

# In The Future

5-Day Devotional - 5.3.26

## Day 1

### Looking Back with Gratitude

**Reading:** 1 Samuel 7:12, Philippians 1:6

**Devotional:**

Samuel set up a stone and named it Ebenezer, declaring "Thus far the Lord has helped us." Today, take inventory of your spiritual journey. Where has God brought you from? What battles has He won on your behalf? Like Samuel's memorial stone, your testimony is a marker of God's faithfulness. But remember—looking back isn't about living in the past. It's about building confidence for the future. The same God who started a good work in you will complete it. Your past victories aren't trophies to polish; they're fuel for forward momentum. Write down three specific ways God has helped you "thus far," then thank Him for being the faithful finisher of what He begins.

**Reflection:** How does remembering God's past faithfulness strengthen your trust in His promise to complete the work He began in you?

## Day 2

### Standing Firm in the Present

**Reading:** Philippians 4:1, Ephesians 6:10-13

**Devotional:**

Standing firm doesn't mean standing still. It means being rooted deeply enough that storms can't move you, yet flexible enough to grow. The enemy wants you to believe you've arrived, that maintenance mode is acceptable. But God's kingdom advances; it never coasts. Where are you tempted to plateau? What comfort zone has become a prison? Standing firm requires daily surrender—putting on God's armor, not yesterday's victories. Your current position isn't your final destination; it's a platform for greater impact. The same presence that brought you here will take you further. Today, identify one area where you've been coasting and ask God for renewed vision and strength to advance.

**Reflection:** What specific area of your life needs to be strengthened by God's power so that you can stand firm against spiritual opposition?

## Day 3

### Looking Forward with Faith

**Reading:** Isaiah 43:18-19, Hebrews 11:1

**Devotional:**

"See, I am doing a new thing!" God declares. But new things require new faith. You can't enter tomorrow's promise with yesterday's mindset. What seed has God planted in your heart that you keep digging up to examine? Faith means leaving it in the soil, watering it with obedience, and trusting God for growth you cannot see. The fruit you're believing for will be greater than anything you've experienced, but it demands patience. Stop measuring today's progress by yesterday's standards. God is preparing something that will require you to stretch beyond your current capacity. That's not intimidating—it's invigorating. Ask God today: "What new thing are You doing in me that I've been resisting?"

**Reflection:** What is God asking you to trust Him with right now, even though you cannot yet see the outcome?

## Day 4

### Protecting His Presence

**Reading:** Exodus 33:15-16, Psalm 16:11

**Devotional:**

"If Your presence does not go with us, do not send us." Moses understood what many miss: success without God's presence is ultimate failure. Programs don't transform lives—presence does. Personalities don't sustain ministries—His presence does. What makes you different isn't your effort but His anointing. Guard this jealously. When the oil runs low in your lighthouse, ships crash. When you're too busy serving to spend time in His presence, you're too busy. The next level of impact requires the next level of intimacy. You cannot give what you don't possess. Evaluate honestly: Is your relationship with God transactional or transformational? Today, spend extended time simply being in His presence—no agenda, just worship.

**Reflection:** What changes do you need to make in your daily life to prioritize abiding in God's presence above all else?

# Day 5

## Staying Committed to the Mission

**Reading:** Nehemiah 4:6, Matthew 5:14-16

**Devotional:**

"The people worked with all their heart." Commitment isn't convenient—it's costly. You are a lighthouse, not a meeting place. Your purpose isn't comfort; it's rescue. Thousands may pass by the building, but they come inside because they see Jesus in you Monday through Friday. Your life is the invitation they're waiting for. Who has God placed in your path that needs to see His light? Don't wait for perfect conditions or complete confidence. Just say yes. The mission requires more than Sunday attendance; it demands daily surrender. Your gifts, time, and resources aren't yours to hoard—they're tools for Kingdom advancement. Today, invite someone to encounter Jesus through you. Be the light that guides them home.

**Reflection:** Who has God placed in your life that you can intentionally reflect His light to this week, and how will you take a step toward them?