

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

WOMEN POSITION & POWER

Five days with Abigail, Shiphrah and Puah, and Esther — on the influence every woman carries, and whether it's used for control or for God's redemptive purposes.

Esther 4:14 • For Such a Time as This

DEVOTIONAL

FIVE DAYS IN THE WORD

Read one day at a time. Sit with the Scripture before you read the devotional, and let it settle before you move on to the next.

01

DAY

THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

1 SAMUEL 25:14–35 • ABIGAIL'S WISDOM

Abigail demonstrates how godly wisdom can prevent destruction. When her foolish husband provoked David's anger, she didn't stand by passively. Instead, she acted with humility, wisdom, and courage to save her household. As women — and as believers — we hold tremendous influence in our spheres. The question isn't whether we have power, but how we'll use it. Will we manipulate for selfish gain, or will we intercede with wisdom? Abigail reminds us that our position isn't about control, but about stewardship. Today, examine your influence. Who needs your

intercession? Where can you bring peace instead of division? God has positioned you strategicallyâ€”use your influence wisely.

Reflection: *Where in your life can you use your influence to bring reconciliation rather than revenge?*

02

DAY

FEARING GOD ABOVE ALL

EXODUS 1:8-21 Â• SHIPHRAH AND PUAH

Shiphrah and Puah faced an impossible choice: obey the most powerful ruler on earth or honor God. Their fear of God exceeded their fear of Pharaoh, and this reverence saved an entire generationâ€”including Moses. In our culture, fearing God seems outdated. We prioritize our comfort, preferences, and personal autonomy. But these midwives teach us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. When we reverence God above all earthly powersâ€”bosses, cultural trends, even our own desiresâ€”He provides for us and uses us mightily. Their courage didn't just save lives; it positioned them in God's redemptive story. What would change if you truly feared God more than man?

Reflection: *What earthly authority or opinion are you allowing to override God's voice in your life?*

03

DAY

CONFRONTING THE UNLOVABLE

MATTHEW 5:43-48 Â• LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Jesus doesn't call us to love only those who are easy to loveâ€”that requires no faith. He calls us to love the difficult, the annoying, the ones who spitefully use us. This isn't natural; it's supernatural. The story of learning to love Tracy wasn't about feelingsâ€”it was about obedience. God commanded love, and through small acts of kindness, He transformed a heart. You represent Christ everywhere you go. The coworker who irritates you, the family member who rejected you, the person whose voice grates on your nervesâ€”these are your mission field. Don't wait to feel like loving them. Choose to act in love, and watch God change both you and them.

Reflection: *Who is the "Tracy" in your life, and what one act of kindness can you extend this week?*

04

DAY

SURRENDERING CONTROL

PROVERBS 3:5-8 • TRUST IN THE LORD

We clutch tightly to relationships, outcomes, and our own understanding. Like Jezebel manipulating circumstances or a mother controlling her adult son's relationships, we believe our way is best. But Proverbs calls us to surrender our understanding and trust God's direction. There are dark places in your heart—places of hurt, rejection, fear, and control—that you've hidden even from yourself. God isn't asking you to fix yourself before coming to Him. He's asking you to open those locked rooms and invite Him in. He can heal what you cannot. He can free what you've imprisoned. Today, identify one area where you're clutching control. Release it. Trust that God's way is better than yours.

Reflection: *What are you afraid will happen if you truly surrender control to God?*

05

DAY

POSITIONED FOR PURPOSE

ESTHER 4:12-16 • FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Like Esther, you've been positioned exactly where you are for divine purpose. Your job, your family, your neighborhood—none of it is accidental. God has strategically placed you to be salt and light. But position without purpose is wasted. Esther had to choose: remain silent and safe, or speak up and risk everything. You face similar choices daily. Will you testify at work about God's goodness? Will you love that difficult family member? Will you stand for righteousness when it's unpopular? Your position is your platform; your purpose is to glorify God. Don't waste your influence on self-preservation. You were made for such a time as this. Rise up and take your place in God's redemptive story.

Reflection: *How is God calling you to use your current position for His kingdom purposes?*

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, thank You for positioning me with power and purpose. Forgive me for the times I've used my influence for selfish gain or manipulation. Teach me to fear You above all, to love the unlovable, and to surrender my need for control. Use me as an instrument of Your peace and redemption. I surrender all to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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