindness preaches louder than words. At The Springs, love is our language — the way we serve our neighbors, forgive one another, and care for those in need. When we love like Jesus, hearts open and lives change.

Reflection:

Who in my life needs to experience Christ’s love through me this week?

Prayer:

Lord, fill me with Your love so I can overflow into the lives of others. Help me love the way You love. Amen.

Day 16 : Be the Light

Scripture:

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." — Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Devotional:

The world doesn't need more darkness; it needs the light of Christ shining through us. You don't have to be perfect to shine — just present. Every conversation, every action, and every response can reflect God's light. Sometimes reaching others isn't about preaching but about being consistent, kind, and compassionate. When people see your light, they'll see Jesus. Don't hide your faith; let it glow wherever you go.

Reflection:

How can I shine Christ's light in a dark place around me?

Prayer:

God, make me a light that points others to You. Let my life bring warmth and hope to those around me. Amen.

Day 17 : Sharing Your Story

Scripture:

"They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." — Revelation 12:11 (NIV)

Devotional:

Your story is a tool God uses to reach others. You don't have to have it all figured out — just be honest about what God has done for you. Every victory, every lesson, even every struggle becomes a testimony when surrendered to God. Someone needs to hear how you made it through. At The Springs, we believe testimonies build faith and remind us that God is still working. Speak up and share your story — you never know who might find hope through your words.

Reflection:

What part of my story could encourage someone else today?

Prayer:

Lord, give me boldness to share my testimony and glorify You through it. Amen.

Day 18 : Serving the Community

Scripture:

"Serve one another humbly in love." — Galatians 5:13 (NIV)

Devotional:

The church doesn't exist just for itself — we exist to serve. Reaching means moving beyond the walls to meet real needs in our neighborhoods. Whether we're feeding families, mentoring youth, or praying for our city, we're showing the love of Christ in action. Service is worship in motion. When we serve with humility, we reflect Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. Every act of kindness plants a seed of hope that God can water into transformation.

Reflection:

How can I serve someone in my community this week?

Prayer:

Jesus, give me a servant's heart. Let my hands bring help and my life bring hope. Amen.

Day 19 : Generosity That Flows**Scripture:**

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Devotional:

Generosity is the overflow of a grateful heart. When we give — our time, our talents, our treasure — we partner with God in changing lives. Giving isn't loss; it's investment. The Springs is able to reach farther because of faithful hearts that sow generously. Whether it's supporting a mission, blessing a family, or helping a ministry thrive, your giving multiplies kingdom impact. The more we pour out, the more God pours in.

Reflection:

How can I live generously this week beyond financial giving?

Prayer:

Lord, make me a cheerful giver in every area of my life. Let generosity flow through me like living water. Amen.

Day 20 : Faith in Motion**Scripture:**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." — Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

Devotional:

Faith that stays still eventually fades. Jesus called us to *go* — to take what we've learned and share it with the world. Reaching is not just about distance; it's about obedience. Whether it's inviting someone to church, mentoring a younger believer, or encouraging a coworker, we put faith in motion when we act. The Springs is a sending church — we gather to grow and scatter to serve. Let your faith move beyond comfort and into calling.

Reflection:

Who is God calling me to reach or disciple right now?

Prayer:

Father, help me move with purpose. Use my life to make disciples and expand Your kingdom. Amen.

Day 21 : Celebrating the Journey**Scripture:**

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” — Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Devotional:

You’ve completed your first 21 days — but this is only the beginning. God has started a work in you that He intends to finish. Growth doesn’t stop at salvation; it continues through service, learning, and love. As part of The Springs, you are now connected to a flow of faith that strengthens families and transforms communities. Celebrate what God has done, but also stay expectant for what’s next. The same grace that started your journey will sustain you every step ahead.

Reflection:

How have I grown in these 21 days, and what’s my next step in faith?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for starting this good work in me. Keep me rooted, ready, and reaching as I follow You. Amen.

This completes your **21-Day New Member Devotional** — *Rooted, Ready, Reaching* — for *The Springs Community Church*.