

Devotionals

Day 1. Rooted in Truth, Ready for Disruption

Devotional: In a world that often seeks comfort and stability, God calls us to be like trees planted by streams of water - deeply rooted yet ready to be moved by His Spirit. Just as a tree's strength comes from its connection to life-giving water, our spiritual strength flows from our connection to God's truth. This rootedness isn't meant to keep us static, but to prepare us for holy disruption. When we're firmly grounded in God's word, we can withstand the winds of change and even welcome the divine disruptions that lead to growth and transformation. Today, consider how your spiritual roots are growing. Are they reaching deep into God's truth, or are they staying surface-level for the sake of comfort?

Verse: "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law (all) day and night. 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 1:1-3

Question: How deep are your spiritual roots, and what steps can you take today to deepen your connection to God's truth?

Quote: Let us all be like the trees that are planted by the streams of living water. May our roots grow really, really deep in this place we call the truth.

Prayer: Lord, help me to grow deep roots in Your truth. Give me the courage to welcome Your holy disruptions while remaining steadfast in Your word. Amen.

Day 2. The Spirit That Moves

Devotional: Comfort can be deceptive. While it feels safe and secure, it can also prevent us from experiencing God's transformative work in our lives. The Holy Spirit, by nature, is not static - it moves, disrupts, and transforms. Like wind that cannot be contained, the Spirit leads us into unexpected places and uncomfortable situations for the sake of God's kingdom. When we allow ourselves to be moved by the Spirit, we open ourselves to new possibilities and deeper understanding of God's work in the world. This movement might feel unsettling at first, but it's through these holy disruptions that God shapes us into who He calls us to be.

Verse: "But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness." - Romans 8:10

Question: What areas of your life might the Holy Spirit be trying to disrupt for the sake of growth and transformation?

Quote: The Holy Spirit does not settle for comfort. The Holy Spirit disrupts. The Holy Spirit moves.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, give me the courage to follow where You lead, even when it means leaving my comfort zone. Help me trust in Your transformative work. Amen.

Day 3. Blessed are the Disruptors

Devotional: Jesus wasn't crucified for being nice or maintaining the status quo. His message was radically disruptive - blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, and remembering the forgotten. He challenged established systems and comfortable traditions that kept people from experiencing God's love fully. Today, we're called to follow in His footsteps, to be holy disruptors who stand for justice and extend grace to all. This might mean speaking uncomfortable truths, loving the unlovable, or challenging systems that perpetuate inequality. When we embrace this calling, we participate in God's transformative work in the world.

Verse: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." - Luke 6:20-21

Question: How can you be a holy disruptor in your community, standing for justice and extending God's love to those often overlooked?

Quote: Jesus was not crucified on the cross for being nice. He was crucified because he threatened the status quo. He refused to ignore injustice. He proclaimed the kingdom where the poor is blessed and the hungry are fed and the forgotten are always remembered.

Prayer: Jesus, give me Your heart for justice and Your courage to disrupt comfortable patterns that prevent Your love from reaching all people. Amen.

Day 4. Growing Through Seasons

Devotional: Sometimes life feels barren, like nothing is growing or changing. But just as a farmer knows that seemingly dead soil can burst with life when tilled, God works beneath the surface even when we can't see it. These seasons of apparent dormancy are often when God is preparing us for new growth and transformation. The key is to trust the process, knowing that God's timing is perfect and His work is continuous. Even in times of spiritual winter, new life is stirring beneath the surface, waiting for the right moment to emerge.

Verse: "Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord.'" - Jeremiah 17:5

Question: What seemingly 'dead' areas of your life might God be preparing for new growth?

Quote: Just because it looks dead doesn't mean there's not life under the bottom. Because when you turn it over and till it, you flip that season and guess what? Something is going to grow.

Prayer: Father, help me trust Your timing and Your work, even when I can't see the results. Give me patience in seasons of waiting. Amen.

5. Together in Transformation

Devotional: God's transformative work isn't meant to be experienced alone. We're called to journey together, supporting one another through seasons of change and disruption. When God moves in our midst, it affects the entire community, creating a ripple effect of transformation that touches everyone. While we might not always see the path clearly, we can trust that God guides our steps and that we're surrounded by fellow travelers on this journey of faith. This communal aspect of transformation reminds us that we're part of something bigger than ourselves - we're part of God's ongoing work in the world.

Verse: "But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?" - 1 Corinthians 15:12

Question: How can you better support and be supported by your faith community during times of transformation and change?

Quote: I don't know where the path is headed, but one thing I do know is that we go together and that we are not alone.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gift of community. Help us journey together, supporting one another as You transform us. Amen.