

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL January 26th, 2025

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Day 1: Delivering God's Message

Reading: Acts 5:27-32

<u>Devotional</u>: The apostles faced intense opposition for sharing the gospel, yet they remained steadfast in their commitment to obey God rather than human authorities. Their bold proclamation reminds us that as followers of Christ, we too are called to be witnesses. Reflect on how you can courageously share God's love and truth in your daily life, even when it's challenging. Ask God for the strength to prioritize His will over societal pressures or personal comfort.

Day 2: Speaking Truth in Love

Reading: Ephesians 4:14-16

<u>Devotional:</u> The sermon emphasized the importance of delivering God's message with humility and compassion. As we grow in Christ, we're called to speak the truth in love. Consider how you can balance firmness in your convictions with gentleness in your approach. Pray for wisdom to discern when to speak and how to communicate in a way that reflects Christ's character, building others up rather than tearing them down.

Day 3: Discernment in a Complex World

Reading: Proverbs 2:1-11

<u>Devotional</u>: Gamaliel's advice to "consider carefully" reminds us of the need for godly discernment. In a world of competing voices and ideologies, we must seek God's wisdom to navigate complex issues. Reflect on areas in your life where you need greater discernment. Ask God to grant you insight and understanding, and commit to studying His Word diligently as the foundation for wise decision-making.

Day 4: Overcoming Prejudice and Bias

Reading: James 2:1-13

<u>Devotional</u>: The sermon challenged us to listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Our biases can sometimes prevent us from hearing God's truth through unexpected messengers. Examine your heart for any prejudices or preconceptions that might be hindering your spiritual growth. Pray for an open mind and the humility to recognize that God can speak through anyone, regardless of their background or perspective.

Day 5: Perseverance in God's Mission

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

<u>Devotional:</u> Like Rowan in "A Message to Garcia," we are called to persevere in delivering God's message, even when faced with obstacles. Paul's charge to Timothy echoes this commitment to faithful ministry. Reflect on your own dedication to God's mission. Are there areas where you've become discouraged or complacent? Ask God to renew your passion for His work and to give you the endurance to faithfully carry out your calling, regardless of the challenges you may face.

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