

5-Day Devotional Guide

Genesis 17: A New Name, A New Identity

Day 1: When God Shows Up at the End of Your Strength

Reading: Genesis 17:1-3

Devotional: God waited until Abraham was 99 years old before appearing to him with the fulfillment of his promise. This was not neglect. It was precision. God allowed every human resource to be exhausted so that when the miracle came, no man could take credit for it. El Shaddai, the God who is sufficient, does not share his glory with human effort. If you find yourself at the end of your resources today, consider that you may be exactly where God wants you. His power is not hindered by your limitations. It is often revealed through them.

Day 2: Walking in the Identity You Have Already Been Given

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Devotional: God told Abraham to walk before him and be blameless, not to earn his righteousness, but to live in accordance with the righteousness he had already been given. The call to holiness is not a ladder you climb to reach God. It is a road you walk because God has already brought you near. As a believer in Christ, you have been declared righteous through faith. The question is not whether you are worthy of that standing. The question is whether your daily life reflects the one who gave it to you. Walk today as someone who belongs to God.

Day 3: The God Who Breathes New Life Into Your Identity

Reading: Colossians 2:9-12

Devotional: When God changed Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah, he added the breath sound, the H, to each of their names. God was placing something of himself into their very identity. In the same way, when a person comes to faith in Christ, the old identity is buried and a new one is raised. Circumcision in the Old Testament and baptism in the New Testament both picture this same reality: the flesh is put off and the Spirit takes hold. You are not who you used to be. God has written a new name over your life.

Day 4: Laughing at the Impossible Because of Who God Is

Reading: Romans 4:18-21

Devotional: Abraham fell on his face and laughed, not in mockery of God, but in the overwhelming joy of a promise that seemed too good to be true. His faith did not waver. It grew stronger as he gave glory to God. There are promises God has spoken over your life that may look just as impossible as a child being born to a 99-year-old man and a 90-year-old woman. The right response is not despair. It is worship. God is able to do far more than you can ask or imagine, and when he does, he will give you something worth laughing about.

Day 5: Obey Immediately and Lead Those Around You

Reading: Joshua 24:14-15

Devotional: Abraham did not schedule a meeting. He did not wait for a more convenient season. That very same day, he obeyed God and brought every male in his household along with him. His obedience was immediate and it was corporate. The measure of a person's faith is often seen in how quickly they move when God speaks and whether they bring others with them when they do. You may be the Abraham in someone else's story, the one whose obedience opens a door for an entire household. Do not sit on what God has shown you. Obey today, and lead well.