

5-Day Devotional Guide

Trusting in Our Wonder-Working God

Day 1: Finding Your Oaks of Mamre

Reading: Genesis 18:1-3

In Genesis 18, God appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre, a place where Abraham had previously built an altar and worshiped the Lord. This was not a random meeting place. It was a location set apart through deliberate, repeated communion with God. Abraham knew God's voice because he had cultivated a consistent place and practice of meeting with Him. Your spiritual life deepens not through occasional encounters but through faithful, habitual devotion. Identify your own oaks of Mamre. Set apart a specific time and place to open the Word, pray without distraction, and listen for the still, small voice of the Lord.

Reflection: Where and when do you most consistently meet with God? What distractions must you set aside to protect that time?

Practical Application: This week, choose a specific location and time for daily devotion. Commit to it for all five days of this reading plan and notice how familiarity with God's voice grows.

Day 2: The Posture of Worship and Humility

Reading: Hebrews 12:28-29

Abraham's response when he recognized the Lord was immediate and physical. He ran to meet his visitors and bowed himself to the earth, a posture of worship. He called God "My Lord," using the deeply personal and reverent Hebrew term Adonai. He did not treat the Lord casually. He stood to the side while his guests ate, taking the role of a servant rather than an equal. Hebrews 12:28-29 calls believers to offer God acceptable worship with reverence and awe, reminding us that He is a consuming fire. True worship is not merely emotional expression. It is a posture of the whole life.

Reflection: In what ways have you grown too casual in your approach to God? How might reverence and awe reshape your prayer life and worship?

Practical Application: Before your prayer time today, pause in silence for two full minutes. Acknowledge who God is before you bring Him your requests. Let worship precede petition.

Day 3: Hospitality as Ministry

Reading: Hebrews 13:1-2

Abraham's hospitality toward his three visitors was extravagant, generous, and immediate. He ran. He instructed Sarah to prepare far more than a morsel of bread. He selected a tender calf and prepared a full feast. He stood and served while his guests rested and ate. The writer of Hebrews points to this very kind of encounter when urging believers not to neglect showing hospitality to strangers, noting that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hospitality is not merely a social grace. It is a form of ministry. It slows life down, creates space for genuine fellowship, and opens doors through which God moves in powerful ways.

Reflection: When did someone's hospitality profoundly impact your faith or your sense of belonging? Who in your life might need that kind of welcome from you right now?

Practical Application: Identify one person or family you can invite into your home or treat to a meal this week. Approach it not as a social obligation but as an act of intentional ministry and love.

Day 4: Is Anything Too Wonderful for the Lord?

Reading: Luke 1:36-37

Sarah laughed when she heard that she would bear a son at ninety years of age. Her laughter was understandable. Biologically, the news was absurd. Years of barrenness had already defined her story, and menopause had long since closed that chapter. Yet the Hebrew word translated as "hard" or "difficult" in God's response to Abraham actually means wonderful, extraordinary, or surpassing human ability. God was not asking whether anything was too difficult for Him. He was asking whether anything was too wonderful, too miraculous, too far beyond human expectation for Him to accomplish. The answer, then and now, is no. God specializes in what man calls impossible.

Reflection: What situation in your life have you quietly concluded is beyond God's reach? Have you allowed life's disappointments to shrink your vision of who God is?

Practical Application: Write down one thing you have stopped praying about because it seemed impossible. Bring it back before the Lord today. Ask Him to restore your wonder and to work in ways that surpass your understanding.

Day 5: Small Faith, Great God

Reading: Matthew 17:20 and Mark 9:22-24

Sarah denied laughing. She was afraid. Her faith, in that moment, was small and unsteady. Yet Hebrews 11:11 tells us that by faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, because she ultimately considered God faithful to His promise. The father of the demon-possessed boy in Mark 9 voiced what many believers feel but rarely admit: "I believe; help my unbelief." Jesus did not turn him away for his honesty. He honored the faith that was there, however small. God does not require perfect faith. He requires a willing heart that turns to Him. A mustard seed of genuine faith, placed in the hands of an all-powerful God, is enough.

Reflection: Are you more afraid to admit your doubts to God or to carry them alone? What would it look like to bring your unbelief honestly before the Lord today?

Practical Application: Pray the prayer of the father in Mark 9 in your own words. Tell God exactly where your faith is strong and exactly where it is struggling. Then surrender both to Him and trust that He is faithful to work with what you bring.