

## 2026-06-10 5 Day Devotional

### 5-Day Devotional: Responding to God's Call with Courage

#### Day 1: Called from the Ordinary

Reading: Amos 7:10-17

Devotional: Amos was neither a prophet nor a prophet's son—just a shepherd tending sycamore fig trees. Yet God called him to speak truth to power. Your background doesn't disqualify you from God's service; it positions you for His purposes. God doesn't call the equipped; He equips the called. Like Amos, you may feel inadequate for what God asks, but His calling comes with His enabling. The Holy Spirit partners with you, not because you're perfect, but because you're willing. Today, consider what God might be asking you to do that feels beyond your ability. That uncomfortable stretching is often where God does His greatest work through ordinary people.

#### Day 2: Standing Firm Against Opposition

Reading: Acts 4:13-20

Devotional: When Amaziah the priest confronted Amos, telling him to go home and stop prophesying, Amos didn't back down or fight back. He simply declared what God had told him to say. Peter and John faced similar opposition, yet responded, "We cannot help but speak about what we have seen and heard." Following Christ will inevitably bring opposition from unexpected places—sometimes even from religious people. The question isn't whether you'll face resistance, but whether you'll remain faithful when you do. Faithfulness doesn't mean being combative or arrogant; it means humbly standing on God's truth regardless of the cost. Where is God calling you to stand firm today, even when it's uncomfortable?

#### Day 3: Justice and Compassion for the Vulnerable

Reading: Amos 8:4-7; Matthew 25:31-40

Devotional: God brought judgment against Israel not just for idolatry, but for how they treated the poor—cheating scales, exploiting the needy, caring more about profit than people. Our worship means nothing if we ignore injustice. Jesus made this explicit: how we treat "the least of these" reflects how we treat Him. Being a Christian isn't just about personal salvation; it's about representing God's heart for the vulnerable. Look around your community. Who is being overlooked, exploited, or forgotten? God may not be calling you to fix every problem, but He is calling you to respond with compassion where He places you. What specific action can you take this week to serve someone in need?

Day 4: Watching Without Fear

Reading: Matthew 24:1-14; Luke 21:5-19

Devotional: Jesus warned of wars, rumors of wars, and difficult times ahead, but His command was clear: "Do not be alarmed." We live in anxious times, yet fear shouldn't characterize God's people. Jesus didn't call us to predict dates or live in paranoia, but to remain faithful and watchful. The same God who knows the future holds you in His hands today. Death may come suddenly; Christ may return unexpectedly—but neither should catch the faithful unprepared. Living ready for eternity means living faithfully today: loving God, serving others, sharing truth. Instead of obsessing over signs and times, focus on being found faithful when He comes. What would change if you truly lived each day as though it were your last?

Day 5: New Creation, New Calling

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Devotional: In Christ, you are a new creation—the old has gone, the new has come. This isn't just positional truth; it's transformational reality. God doesn't save you simply to rescue you from hell, but to partner with you in His redemptive work. You are His ambassador, carrying His message of

reconciliation to a broken world. This calling isn't reserved for pastors or missionaries; every believer is commissioned. The question is whether you'll embrace it. Ministry happens wherever God places you—at work, in your neighborhood, with your family. It's not about having all the answers or being perfect; it's about being available. Like Amos, you may feel unqualified, but God's calling includes His equipping. Where is God asking you to represent Him today? Will you say yes?

As you conclude this devotional series, take communion in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice. Let it remind you that His body and blood purchased your freedom and commissioned your service. You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Live accordingly.