

Introduction

Hi friend!

First, I want to say thank you. Thank you for picking up this book, thank you for believing that God has something to say to you, and thank you for being intentional with your life. I am really proud of you. Since I can't have a one-on-one conversation with every reader, my prayer is always that you feel the warmth and power of the Holy Spirit through every word. I hope that you learn more about the depth of the love Jesus has for you and that your life would be a reflection of it.

This devotional is different from the other books I have written; I believe the format is uniquely set up to help head knowledge become heart knowledge. Each week includes a main scripture to meditate on, a devotion to help you think through that particular theme or topic in your life, and five declarations to apply for the week ahead. I have found that identifying and voicing healthy, specific rhythms provide a strong foundation and clear intentions for our lives. I have personally written out weekly declarations for myself and my family for several years now, and in doing so, I have learned the importance centralized, personal, and specific key points that provide grounding application to walk out our faith.

I genuinely believe that if you are intentional with this book and practice these declarations, God will use it to work miracles inside of you, through you, and

around you. When you meditate on the character of God and let that determine your perspective, everything shifts, even if nothing around you changes.

My hope is that the pages of this book will look weathered and worn because you have rehearsed these words in your car, in your living room, in your office, or wherever you find yourself sitting with Jesus. How would your life change if you trusted God to be exactly who He says He is? Where would you go or stay? How would you travel? What would your words sound like?

When I think about what kind of person I long to be, it's a person of peace. I yearn to be someone who walks with the assurance of heaven at the forefront of my mind at all times. Approaching life circumstances from a place of fulfillment and safety is the richest kind of life. I pray that I don't just talk about the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit, but I let Him infuse every fiber of my being and direct every part of my life. Don't you want that?

The abundant life where strength, refreshment, and hope are in unlimited supply is available to you and to me. Let's let Jesus revive us, not withholding a single area of our hearts, trusting that His truth really can quench our thirst.

Grab a friend, walk through this with your family, or work through it with Jesus in your time together. Whatever you do, don't let this be just another book

that you check off your list. Plant your life in His promises and cling to what is true.

Cheering you on and grateful for your life!

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28 NIV

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Trust Him with Open and Closed Doors

It didn't make sense to me. God was telling me "no," but it seemed like He was telling everyone else "yes." I thought I was ready for the promotion I'd prayed for at work, but it turns out God had something else for me. What I originally interpreted as rejection became the provision for me to work smarter, dig deeper into the strategic side of the business, and hone my focus. I later received a promotion that was much better suited to my gifts, personality, and skill set. But without the "not yet" packaged as a "no," that door would have never opened.

I've discovered that many of the answered prayers I am most thankful for are the ones to which God said "no" or "not yet." The circumstances that felt like closed doors at the time were, in fact, the hallway to the open door I didn't know I was searching for.

Sometimes it's hard to remember there is so much we don't know and so little we can see from our finite point of view. This is especially true when we feel like we've been wandering in the wilderness for longer than we'd hoped, or that our prayers are falling on deaf ears. God

is not surprised by the fear that uncertainty can bring to our days. When a job promotion doesn't happen, when financial stress looms large, when a relationship seems too hard, or when a season of struggle seems to linger too long, lean into the infallible Word of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you personalize it right where you are. His Word meets you in the thick of every situation—both the hard and the happy. It also helps you remember that He's equipped you not just to survive this season but to thrive in every season.

Here is a certainty you can stand on this week: Every open and closed door is a gift when the Shepherd is leading you. As you enter His presence, invite a spirit of calm, and remind your soul of this truth, even when it feels hard to believe: God is using every open and closed door for your ultimate good. Not a short-term, shortsighted version of good, but an everlasting, ever-present, undeniably beautiful kind of good—the kind of good you crave. That is what He has for you this week. Will you trust Him with it?

DECLARE OVER YOUR WEEK:

1. I will believe that God is working all things for my good and His glory by opening and closing doors.
2. I will put on the full armor of God every day.
3. I will read the Word and lean into the Spirit for the true definition of "good."
4. I will ask for joy, hope, and peace when I need it—confident that Jesus hears me and He will provide.
5. I will praise God for the week ahead, knowing He is in control and He always operates in love.

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

EPHESIANS 6:18 NLT

2

The Power of Constant Conversation

Waking up, I offer, “Hey Jesus, good morning. Thank You for this day! Will You help me see it with fresh eyes? Give me new vision.” Several hour later, I report, “Me again, headed into lunch with a friend. Will You guide this conversation? Thank You for this time.” Later, I celebrate, “Thank You for that moment, Jesus! You connected those dots before I even realized they were related!” Soon after, I beg, “Lord, what would You do in this situation? Guide me here.” All day, in every space, amid whatever struggle, asking any questions, I invite God to join me where I am.

If you truly believed that the King of the universe, the Controller and Knower of all things, was listening to your prayers and cared about your heart, do you think you would pray more? When life feels nerve-racking or the world feels scary, wouldn't prayer become your greatest strategy?

The hard truth about our prayer life is getting honest about why prayer is not our first response. It is not because we lack the time, need fancier words, or aren't spiritual

enough. It's because we forget who we're praying to—and that He's actually listening. The Bible shares miracle after miracle of when God's people stopped relying on their own strength and turned to prayer. This same God who hears your prayers is the One who calmed the seas. He's the One who made the sun stand still and performed seemingly impossible miracles. *That's* who you have direct access to at every moment.

Prayer delights God, but His instruction for you to pray continually is for your own benefit—because He knows that prayer is the surest way to safety, the quickest pathway to peace, and the richest rhythm you can establish in your life. Prayer is His protection and provision over you.

This week, as you begin your day, pray. When you have a conversation, pray. As you walk into new spaces, pray. While you work, pray. Before you make a decision, pray. Communicate with Jesus, and you will find the clarity, courage, and confidence you're craving.

No matter what this week holds, He's given you all that you need to be recharged, renewed, and refreshed. Will you connect with Him before everything?

DECLARE OVER YOUR WEEK:

1. I will devote myself to bring everything to the Father, knowing that nothing is too big or too small for Him. I will commit to being my full self before God.
2. I will unplug whenever possible, allowing moments for my soul to be recharged, renewed, and refreshed.
3. I will believe in the power and effectiveness of prayer.
4. I will talk to Jesus and ask Him to help me see others through His eyes of compassion and gentleness.
5. I will model my prayer life after Jesus, who prayed intentionally, passionately, and continually to His Father in heaven.

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Abiding Under His Wings

"I am the vine, you are the branches. The one who abides in me while I abide in him produces much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

JOHN 15:5 ISV

Born three months early, he weighed only one pound. After our conversation with the doctor, we knew that our stint in the hospital would not be a short one. As a new mama navigating a sterile world that felt anything but normal, I knew that if I didn't attach myself to the Vine—and remain completely intertwined with Him and His Word—I wouldn't have what it took to travel the journey well. Without God's warmth, strength, and peace amid a journey weighted with uncertainty and hardship, I would have withered away.

While it doesn't always feel like it, the truth is, your need is actually the richest thing about you. It is the very thing that invites the power of the Holy Spirit to work within you, and for God to be known by the world around you. It forces you to surrender your pride and go to the feet of the One who made you, and ask, "God, can You help me? Can You provide what I cannot?"

This week, be vulnerable with Jesus about what weighs heavy on your mind or what you're wrestling with. He loves when you voice what you need, even when you feel

like you just asked for more yesterday. It is so comforting to know that we cannot outrun His patience.

God knows what you're facing today. Whether your health diagnosis is uncertain, your finances seem shaky, your emotions are overwhelming, your family is dysfunctional, or your future feels fearful, remember who your Shepherd is. The same God who split apart oceans and made ways in the wilderness is watching over you. The space between your comfort zone and where God is calling you is the exact place where faith resides and trust thrives—where you get to be a doer of the Word and live out your belief. When you walk in courage even in the uncomfortable, Jesus is glorified.

The best part is, the more you realize the depth of your need, the greater you experience His love: unmatched, unconditional, and unwavering. As you hide yourself in Him, He will help you make your heart His home, which then leads to a stable, loving, and joyful place for those you love. What a blessing.

Remember, your need is your superpower. Lean into it, not away from it.

DECLARE OVER YOUR WEEK:

1. Instead of resisting my needs, I will notice them and seek what I need in God.
2. I will trust God's covering over my health, my finances, my emotions, my family, and my future.
3. I will live a life that reflects the truth I know and trust.
4. I will keep my "why" at the forefront of my mind and let it fuel my steps.
5. I will seek to create a stable, loving, and joyful home and heart.

He calmed the storm to a whisper
and stilled the waves.

PSALM 107:29 NLT

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The Security to Step Out of the Boat

My SUV was packed to the brim. I'd said my goodbyes, and there was no turning back. I was moving to Texas from North Carolina and the anticipation in my heart was palpable. Though I was leaving the familiar, I had never felt more certain that this big change was right because I was following the way of peace. I was planting new roots, fully expectant of what God was going to do. In that moment, stepping out of the boat onto unknown waters felt like the safest thing I could do. Years later, I still try to remember this when the way forward doesn't seem so obvious, or the peace feels a little harder to find.

Wouldn't it be nice to see the entire map of our journeys before leaving the shoreline so we'd know there is purpose and provision ahead? But if that were the case, would we even need faith?

This week, you will have many opportunities to step out of the boat and onto the seas. Where you fix your eyes will determine whether you take part in miracles or draw back out of fear. When something unexpected happens and anxiety begins to swirl, or when the timing of events

in your life feels unfair or too hard, it's tempting to fix your eyes too low. Your phone might be a tempting place to land. Friends may seem immediately available, social media might offer a quick dopamine fix, and distractions tend to numb the pain for a little while. But remember, you have direct access and the undivided attention of the Maker of the seas. He will never take His eyes off you.

Your life was never meant to be a story of mere survival as you stay safely in the harbor; rather, you have the opportunity to walk in courage as the Waymaker reminds you that He is the only Comforter you need. Step forward, knowing only the next step He has revealed to you and trusting that His authority is sovereign, His care is top-notch, and He knows the end from the beginning. You don't need to know the whole picture, just the Promise-Keeper.

It turns out that the unknowns and detours can become your favorite parts of your story, reminding you that nearness to the Author of life is the point behind it all. You don't have to figure out your future; you just have to figure out who you trust with your future.

Get excited—the pressure is off, and miracles are on the horizon! Your future is secure because there is no safer place than in your Father's grasp.

DECLARE OVER YOUR WEEK:

1. I will be intentional about stepping outside my comfort zone as often as possible. That's where faith lives.
2. I will bring my anxieties, doubts, and fears to God's feet before retreating to my phone.
3. I will pray for miracles over my life and the lives of those around me.
4. I will stop striving for God and let my focus be enjoying God.
5. I will get excited as I anticipate His work in my life.